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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### distracted

*adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

*synonym* : preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

### baggy

*adj.* loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing

*synonym* : loose, roomy, oversized

(1) **baggy** sweater, (2) **baggy** sweatpants

I prefer **baggy** clothes to tight-fitting ones.

### napalm

*n.* a highly flammable substance consisting of a petroleum jelly thickened with a chemical compound, used in warfare to create a highly incendiary weapon capable of causing extensive fire damage

*synonym* : firebomb, gelignite, jellied gasoline

(1) **napalm** explosion, (2) **napalm** attack

The war zone was devastated by the use of **napalm** bombs.

## whoosh

*n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound

*synonym*: swoosh, swish, whizz

(1) **whoosh** of a falling object, (2) hear a **whoosh**

The **whoosh** of the wind through the trees was the only sound in the forest.

## geopolitical

*adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

(1) the **geopolitical** situations, (2) reduce **geopolitical** risk

The country holds dominant **geopolitical** power over its neighbors.

## retina

*n.* the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball

(1) **retinal** cells, (2) **retina** scanner

Damage to the **retina** may play a role in the development of glaucoma.

## stew

*n.* a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion

*synonym*: casserole, hotpot

(1) **stew** meat, (2) vegetable **stew**

I made a delicious beef **stew** for dinner tonight.

## hydrocarbon

*n.* an organic compound consisting entirely of hydrogen and carbon

(1) **hydrocarbon** production, (2) **hydrocarbon** molecules in crude oil

Burning **hydrocarbons** releases water vapor and carbon dioxide.

## methane

*n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel  
(1) atmospheric **methane**, (2) reduce **methane** emissions  
The ignition of **methane** gas in the plant killed five employees.

## benzene

*n.* a colorless, flammable liquid hydrocarbon compound with a distinctive sweet odor; commonly used as an industrial solvent and as a starting material for the production of various chemicals  
*synonym* : benzol, phenyl hydride  
(1) **benzene** ring, (2) **benzene** molecule  
Exposure to high levels of **benzene** can lead to several health issues.

## carcinogenic

*adj.* capable of causing cancer or promoting tumor growth; cancer-causing  
*synonym* : cancer-causing, cancerous, malignant  
(1) **carcinogenic** chemicals, (2) **carcinogenic** air pollution  
Long-term exposure to **carcinogenic** materials can result in serious health problems.

## galumph

*v.* to move or run in a clumsy, heavy, or noisy manner, often with exaggerated movements; to proceed or act in a carefree or ungainly way  
*synonym* : stomp, clump, lumber  
(1) **galumph** across the stage, (2) **galumph** through the woods  
I watched the elephant **galumph** across the savannah with grace and power.

## vanadium

*n.* a chemical element with the symbol V and atomic number 23, which is a transition metal that is commonly used in the production of steel and other alloys due to its strength, heat resistance, and ability to improve their properties  
*synonym* : V

(1) **vanadium** steel, (2) **vanadium** battery

The **vanadium** coating on the steel made it more resistant to corrosion.

## asphalt

*n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen

*synonym*: tar, road surface, blacktop

(1) **asphalt** pavement, (2) **asphalt** driveway

The road crew was laying fresh **asphalt** on the highway.

## disastrous

*adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

*synonym*: catastrophic, destructive, fatal

(1) have **disastrous** consequences, (2) absolutely **disastrous** effect

The emission of hazardous substances has **disastrous** effects on the ecology of a region.

## corral

*n.* a pen or enclosure for livestock, especially cattle or horses; an area surrounded by a fence

*synonym*: pen, enclosure, yard

(1) **corral** fence, (2) enclose in a **corral**

The farmer used a high **corral** to keep the cattle from wandering off.

## evaporate

*v.* to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually

*synonym*: vaporize, disappear, vanish

(1) **evaporate** the water, (2) **evaporate** almost overnight

The sun will **evaporate** the mist.

## froth

*n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather

*synonym*: foam, lather

(1) beer **froth**, (2) **froth** in the ocean

The cappuccino was topped with **froth**, making it look like a work of art.

## emulsify

*v.* to mix two or more liquids that normally don't dissolve in each other, such as oil and water, by adding an agent that helps to suspend the tiny droplets of one liquid within the other

*synonym* : blend, fuse, mix

(1) **emulsify** fats and proteins, (2) **emulsify** egg yolks

You must first **emulsify** the oil and vinegar to make the salad dressing.

## mayonnaise

*n.* a thick, creamy condiment or sauce made by emulsifying (= the process of mixing two or more immiscible substances to form a stable mixture) egg yolks, oil, vinegar or lemon juice, and seasonings; typically used as a spread, dip, or dressing for salads or sandwiches

(1) **mayonnaise** dressing, (2) homemade **mayonnaise**

My favorite sandwich is a BLT with extra **mayonnaise**.

## viscous

*adj.* having a thick, sticky consistency between solid and liquid; exhibiting resistance to flow

*synonym* : thick, syrupy, gooey

(1) **viscous** flow, (2) highly **viscous** substance

The **viscous** liquid poured slowly from the jar.

## prestige

*n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

*synonym* : honor, distinction, reputation

(1) national **prestige**, (2) **prestige** company

The university has great **prestige** in the academic community.

## viscosity

*n.* the state or quality of being thick, sticky, and semi-fluid in consistency; resistance to flow

*synonym* :

thickness, consistency, texture

(1) high **viscosity**, (2) dynamic **viscosity**

The **viscosity** of the oil made it difficult to pour.

## 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.

## 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.

## eureka

*n.* exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight

*synonym*: discovery, breakthrough, aha moment

(1) have a **eureka** moment, (2) shout "**eureka!**"

"**Eureka!**" he exclaimed, finally solving the problem.

## helpless

*adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

*synonym*: defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

## diffuse

*adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place

*synonym*: spread, scatter

(1) **diffuse** bleeding, (2) **diffuse** cloud

Direct lighting is preferable to **diffuse** lighting when reading.

## vicissitude

*n.* a change or variation in circumstances or fortune, often characterized by ups and downs, fluctuations, or

unexpected shifts; a succession of changing or alternating events or conditions

*synonym* : change, fluctuation, variation

(1) navigate the **vicissitudes**, (2) overcome **vicissitudes**

After many **vicissitudes**, she finally achieved her dream of becoming a successful author.

## 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.

## shrine

*n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship

*synonym* : altar, temple, monument

(1) **shrine** temple, (2) religious **shrine**

The holy **shrine** to the local saint was a popular place for pilgrims to visit.

## dissonance

*n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds

*synonym* : conflict, disharmony, disagreement

(1) cognitive **dissonance**, (2) musical **dissonance**

The **dissonance** between the two melodies created a sense of tension in the music.

## slogan

*n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

*synonym* : catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different

brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

## biofuel

*n.* a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels

*synonym* : renewable energy, green fuel, alternative fuel

(1) **biofuel** production, (2) **biofuel** technology

The airplane was powered by a **biofuel** made from plant-based materials.

## 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.

## octopus

*n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)

*synonym* : devilfish

(1) giant **octopus**, (2) venomous **octopus**

He experienced nausea after eating live **octopus**.

## gush

*v.* to flow or pour out rapidly and in large quantities

*synonym* : jet, burst, flush

(1) **gush** about my love for sports, (2) **gush** out and won't stop

A supertanker continues to **gush** oil off the coast of Spain.

## filthy

*adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene

*synonym* : dirty, grimy, soiled

(1) **filthy** streets, (2) **filthy** language

The hotel room was **filthy** with dirty sheets and stained carpets.



## hillbilly

*n.* someone who is from a rural or mountainous region, especially in the southern United States; a person who is considered unsophisticated or lacking in refinement

*synonym* : mountain person, rustic, hill person

(1) **hillbilly** music, (2) **hillbilly** community

The **hillbilly** family lived off the land in their rustic cabin.

## chaotic

*adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

*synonym* : disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory

Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

## ration

*n.* a fixed portion or allowance of something, often referring to food, supplies, or resources, that is distributed or allocated to individuals or groups, especially during times of scarcity or in organized systems

*synonym* : quota, allowance, allocation

(1) food **ration**, (2) fuel **ration**

During the war, families were given a monthly **ration** of essential goods to ensure everyone had access to basic necessities.

## terrifying

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

*synonym* : frightening, intimidating, alarming

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

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

## antitrust

*adj.* laws or regulations that prevent businesses from engaging in practices that restrict competition, such as price fixing or monopolies

*synonym* : anti-competitive, anti-monopoly, anti-cartel

(1) **antitrust** legislation, (2) **antitrust** policy

The company was found guilty of **antitrust** violations and fined.

## thorn

*n.* a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation

*synonym* : spike, prickle, spine

(1) **thorn** bush, (2) **thorn** injury

The **thorn** in her finger caused her much pain until she could remove it.

## crease

*n.* a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding

*synonym* : fold, wrinkle, ridge

(1) **crease** in fabric, (2) deep **crease**

The shirt had a noticeable **crease** along the sleeve from being folded.

## pervasive

*adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

*synonym* : extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

## 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**.

## obscene

*adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex

*synonym* : improper, nasty, lewd

(1) **obscene** literature, (2) an **obscene** story

He made an **obscene** gesture.

## 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.

## greedy

*adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

*synonym*: avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

## bastardize

*v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something

*synonym*: corrupt, debase, pervert

(1) **bastardize** a recipe, (2) **bastardize** culture

We do not want to **bastardize** the text's original meaning through poor translations.

## distract

*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

*synonym*: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

## catharsis

*n.* a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions

*synonym*: cleansing, purification, purging

(1) **catharsis** of grief, (2) spiritual **catharsis**

Many people find that physical exercise provides a sense of **catharsis**, helping to relieve stress and anxiety.

## galvanize

*v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust

*synonym* : energize, invigorate, motivate

(1) **galvanize** steel, (2) **galvanize** the country

The motivational speech **galvanized** the team and gave them the drive to succeed.

## moratorium

*n.* a temporary suspension or delay of an activity or process, often as a result of an official agreement or decision

*synonym* : suspension, pause, halt

(1) a temporary **moratorium** on evictions, (2) impose **moratorium**

The council has decided to impose a **moratorium** on building new houses in the area.

## 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.

## bandit

*n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others

*synonym* : robber, thief, outlaw

(1) wilderness **bandit**, (2) notorious **bandit**

A group of armed **bandits** attacked the villagers during the night.

## steppe

*n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America

*synonym* : prairie, savannah, grassland

(1) **steppe** climate, (2) barren **steppe**

The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast **steppe**.

### escalate

v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

*synonym*: increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

### industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

*synonym*: motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

### arctic

*adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

*synonym*: cold, frozen, polar

(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.

### subsidize

v. to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially

*synonym*: finance, endow, sponsor

(1) **subsidize** the project, (2) **subsidize** the cost

Governments **subsidize** renewable energy generation in various ways.

### 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.

## percentile

*n.* a measure of position in a frequency distribution expressed as a percentage of the total

*synonym*: centile, proportion

(1) **percentile** rank, (2) **percentile** distribution

The student scored in the 90th **percentile** on the exam, which means they scored higher than 90% of the other students.

## schematic

*adj.* relating to or in the form of a scheme or diagram; showing the structure or organization of something

*synonym*: diagrammatic, blueprint, structural

(1) **schematic** model, (2) simplified **schematic**

The engineer used a **schematic** diagram to plan out the wiring for the new building.

## outweigh

*v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

*synonym*: dominate, outrank, overpower

(1) **outweigh** the benefit, (2) **outweigh** our wishes

The advantages would undoubtedly **outweigh** the disadvantages.

## 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.

## grit

*n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

*synonym*: determination, fortitude, courage

(1) **grit** determination, (2) **grit** washer

She has a lot of **grit** and determination to succeed.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. catchy sl\_\_\_n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
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13. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng experience      *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
14. va\_\_\_\_\_um steel      *n.* a chemical element with the symbol V and atomic number 23, which is a transition metal that is commonly used in the production of steel and other alloys due to its strength, heat resistance, and ability to improve their properties
15. ou\_\_\_\_\_gh the benefit      *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
16. he\_\_\_\_\_ss baby      *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
17. bi\_\_\_\_\_l technology      *n.* a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels
18. di\_\_\_\_\_ct public opinion      *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
19. ind\_\_\_\_\_ized textile production      *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry

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25. fuel ra\_\_\_\_n *n.* a fixed portion or allowance of something, often referring to food, supplies, or resources, that is distributed or allocated to individuals or groups, especially during times of scarcity or in organized systems
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27. c\_\_w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
28. va\_\_\_\_\_um battery *n.* a chemical element with the symbol V and atomic number 23, which is a transition metal that is commonly used in the production of steel and other alloys due to its strength, heat resistance, and ability to improve their properties

ANSWERS: 20. moratorium, 21. bastardize, 22. crease, 23. pervasive, 24. evaporate, 25. ration, 26. eureka, 27. chew, 28. vanadium

29. hyd\_\_\_\_\_on production *n.* an organic compound consisting entirely of hydrogen and carbon
30. su\_\_\_e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
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33. highly vi\_\_\_\_\_s substance *adj.* having a thick, sticky consistency between solid and liquid; exhibiting resistance to flow
34. th\_\_n bush *n.* a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation
35. di\_\_\_\_\_e bleeding *adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place
36. hi\_\_\_\_\_ly music *n.* someone who is from a rural or mountainous region, especially in the southern United States; a person who is considered unsophisticated or lacking in refinement
37. wh\_\_\_h of a falling object *n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound

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44. ga\_\_\_\_\_ze the country *v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
45. hear a wh\_\_\_\_\_h *n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound
46. pr\_\_\_\_\_ge company *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
47. di\_\_\_\_\_e cloud *adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place

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49. per\_\_\_\_\_le rank *n.* a measure of position in a frequency distribution expressed as a percentage of the total
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52. the geo\_\_\_\_\_cal situations *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
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54. as\_\_\_\_\_t pavement *n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
55. deep cr\_\_\_e *n.* a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding

ANSWERS: 48. shrine, 49. percentile, 50. chaotic, 51. asphalt, 52. geopolitical, 53. antitrust, 54. asphalt, 55. crease

56. ch\_\_\_\_c theory *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
57. su\_\_\_\_\_ze the cost *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
58. overcome vic\_\_\_\_\_des *n.* a change or variation in circumstances or fortune, often characterized by ups and downs, fluctuations, or unexpected shifts; a succession of changing or alternating events or conditions
59. cognitive dis\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds
60. have dis\_\_\_\_\_us consequences *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
61. to es\_\_\_\_\_te *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
62. g\_\_h about my love for sports *v.* to flow or pour out rapidly and in large quantities
63. atmospheric me\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
64. hyd\_\_\_\_\_on molecules in crude oil *n.* an organic compound consisting entirely of hydrogen and carbon
65. advertising sl\_\_\_\_n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

ANSWERS: 56. chaotic, 57. subsidize, 58. vicissitude, 59. dissonance, 60. disastrous, 61. escalate, 62. gush, 63. methane, 64. hydrocarbon, 65. slogan

66. spiritual ca\_\_\_\_\_is *n.* a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions
67. beer fr\_\_h *n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather
68. c\_\_w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
69. gr\_\_\_y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
70. ba\_\_y sweatpants *adj.* loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing
71. pe\_\_\_\_\_se idea *adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
72. ga\_\_\_\_\_ze steel *v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
73. a s\_\_m battle *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
74. g\_\_f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
75. bi\_\_\_\_\_l production *n.* a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels

ANSWERS: 66. catharsis, 67. froth, 68. chew, 69. greedy, 70. baggy, 71. perverse, 72. galvanize, 73. sham, 74. gulf, 75. biofuel

76. co\_\_\_l fence *n.* a pen or enclosure for livestock, especially cattle or horses; an area surrounded by a fence
77. em\_\_\_\_fy fats and proteins *v.* to mix two or more liquids that normally don't dissolve in each other, such as oil and water, by adding an agent that helps to suspend the tiny droplets of one liquid within the other
78. barren st\_\_\_e *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
79. na\_\_\_m explosion *n.* a highly flammable substance consisting of a petroleum jelly thickened with a chemical compound, used in warfare to create a highly incendiary weapon capable of causing extensive fire damage
80. fr\_\_h in the ocean *n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather
81. per\_\_\_\_le distribution *n.* a measure of position in a frequency distribution expressed as a percentage of the total
82. ou\_\_\_\_gh our wishes *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

ANSWERS: 76. corral, 77. emulsify, 78. steppe, 79. napalm, 80. froth, 81. percentile, 82. outweigh

83. dynamic vi\_\_\_\_\_ty                    *n.* the state or quality of being thick, sticky, and semi-fluid in consistency; resistance to flow
84. re\_\_\_a scanner                            *n.* the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball
85. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student                    *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
86. 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
87. car\_\_\_\_\_nic air pollution            *adj.* capable of causing cancer or promoting tumor growth; cancer-causing
88. reduce geo\_\_\_\_\_cal risk                *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
89. th\_\_n injury                                *n.* a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation
90. gr\_\_\_y for money                         *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
91. he\_\_\_\_\_ss victims                      *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

ANSWERS: 83. viscosity, 84. retina, 85. industrious, 86. personalize, 87. carcinogenic, 88. geopolitical, 89. thorn, 90. greedy, 91. helpless



92. food ra\_\_\_n *n.* a fixed portion or allowance of something, often referring to food, supplies, or resources, that is distributed or allocated to individuals or groups, especially during times of scarcity or in organized systems
93. homemade may\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* a thick, creamy condiment or sauce made by emulsifying (= the process of mixing two or more immiscible substances to form a stable mixture) egg yolks, oil, vinegar or lemon juice, and seasonings; typically used as a spread, dip, or dressing for salads or sandwiches
94. wilderness ba\_\_\_t *n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others
95. be\_\_\_\_\_e ring *n.* a colorless, flammable liquid hydrocarbon compound with a distinctive sweet odor; commonly used as an industrial solvent and as a starting material for the production of various chemicals
96. enclose in a co\_\_\_l *n.* a pen or enclosure for livestock, especially cattle or horses; an area surrounded by a fence
97. a temporary mor\_\_\_\_\_um on evictions *n.* a temporary suspension or delay of an activity or process, often as a result of an official agreement or decision

ANSWERS: 92. ration, 93. mayonnaise, 94. bandit, 95. benzene, 96. corral, 97. moratorium

98. 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
99. an\_\_\_\_\_st legislation  
*adj.* laws or regulations that prevent businesses from engaging in practices that restrict competition, such as price fixing or monopolies
100. sp\_\_\_\_l for acres  
*v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
101. simplified sc\_\_\_\_\_ic  
*adj.* relating to or in the form of a scheme or diagram; showing the structure or organization of something
102. sc\_\_\_\_\_ic model  
*adj.* relating to or in the form of a scheme or diagram; showing the structure or organization of something
103. em\_\_\_\_\_fy egg yolks  
*v.* to mix two or more liquids that normally don't dissolve in each other, such as oil and water, by adding an agent that helps to suspend the tiny droplets of one liquid within the other
104. pe\_\_\_\_\_ve language  
*adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
105. be\_\_\_\_\_e molecule  
*n.* a colorless, flammable liquid hydrocarbon compound with a distinctive sweet odor; commonly used as an industrial solvent and as a starting material for the production of various chemicals

ANSWERS: 98. commute, 99. antitrust, 100. sprawl, 101. schematic, 102. schematic, 103. emulsify, 104. pervasive, 105. benzene

106. sh\_\_\_e temple *n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship
107. su\_\_\_e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
108. vegetable s\_\_w *n.* a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion
109. ca\_\_\_\_\_is of grief *n.* a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions
110. s\_\_w meat *n.* a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion
111. ob\_\_\_\_\_e literature *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
112. es\_\_\_\_\_te into a major international incident *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
113. ba\_\_y sweater *adj.* loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing
114. giant oc\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)

ANSWERS: 106. shrine, 107. supple, 108. stew, 109. catharsis, 110. stew, 111. obscene, 112. escalate, 113. baggy, 114. octopus

115. ar\_\_\_c ice *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
116. high vi\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state or quality of being thick, sticky, and semi-fluid in consistency; resistance to flow
117. vi\_\_\_\_\_s flow *adj.* having a thick, sticky consistency between solid and liquid; exhibiting resistance to flow
118. venomous oc\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
119. dis\_\_\_\_\_ed by a conversation *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
120. g\_\_t washer *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
121. g\_\_t determination *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
122. have a eu\_\_\_a moment *n.* exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight
123. hi\_\_\_\_\_ly community *n.* someone who is from a rural or mountainous region, especially in the southern United States; a person who is considered unsophisticated or lacking in refinement

ANSWERS: 115. arctic, 116. viscosity, 117. viscous, 118. octopus, 119. distracted, 120. grit, 121. grit, 122. eureka, 123. hillbilly

124. an ob\_\_\_\_\_e story      *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
125. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng events      *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
126. fi\_\_\_\_y language      *adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene
127. may\_\_\_\_\_se dressing      *n.* a thick, creamy condiment or sauce made by emulsifying (= the process of mixing two or more immiscible substances to form a stable mixture) egg yolks, oil, vinegar or lemon juice, and seasonings; typically used as a spread, dip, or dressing for salads or sandwiches
128. 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
129. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
130. st\_\_\_\_e climate      *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
131. ga\_\_\_\_\_h through the woods      *v.* to move or run in a clumsy, heavy, or noisy manner, often with exaggerated movements; to proceed or act in a carefree or ungainly way

ANSWERS: 124. obscene, 125. terrifying, 126. filthy, 127. mayonnaise, 128. personalize, 129. industrious, 130. steppe, 131. galumph

132. turn out to be all s\_\_m *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
133. na\_\_\_m attack *n.* a highly flammable substance consisting of a petroleum jelly thickened with a chemical compound, used in warfare to create a highly incendiary weapon capable of causing extensive fire damage
134. reduce me\_\_\_\_\_e emissions *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
135. ga\_\_\_\_\_h across the stage *v.* to move or run in a clumsy, heavy, or noisy manner, often with exaggerated movements; to proceed or act in a carefree or ungainly way
136. navigate the vic\_\_\_\_\_des *n.* a change or variation in circumstances or fortune, often characterized by ups and downs, fluctuations, or unexpected shifts; a succession of changing or alternating events or conditions

ANSWERS: 132. sham, 133. napalm, 134. methane, 135. galumph, 136. vicissitude

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two melodies created a sense of tension in the music.
  - n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds
  
2. You must first \_\_\_\_\_ the oil and vinegar to make the salad dressing.
  - v.* to mix two or more liquids that normally don't dissolve in each other, such as oil and water, by adding an agent that helps to suspend the tiny droplets of one liquid within the other
  
3. My favorite sandwich is a BLT with extra \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* a thick, creamy condiment or sauce made by emulsifying (= the process of mixing two or more immiscible substances to form a stable mixture) egg yolks, oil, vinegar or lemon juice, and seasonings; typically used as a spread, dip, or dressing for salads or sandwiches
  
4. The farmer used a high \_\_\_\_\_ to keep the cattle from wandering off.
  - n.* a pen or enclosure for livestock, especially cattle or horses; an area surrounded by a fence
  
5. Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ me while I'm studying.
  - v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
  
6. The advantages would undoubtedly \_\_\_\_\_ the disadvantages.
  - v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
  
7. I made a delicious beef \_\_\_\_\_ for dinner tonight.
  - n.* a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion

ANSWERS: 1. dissonance, 2. emulsify, 3. mayonnaise, 4. corral, 5. distract, 6. outweigh, 7. stew

8. During the war, families were given a monthly \_\_\_\_\_ of essential goods to ensure everyone had access to basic necessities.
- n.* a fixed portion or allowance of something, often referring to food, supplies, or resources, that is distributed or allocated to individuals or groups, especially during times of scarcity or in organized systems
9. A group of armed \_\_\_\_\_ attacked the villagers during the night.
- n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others
10. Large earthquakes often generate \_\_\_\_\_ tsunamis.
- adj.* very frightening or intimidating
11. The shirt had a noticeable \_\_\_\_\_ along the sleeve from being folded.
- n.* a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding
12. The lush vegetation \_\_\_\_\_ across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.
- v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
13. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
14. The cappuccino was topped with \_\_\_\_\_ making it look like a work of art.
- n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather
15. The company spent months researching and testing different brand \_\_\_\_\_ before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.
- n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

ANSWERS: 8. ration, 9. bandits, 10. terrifying, 11. crease, 12. sprawls, 13. industrious, 14. froth, 15. slogans



16. Damage to the \_\_\_\_\_ may play a role in the development of glaucoma.  
*n.* the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball
17. We do not want to \_\_\_\_\_ the text's original meaning through poor translations.  
*v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
18. The sun will \_\_\_\_\_ the mist.  
*v.* to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually
19. His \_\_\_\_\_ behavior led him to steal from the company.  
*adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
20. The motivational speech \_\_\_\_\_ the team and gave them the drive to succeed.  
*v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ family lived off the land in their rustic cabin.  
*n.* someone who is from a rural or mountainous region, especially in the southern United States; a person who is considered unsophisticated or lacking in refinement
22. He experienced nausea after eating live \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)

ANSWERS: 16. retina, 17. bastardize, 18. evaporate, 19. greedy, 20. galvanized, 21. hillbilly, 22. octopus

23. Burning \_\_\_\_\_ releases water vapor and carbon dioxide.  
*n.* an organic compound consisting entirely of hydrogen and carbon
24. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the oil made it difficult to pour.  
*n.* the state or quality of being thick, sticky, and semi-fluid in consistency; resistance to flow
25. The emission of hazardous substances has \_\_\_\_\_ effects on the ecology of a region.  
*adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
26. I was so \_\_\_\_\_ by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.  
*adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
27. The nations of South East Asia will quickly \_\_\_\_\_ and catch up with the West.  
*v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
28. The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
29. After many \_\_\_\_\_ she finally achieved her dream of becoming a successful author.  
*n.* a change or variation in circumstances or fortune, often characterized by ups and downs, fluctuations, or unexpected shifts; a succession of changing or alternating events or conditions

ANSWERS: 23. hydrocarbons, 24. viscosity, 25. disastrous, 26. distracted, 27. industrialize, 28. steppe, 29. vicissitudes,

30. I feel so \_\_\_\_\_ without you.

*adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

31. A supertanker continues to \_\_\_\_\_ oil off the coast of Spain.

*v.* to flow or pour out rapidly and in large quantities

32. The \_\_\_\_\_ in her finger caused her much pain until she could remove it.

*n.* a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation

33. The \_\_\_\_\_ coating on the steel made it more resistant to corrosion.

*n.* a chemical element with the symbol V and atomic number 23, which is a transition metal that is commonly used in the production of steel and other alloys due to its strength, heat resistance, and ability to improve their properties

34. 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

35. The hotel room was \_\_\_\_\_ with dirty sheets and stained carpets.

*adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene

36. The engineer used a \_\_\_\_\_ diagram to plan out the wiring for the new building.

*adj.* relating to or in the form of a scheme or diagram; showing the structure or organization of something

37. 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

ANSWERS: 30. helpless, 31. gush, 32. thorn, 33. vanadium, 34. Gulf, 35. filthy, 36. schematic, 37. perverse

38. She has a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ and determination to succeed.

*n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

39. Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the \_\_\_\_\_ climate.

*adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

40. The country holds dominant \_\_\_\_\_ power over its neighbors.

*adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

41. Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of \_\_\_\_\_ reform.

*adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

42. The war zone was devastated by the use of \_\_\_\_\_ bombs.

*n.* a highly flammable substance consisting of a petroleum jelly thickened with a chemical compound, used in warfare to create a highly incendiary weapon capable of causing extensive fire damage

43. The situation quickly \_\_\_\_\_ and turned violent.

*v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

44. I watched the elephant \_\_\_\_\_ across the savannah with grace and power.

*v.* to move or run in a clumsy, heavy, or noisy manner, often with exaggerated movements; to proceed or act in a carefree or ungainly way

45. Many people find that physical exercise provides a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ helping to relieve stress and anxiety.

*n.* a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions

ANSWERS: 38. grit, 39. arctic, 40. geopolitical, 41. chaotic, 42. napalm, 43. escalated, 44. galumph, 45. catharsis,

46. The airplane was powered by a \_\_\_\_\_ made from plant-based materials.  
*n.* a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels
47. The company was found guilty of \_\_\_\_\_ violations and fined.  
*adj.* laws or regulations that prevent businesses from engaging in practices that restrict competition, such as price fixing or monopolies
48. The council has decided to impose a \_\_\_\_\_ on building new houses in the area.  
*n.* a temporary suspension or delay of an activity or process, often as a result of an official agreement or decision
49. The holy \_\_\_\_\_ to the local saint was a popular place for pilgrims to visit.  
*n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship
50. Suspicion and worry were \_\_\_\_\_ in our minds.  
*adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
51. He made an \_\_\_\_\_ gesture.  
*adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
52. The road crew was laying fresh \_\_\_\_\_ on the highway.  
*n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
53. The \_\_\_\_\_ liquid poured slowly from the jar.  
*adj.* having a thick, sticky consistency between solid and liquid; exhibiting resistance to flow

ANSWERS: 46. biofuel, 47. antitrust, 48. moratorium, 49. shrine, 50. pervasive, 51. obscene, 52. asphalt, 53. viscous

54. My dog loves to \_\_\_\_\_ on bones.

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

55. 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

56. Exposure to high levels of \_\_\_\_\_ can lead to several health issues.

- n.* a colorless, flammable liquid hydrocarbon compound with a distinctive sweet odor; commonly used as an industrial solvent and as a starting material for the production of various chemicals

57. The student scored in the 90th \_\_\_\_\_ on the exam, which means they scored higher than 90% of the other students.

- n.* a measure of position in a frequency distribution expressed as a percentage of the total

58. Direct lighting is preferable to \_\_\_\_\_ lighting when reading.

- adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place

59. Governments \_\_\_\_\_ renewable energy generation in various ways.

- v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially

60. "\_\_\_\_\_ he exclaimed, finally solving the problem.

- n.* exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight

61. I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ clothes to tight-fitting ones.

- adj.* loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing

ANSWERS: 54. chew, 55. commute, 56. benzene, 57. percentile, 58. diffuse, 59. subsidize, 60. Eureka!", 61. baggy

62. 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
63. The university has great \_\_\_\_\_ in the academic community.
- n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
64. The ignition of \_\_\_\_\_ gas in the plant killed five employees.
- n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
65. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the wind through the trees was the only sound in the forest.
- n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound
66. Long-term exposure to \_\_\_\_\_ materials can result in serious health problems.
- adj.* capable of causing cancer or promoting tumor growth; cancer-causing
67. 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
68. 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

ANSWERS: 62. sham, 63. prestige, 64. methane, 65. whoosh, 66. carcinogenic, 67. personalize, 68. supple

ANSWERS: