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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### insurgent

*adj.* rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency

*synonym*: subversive, rebellious, mutinous

(1) **insurgent** attack, (2) **insurgent** group

The government forces fought brutally against the **insurgent** rebels in the remote region.

### improvisation

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym*: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

### casualty

*n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

*synonym*: victim, injured, fatality

(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**

Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car accident.

### spear

*n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

*synonym* : javelin, pike, lance

(1) hunting **spear**, (2) sharp-pointed **spear**

Ancient people made **spears** with wood entirely.

## defuse

*v.* to reduce or eliminate the tension, anger, or hostility in a situation, especially a potentially explosive one, by calming, soothing, or pacifying those involved

*synonym* : calm, reduce, deactivate

(1) **defuse** a crisis, (2) **defuse** a bomb

The negotiator skillfully **defused** the tense situation with calm words and gestures.

## bounty

*n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task

*synonym* : reward, premium, recompense

(1) cash **bounty**, (2) a **bounty** on exports

The **bounty** hunter was hired to capture the notorious criminal and bring him to justice.

## telltale

*adj.* revealing or betraying information or evidence; serving as a sign or indicator of something

*synonym* : revealing, indicative, suggestive

(1) **telltale** evidence, (2) **telltale** heart

The **telltale** signs of a dishonest employee were missing files and constant delay.

## 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.

## condolence

*n.* sympathy or expression of sympathy offered to someone who has experienced a loss or tragedy; an expression of comfort or consolation

*synonym* : sympathy, compassion, consolation

(1) express **condolences**, (2) sincere **condolences**

Sending a **condolence** card is a small gesture that can bring comfort to someone who is grieving.

## blacksmith

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

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

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

## mundane

*adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

*synonym*: ordinary, everyday, prosaic

(1) **mundane** affairs, (2) **mundane** objects

After returning from the war, he had a pretty **mundane** life.

## chore

*n.* a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor

*synonym*: task, duty, job

(1) **chore** list, (2) household **chores**

Cleaning the house is a **chore** that only some enjoy.

## Vulcan

*n.* a hypothetical planet that was once believed to exist between Mercury and the Sun proposed in the 19th century to account for certain irregularities in Mercury's orbit; (of Roman mythology) the god of fire, including the fire of volcanoes, metalworking, and the forge

(1) **Vulcan** asteroid, (2) **Vulcan** god

**Vulcan's** Forge is a nickname for the island of Hawaii due to its active volcanoes.

## drone

*n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

*synonym*: hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

## unmanned

*adj.* not having a human crew or operator, as in unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) or unmanned spacecraft

*synonym* : uncrewed, automated, robotized

(1) an **unmanned** stop, (2) **unmanned** drone

The **unmanned** spacecraft landed on the asteroid.

## wright

*n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

*synonym* : builder, constructor, craftsman

(1) a car- **wright**, (2) aircraft **wright**

She was a skilled **wright**, able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.

## 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**.

## pentagon

*n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

*synonym* : five-sided shape, quinquangle

(1) equilateral **pentagon**, (2) **pentagon** building

The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided **pentagon**.

## robotic

*adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots

*synonym* : automated, mechanical, laborsaving

(1) **robotic** arm, (2) **robotic** guide operation

The surgeon removed the tumor using **robotic** video assistance.

## ripple

*n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

*synonym* : wave, undulation, fluctuation

(1) a **ripple** of laughter, (2) **ripple** in the water

Many businesses felt the **ripple** effect of the economy's decline.

## germ

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

*synonym* : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

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

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

## raven

*n.* a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair

*synonym* : crow, blackbird, corvid

(1) **raven** feather, (2) **raven** in flight

The **raven's** distinctive croaking call echoed through the forest.

## wrinkle

*n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty

*synonym* : crinkle, fold, crumple

(1) a fine **wrinkle** on a fabric, (2) a facial **wrinkle**

This suit is made of **wrinkle-proof** material.

## disturb

*v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

*synonym* : agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

## jihad

*n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle

*synonym* : struggle, holy war, crusade

(1) **jihad** of knowledge, (2) nonviolent **jihad**

Many scholars argue that the true meaning of **jihad** is to strive for personal betterment and to defend justice and peace.

## detonate

v. to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events

*synonym* : explode, blow up, ignite

(1) **detonate** a missile, (2) **detonate** a plan

The bomb squad had to **detonate** the suspicious package found at the train station.

## defray

v. to provide financial support for something; to pay or contribute towards the cost or expenses of something

*synonym* : pay, cover, settle

(1) **defray** expenses, (2) **defray** the outlay

My company will **defray** the cost of my business trip, including flights, accommodation, and meals.

## politic

adj. wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions

*synonym* : wise, tactful, expedient

(1) a **politic** decision, (2) heal the body **politic**

She was **politic** in her behavior.

## humming

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

*synonym* : buzzing, droning, vibrating

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

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

## reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

*synonym* : alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts

The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

### predator

*n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

*synonym*: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

### slam

*v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

*synonym*: bang, crash, shut

(1) **slam** the door, (2) **slam** the book against a wall

She **slammed** the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

### dunk

*v.* to immerse or submerge briefly in a liquid, often repeatedly to coat or moisten; to slam or force something down into a container of liquid

*synonym*: dip, plunge, soak

(1) **dunk** in water, (2) **dunk** a basketball

I like to **dunk** my cookies in milk before eating them.

### cower

*v.* to crouch or curl up in fear or apprehension; to shrink or recoil from something threatening, usually physically or mentally

*synonym*: crouch, tremble, cringe

(1) **cower** in fear, (2) **cower** under pressure

The actress **cowered** in humiliation as the audience booed her performance.

### 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.

## **cubicle**

*n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting

*synonym*: compartment, booth, workspace

(1) **cubicle** partition, (2) camping **cubicle**

I worked in an office **cubicle** surrounded by walls and fluorescent lights.

## **contemplate**

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

*synonym*: think over, ponder, consider

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

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

## **troop**

*n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

*synonym*: group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

## **cannon**

*n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting

*synonym*: artillery, gun, ordnance

(1) **cannon** salute, (2) **cannon** ball

The heavy **cannon** fired a loud shot that echoed across the battlefield.

## **glitch**

*n.* a minor problem or malfunction, especially in a computer program, system, or machine

*synonym*: malfunction, bug, fault

(1) computer **glitch**, (2) unanticipated **glitch**

The computer system had a minor **glitch** that caused a delay.



## **fir**

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

*synonym* : pine, spruce, cedar

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

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

## **unveil**

*v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time

*synonym* : reveal, uncover, expose

(1) **unveil** a monument, (2) **unveil** a comprehensive plan

The company plans to **unveil** its new product at the trade show next week.

## **weaponry**

*n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country

*synonym* : arms, munition, artillery

(1) **weaponry** development, (2) advanced **weaponry**

The army used various **weaponry** to defend the country from attack.

## **villain**

*n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

*synonym* : scoundrel, rogue, antagonist

(1) evil **villain**, (2) authoritarian **villain**

The **villain** in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------|---|
| 1. express con_____ces  | <i>n.</i> sympathy or expression of sympathy offered to someone who has experienced a loss or tragedy; an expression of comfort or consolation  |
| 2. co__r under pressure | <i>v.</i> to crouch or curl up in fear or apprehension; to shrink or recoil from something threatening, usually physically or mentally  |
| 3. ra__n feather        | <i>n.</i> a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair  |
| 4. Vu___n asteroid      | <i>n.</i> a hypothetical planet that was once believed to exist between Mercury and the Sun proposed in the 19th century to account for certain irregularities in Mercury's orbit; (of Roman mythology) the god of fire, including the fire of volcanoes, metalworking, and the forge |
| 5. mu_____e affairs     | <i>adj.</i> very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement  |
| 6. in_____nt attack     | <i>adj.</i> rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency  |
| 7. apex pr_____or       | <i>n.</i> an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others   |
| 8. a n__b mind          | <i>adj.</i> unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity  |

ANSWERS: 1. condolence, 2. cower, 3. raven, 4. Vulcan, 5. mundane, 6. insurgent, 7. predator, 8. numb

9. s\_\_m the book against a wall      *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
10. de\_\_\_\_te a missile      *v.* to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events
11. ji\_\_d of knowledge      *n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle
12. de\_\_\_y the outlay      *v.* to provide financial support for something; to pay or contribute towards the cost or expenses of something
13. cash bo\_\_\_y      *n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
14. ro\_\_\_\_c arm      *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
15. f\_r branch      *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
16. d\_\_k in water      *v.* to immerse or submerge briefly in a liquid, often repeatedly to coat or moisten; to slam or force something down into a container of liquid
17. ro\_\_\_\_c guide operation      *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots

ANSWERS: 9. slam, 10. detonate, 11. jihad, 12. defray, 13. bounty, 14. robotic, 15. fir, 16. dunk, 17. robotic

18. a facial wr\_\_\_\_\_e  
*n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
19. military ca\_\_\_\_\_ty  
*n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
20. te\_\_\_\_\_le heart  
*adj.* revealing or betraying information or evidence; serving as a sign or indicator of something
21. de\_\_\_\_\_te a plan  
*v.* to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events
22. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage  
*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
23. ca\_\_\_\_\_n ball  
*n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
24. hu\_\_\_\_\_g sound  
*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
25. nonviolent ji\_\_d  
*n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle
26. authoritarian vi\_\_\_\_\_n  
*n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
27. ex\_\_\_\_\_e in anger  
*v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

ANSWERS: 18. wrinkle, 19. casualty, 20. telltale, 21. detonate, 22. improvisation, 23. cannon, 24. humming, 25. jihad, 26. villain, 27. explode

28. equilateral pe\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
29. ri\_\_\_e in the water *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
30. re\_\_\_\_\_ne our role *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
31. pe\_\_\_\_\_on building *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
32. ex\_\_\_\_\_e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
33. con\_\_\_\_\_te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
34. advanced we\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
35. de\_\_\_y expenses *v.* to provide financial support for something; to pay or contribute towards the cost or expenses of something

ANSWERS: 28. pentagon, 29. ripple, 30. redefine, 31. pentagon, 32. explode, 33. contemplate, 34. weaponry, 35. defray

36. con\_\_\_\_\_ted leaving school      *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
37. bla\_\_\_\_\_th welding      *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
38. sharp-pointed sp\_\_r      *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
39. a bo\_\_\_y on exports      *n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
40. n\_\_b with cold      *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
41. a tr\_\_p of deer      *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
42. hu\_\_\_\_\_g bird      *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
43. bla\_\_\_\_\_th shop      *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
44. un\_\_\_l a comprehensive plan      *v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
45. d\_\_k a basketball      *v.* to immerse or submerge briefly in a liquid, often repeatedly to coat or moisten; to slam or force something down into a container of liquid
46. camping cu\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting

ANSWERS: 36. contemplate, 37. blacksmith, 38. spear, 39. bounty, 40. numb, 41. troop, 42. humming, 43. blacksmith, 44. unveil, 45. dunk, 46. cubicle

47. a g\_\_m-free environment      *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
48. sincere con\_\_\_\_\_ces      *n.* sympathy or expression of sympathy offered to someone who has experienced a loss or tragedy; an expression of comfort or consolation
49. f\_r forest      *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
50. dr\_\_e flight      *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
51. a fine wr\_\_\_\_\_e on a fabric      *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
52. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m      *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
53. hunting sp\_\_r      *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
54. un\_\_\_\_\_ed drone      *adj.* not having a human crew or operator, as in unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) or unmanned spacecraft
55. de\_\_\_e a bomb      *v.* to reduce or eliminate the tension, anger, or hostility in a situation, especially a potentially explosive one, by calming, soothing, or pacifying those involved

ANSWERS: 47. germ, 48. condolence, 49. fir, 50. drone, 51. wrinkle, 52. germ, 53. spear, 54. unmanned, 55. defuse

56. di\_\_\_\_b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
57. ch\_\_e list *n.* a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor
58. the members of a military tr\_\_p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
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60. a ri\_\_\_e of laughter *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
61. co\_\_r in fear *v.* to crouch or curl up in fear or apprehension; to shrink or recoil from something threatening, usually physically or mentally
62. we\_\_\_\_\_ry development *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
63. 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
64. the speaker's dr\_\_e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
65. aircraft wr\_\_\_t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

ANSWERS: 56. disturb, 57. chore, 58. troop, 59. chore, 60. ripple, 61. cower, 62. weaponry, 63. redefine, 64. drone, 65. wright



66. Vu\_\_\_n god
- n.* a hypothetical planet that was once believed to exist between Mercury and the Sun proposed in the 19th century to account for certain irregularities in Mercury's orbit; (of Roman mythology) the god of fire, including the fire of volcanoes, metalworking, and the forge
67. ca\_\_\_n salute
- n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
68. s\_\_m the door
- v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
69. a car-wr\_\_\_t
- n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
70. mu\_\_\_\_\_e objects
- adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
71. cu\_\_\_\_\_e partition
- n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting
72. evil vi\_\_\_\_\_n
- n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
73. te\_\_\_\_\_le evidence
- adj.* revealing or betraying information or evidence; serving as a sign or indicator of something
74. de\_\_\_e a crisis
- v.* to reduce or eliminate the tension, anger, or hostility in a situation, especially a potentially explosive one, by calming, soothing, or pacifying those involved

ANSWERS: 66. Vulcan, 67. cannon, 68. slam, 69. wright, 70. mundane, 71. cubicle, 72. villain, 73. telltale, 74. defuse

75. heal the body po\_\_\_\_c *adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions
76. un\_\_\_l a monument *v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
77. re\_\_\_\_e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
78. sexual pr\_\_\_\_ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
79. civilian ca\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
80. computer gl\_\_\_\_h *n.* a minor problem or malfunction, especially in a computer program, system, or machine
81. in\_\_\_\_nt group *adj.* rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency
82. unanticipated gl\_\_\_\_h *n.* a minor problem or malfunction, especially in a computer program, system, or machine
83. an un\_\_\_\_ed stop *adj.* not having a human crew or operator, as in unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) or unmanned spacecraft
84. a po\_\_\_\_c decision *adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions
85. di\_\_\_\_b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
86. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 75. politic, 76. unveil, 77. reshape, 78. predator, 79. casualty, 80. glitch, 81. insurgent, 82. glitch, 83. unmanned, 84. politic, 85. disturb, 86. improvisation

87. ra\_\_n in flight

*n.* a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair

88. re\_\_\_\_e my thoughts

*v.* to change the form or structure of something

ANSWERS: 87. raven, 88. reshape

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ hunter was hired to capture the notorious criminal and bring him to justice.
  - n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
  
2. Tourists frequently \_\_\_\_\_ the island's delicate natural balance.
  - v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
  
3. Unfortunately, the driver was the only \_\_\_\_\_ in the car accident.
  - n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
  
4. I worked in an office \_\_\_\_\_ surrounded by walls and fluorescent lights.
  - n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting
  
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ signs of a dishonest employee were missing files and constant delay.
  - adj.* revealing or betraying information or evidence; serving as a sign or indicator of something
  
6. He heard a \_\_\_\_\_ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.
  - n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
  
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Forge is a nickname for the island of Hawaii due to its active volcanoes.
  - n.* a hypothetical planet that was once believed to exist between Mercury and the Sun proposed in the 19th century to account for certain irregularities in Mercury's orbit; (of Roman mythology) the god of fire, including the fire of volcanoes, metalworking, and the forge

ANSWERS: 1. bounty, 2. disturb, 3. casualty, 4. cubicle, 5. telltale, 6. drone, 7. Vulcan's

8. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
9. Many businesses felt the \_\_\_\_\_ effect of the economy's decline.
- n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
10. The company plans to \_\_\_\_\_ its new product at the trade show next week.
- v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
11. 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
12. She was \_\_\_\_\_ in her behavior.
- adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
- n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
14. This suit is made of \_\_\_\_\_ material.
- n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
- n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

ANSWERS: 8. improvisation, 9. ripple, 10. unveil, 11. redefined, 12. politic, 13. germ, 14. wrinkle-proof, 15. blacksmith

16. The government forces fought brutally against the \_\_\_\_\_ rebels in the remote region.

*adj.* rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency

17. I like to \_\_\_\_\_ my cookies in milk before eating them.

*v.* to immerse or submerge briefly in a liquid, often repeatedly to coat or moisten; to slam or force something down into a container of liquid

18. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

*n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

19. The heavy \_\_\_\_\_ fired a loud shot that echoed across the battlefield.

*n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting

20. The negotiator skillfully \_\_\_\_\_ the tense situation with calm words and gestures.

*v.* to reduce or eliminate the tension, anger, or hostility in a situation, especially a potentially explosive one, by calming, soothing, or pacifying those involved

21. I recently \_\_\_\_\_ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

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

22. The \_\_\_\_\_ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

*n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

ANSWERS: 16. insurgent, 17. dunk, 18. villain, 19. cannon, 20. defused, 21. contemplated, 22. troop

23. The old building \_\_\_\_\_ in a fiery inferno.
- v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
24. The advent of the Internet completely \_\_\_\_\_ the manufacturing industry.
- v. to change the form or structure of something
25. She \_\_\_\_\_ the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.
- v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
26. The computer system had a minor \_\_\_\_\_ that caused a delay.
- n. a minor problem or malfunction, especially in a computer program, system, or machine
27. The army used various \_\_\_\_\_ to defend the country from attack.
- n. a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
28. The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
29. The actress \_\_\_\_\_ in humiliation as the audience booed her performance.
- v. to crouch or curl up in fear or apprehension; to shrink or recoil from something threatening, usually physically or mentally
30. The smell of fresh \_\_\_\_ trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.
- n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

ANSWERS: 23. exploded, 24. reshaped, 25. slammed, 26. glitch, 27. weaponry, 28. pentagon, 29. cowered, 30. fir

31. Ancient people made \_\_\_\_\_ with wood entirely.
- n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
32. The surgeon removed the tumor using \_\_\_\_\_ video assistance.
- adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
33. She was a skilled \_\_\_\_\_ able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.
- n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
34. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
- adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
35. Sending a \_\_\_\_\_ card is a small gesture that can bring comfort to someone who is grieving.
- n.* sympathy or expression of sympathy offered to someone who has experienced a loss or tragedy; an expression of comfort or consolation
36. The native South American animals were in danger because of the \_\_\_\_\_ arrival.
- n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
37. Cleaning the house is a \_\_\_\_\_ that only some enjoy.
- n.* a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor
38. The \_\_\_\_\_ distinctive croaking call echoed through the forest.
- n.* a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair

ANSWERS: 31. spears, 32. robotic, 33. wright, 34. humming, 35. condolence, 36. predator's, 37. chore, 38. raven's



39. My left arm became \_\_\_\_\_.

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

40. The \_\_\_\_\_ spacecraft landed on the asteroid.

*adj.* not having a human crew or operator, as in unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) or unmanned spacecraft

41. The bomb squad had to \_\_\_\_\_ the suspicious package found at the train station.

*v.* to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events

42. After returning from the war, he had a pretty \_\_\_\_\_ life.

*adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

43. Many scholars argue that the true meaning of \_\_\_\_\_ is to strive for personal betterment and to defend justice and peace.

*n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle

44. My company will \_\_\_\_\_ the cost of my business trip, including flights, accommodation, and meals.

*v.* to provide financial support for something; to pay or contribute towards the cost or expenses of something

ANSWERS: 39. numb, 40. unmanned, 41. detonate, 42. mundane, 43. jihad, 44. defray