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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### 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.

### confuse

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

*synonym*: confound, obscure, disorient

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

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

### saucer

*n.* a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings

*synonym*: dish, plate, salver

(1) tea **saucer**, (2) flying **saucer**

She sipped her tea from a delicate **saucer**.

### slit

*n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors

*synonym*: slash, incision, cut

(1) **slit** pocket, (2) **slit** the fabric

He made a small **slit** in the paper to fit it in the envelope.

## paraphrase

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

*synonym*: rephrase, reword, reinterpret

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

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

## disprove

v. to show that something is not true or correct

*synonym*: refute, discredit, invalidate

(1) **disprove** global warming, (2) **disprove** the conjecture

The researchers were unable to **disprove** the theory.

## disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

*synonym*: mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

## ape

n. a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons

*synonym*: monkey, primate, simian

(1) jungle **ape**, (2) play the **ape**

The scientist studied the behavior of **apes** in the wild.

## kidnapping

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

*synonym*: abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

## unaccountable

*adj.* not able to be explained or justified, often in a way that suggests something suspicious or dishonest is going on; not responsible or answerable for one's actions or behavior

*synonym*: unexplainable, inexplicable, mysterious

(1) **unaccountable** behavior, (2) **unaccountable** decision

The **unaccountable** disappearance of funds led to an investigation.

## prolong

*v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

*synonym*: extend, lengthen, stretch

(1) **prolong** the agony, (2) measures to **prolong** the lifespan

We need to **prolong** the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

## sunburn

*n.* a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays

*synonym*: burn, tan, redness

(1) get a **sunburn**, (2) **sunburn** cream

I forgot to put on sunscreen, and now I have a painful **sunburn** on my back.

## boardwalk

*n.* a path or walkway, usually raised and made of wood, along or near a beach, boardwalk, or waterfront area, often used for recreation or pedestrian traffic

*synonym*: promenade, walkway, pier

(1) **boardwalk** trail, (2) oceanfront **boardwalk**

Walking along the seaside **boardwalk**, I enjoyed the sound of the waves crashing on the shore.

## mingle

*v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner

*synonym*: mix, blend, merge

(1) **mingle** with colleagues, (2) **mingle** with the locals

I decided to **mingle** with the crowd and converse with some

new people.

## 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.

## cosmos

*n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system

*synonym*: universe, macrocosm

(1) exploration of **cosmos**, (2) origin of the **cosmos**

Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the **cosmos**.

## cardigan

*n.* a knitted sweater or jacket that opens in the front and often has buttons or a zipper, typically made of wool or a similar material

*synonym*: sweater, jumper, knitwear

(1) knit **cardigan**, (2) cozy **cardigan**

She wore a **cardigan** sweater to keep warm in the chilly office.

## moonlight

*n.* the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer

*synonym*: moonshine, moonbeam, moon glow

(1) **moonlight** as a bartender, (2) **moonlight** serenade

The garden looked magical in the **moonlight**, with the flowers and trees casting eerie shadows.

## stroll

*v.* to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim

*synonym*: amble, roam, mope

(1) **stroll** across a street, (2) **stroll** through the countryside  
We could **stroll** into town if you like.

## sweetheart

*n.* an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished

*synonym* : darling, beloved, love

(1) **sweetheart** deal, (2) **sweetheart** romance

I can always rely on my **sweetheart** to lift my mood when feeling down.

## tease

*v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

*synonym* : bully, annoy, provoke

(1) **tease** the children, (2) **tease** wool

This ad is intended to **tease** a competing product.

## almond

*n.* a type of nut that comes from the almond tree widely cultivated for its edible seeds, which is enclosed in a hard, ridged outer casing called a shell, that can be eaten raw or roasted and is often used in baking and as an ingredient in various dishes

*synonym* : nut, kernel, seed

(1) **almond** milk, (2) **almond** butter

I love snacking on **almonds** for a healthy and delicious snack.

## unblinkingly

*adv.* without blinking or looking away; with unwavering focus or attentiveness

*synonym* : steadfastly, unwaveringly, resolutely

(1) gazed **unblinkingly**, (2) watch **unblinkingly**

The child stared **unblinkingly** at the magician's every move, completely captivated by the performance.

## crooked

*adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or

wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

*synonym* : bent, curved, twisted

(1) **crooked** smile, (2) **crooked** line

The table leg was **crooked**, causing all the cups to slide to one side.

## **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.

## **knob**

*n.* a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet

*synonym* : handle, lever

(1) handy **knob**, (2) **knob** closure

The **knob** on the drawer was loose and needed to be tightened.

## **claw**

*n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

*synonym* : paw, talon, nail

(1) **claw** marks, (2) **claw** hammer

The bear used its **claw** to catch a fish in the river.

## **misunderstand**

*v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

*synonym* : misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

## swamp

*n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

*synonym* : marsh, mire, bog

(1) muddy **swamp**, (2) **swamp** tour

The lowland **swamp** was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

## dune

*n.* a hill or ridge of sand that is formed by the wind and found in deserts, coastal areas, or other locations with loose, sandy soil

*synonym* : hillock, mound

(1) **dune** ecosystem, (2) coastal **dune**

We climbed the sandy **dune** to get a better view of the ocean.

## 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.

## crutch

*n.* a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility

*synonym* : brace, support, prop

(1) **crutch** support, (2) emotional **crutch**

He walked with the aid of a **crutch** after breaking his leg in a skiing accident.

## presume

*v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

*synonym* : assume, suppose, guess

(1) **presume** innocence, (2) **presume** on his tolerance

I **presume** you've already made plans for the weekend since

you didn't respond to my invitation.

## sandworm

*n.* a type of burrowing worm found in sandy or muddy areas, widely used as bait in fishing

(1) **sandworm** bait, (2) **sandworm** fishing

During our trip to the beach, we discovered numerous **sandworm** burrows near the water's edge.

## embarrass

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

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

## connoisseur

*n.* a person who is knowledgeable and discerning about a particular subject, particularly the arts, food, or drink; an expert with refined tastes and opinions

*synonym*: expert, specialist, aficionado

(1) **connoisseur** of art, (2) **connoisseur** of wine

He's a **connoisseur** of fine wine and can tell you all about the various regions and vintages.

## apropos

*adj.* concerning a particular topic; fitting or appropriate in a given situation; (adverb) at the right time; incidentally or by the way

*synonym*: concerning, relevant, (adverb) timely

(1) **apropos** expression, (2) arrived **apropos**

His **apropos-of-nothing** comment about the weather caught everyone off guard during the business meeting.

## lynch

*v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

*synonym*: hang, execute, mob



(1) **lynch** law, (2) **lynch** him to death

The mob wanted to **lynch** the suspect before he could be tried in court.

## deformity

*n.* a physical abnormality or distortion

*synonym*: abnormality, malformation, disfigurement

(1) **deformity** of character, (2) physical **deformity**

The **deformity** in the steel beam caused the bridge to collapse.

## guild

*n.* an organization or association of individuals in a particular trade, profession, or field formed for mutual aid and protection or for furthering their collective interests

*synonym*: association, union, society

(1) a purchase **guild**, (2) a **guild** system

The blacksmith was a local **guild** member and often participated in their events and workshops.

## fetus

*n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal

(1) development of the **fetus**, (2) an aborted **fetus**

The female vagina is elastic enough to allow the passage of a **fetus**.

## psychedelic

*adj.* relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs

*synonym*: trippy, hallucinogenic, mind-bending

(1) **psychedelic** therapy, (2) **psychedelic** art

The Beatles' **psychedelic** music was a hallmark of the 1960s counterculture movement.

## swirl

v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern

*synonym*: spin, whirl, turn

(1) **swirl** the wine, (2) **swirl** up dirt and dust

The chef expertly **swirled** the sauce onto the plate.

## abduct

v. to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom

*synonym*: kidnap, seize, snatch

(1) **abduct** a girl, (2) **abduct** at gunpoint

The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was **abducted**.

## recollection

n. the act of remembering or the state of being remembered

*synonym*: memory, reminiscence, remembrance

(1) a vague **recollection**, (2) **recollection** of a traumatic event

The older man's **recollections** of his youth were filled with stories of adventure and romance.

## communion

n. the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

*synonym*: affinity, intimacy, camaraderie

(1) **communion** with God, (2) spiritual **communion** with nature

We use this tableware in a **communion** service.

## rectum

n. the final segment of the large intestine, responsible for storing and expelling fecal matter from the body

*synonym*: anal canal, proctum

(1) **rectum** cancer, (2) inflammation of the **rectum**

Hemorrhoids can cause discomfort and bleeding in the **rectum**.

## puppet

n. a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

*synonym*: marionette, dummy, mannequin

(1) **puppet** theater, (2) corporate **puppet**

The politician was merely a **puppet** for the wealthy elite.

## ponder

v. to think deeply or carefully about something

*synonym*: think about, consider, reflect on

(1) **ponder** divine matters, (2) **ponder** life's meaning

She sat quietly, **pondering** the difficult decision.

## crumble

v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

*synonym*: disintegrate, collapse, deteriorate

(1) **crumble** to dust, (2) began to **crumble** under financial pressure

The old building was starting to **crumble** due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

## feral

*adj.* wild, untamed, or having returned to a wild or untamed state after being domesticated; characteristic of an animal that lives and reproduces freely in its natural habitat

*synonym*: untamed, savage, wild

(1) **feral** cat, (2) **feral** behavior

The teenagers vandalized the abandoned building and turned it into a **feral** hangout spot.

## bustle

v. to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion

*synonym*: hurry, rush, flurry

(1) **bustle** around a kitchen, (2) hustle- **bustle** lifestyle

The city **bustled** with activity as people rushed to work.

## freckle

*n.* a small, pigmented spot on the skin, typically of the face that is caused by exposure to sunlight

*synonym*: spot, speck, beauty mark

(1) tiny **freckle**, (2) **freckle** cream

I have a **freckle** on my nose that gets darker in the summertime.

### scoot

*v.* to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device

*synonym*: glide, slide, scurry

(1) **scoot** out of my room, (2) **scoot** over

I have to **scoot** over to the next desk because there's not enough room for me to sit comfortably.

### constellation

*n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

*synonym*: asterism, array, pattern

(1) the stars of the Scorpion **constellation**, (2) northern **constellation**

Navigators still use the Little Bear **constellation** at sea.

### 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.

### 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**.

### clap

*v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

*synonym*: applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

## scar

*n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

*synonym*: blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

## buttock

*n.* either of two fleshy masses at the lower end of the human trunk, formed mainly by the gluteal muscles and used for sitting and walking; the hindquarters of an animal

*synonym*: cheek, rear end, behind

(1) **buttock** muscles, (2) painful **buttock**

I fell and bruised my **buttock** on the hard pavement.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. a gu\_\_d system *n.* an organization or association of individuals in a particular trade, profession, or field formed for mutual aid and protection or for furthering their collective interests
2. northern con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
3. s\_\_t the fabric *n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors
4. kid\_\_\_\_\_ng attempt *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
5. cr\_\_\_\_\_e to dust *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
6. fr\_\_\_\_\_e cream *n.* a small, pigmented spot on the skin, typically of the face that is caused by exposure to sunlight
7. de\_\_\_\_\_ty of character *n.* a physical abnormality or distortion
8. a vague rec\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of remembering or the state of being remembered

ANSWERS: 1. guild, 2. constellation, 3. slit, 4. kidnapping, 5. crumble, 6. freckle, 7. deformity, 8. recollection

9. mo\_\_\_\_\_ht as a bartender *n.* the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer
10. c\_\_w hammer *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
11. mi\_\_\_e with colleagues *v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner
12. st\_\_\_l through the countryside *v.* to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
13. talented ph\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
14. fe\_\_l cat *adj.* wild, untamed, or having returned to a wild or untamed state after being domesticated; characteristic of an animal that lives and reproduces freely in its natural habitat
15. 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

ANSWERS: 9. moonlight, 10. claw, 11. mingle, 12. stroll, 13. physicist, 14. feral, 15. fir

16. mis\_\_\_\_\_ and each other      *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
17. pr\_\_\_\_\_e on his tolerance      *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
18. di\_\_\_\_\_ve global warming      *v.* to show that something is not true or correct
19. cr\_\_\_\_\_d smile      *adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form
20. play the a\_e      *n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
21. the stars of the Scorpion  
con\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
22. sw\_\_l the wine      *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
23. muddy sw\_\_p      *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
24. ab\_\_\_t a girl      *v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom

ANSWERS: 16. misunderstand, 17. presume, 18. disprove, 19. crooked, 20. ape, 21. constellation, 22. swirl, 23. swamp, 24. abduct



25. sc\_\_t over *v.* to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device
26. mis\_\_\_\_\_and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
27. tea sa\_\_\_r *n.* a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings
28. sa\_\_\_\_\_rm fishing *n.* a type of burrowing worm found in sandy or muddy areas, widely used as bait in fishing
29. mi\_\_\_e with the locals *v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner
30. tiny fr\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a small, pigmented spot on the skin, typically of the face that is caused by exposure to sunlight
31. bu\_\_\_\_\_k muscles *n.* either of two fleshy masses at the lower end of the human trunk, formed mainly by the gluteal muscles and used for sitting and walking; the hindquarters of an animal
32. 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
33. di\_\_\_\_\_ve the conjecture *v.* to show that something is not true or correct

ANSWERS: 25. scoot, 26. misunderstand, 27. saucer, 28. sandworm, 29. mingle, 30. freckle, 31. buttock, 32. twilight, 33. disprove

34. co\_\_\_\_\_on with God *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
35. rec\_\_\_\_\_ion of a traumatic event *n.* the act of remembering or the state of being remembered
36. fe\_\_l behavior *adj.* wild, untamed, or having returned to a wild or untamed state after being domesticated; characteristic of an animal that lives and reproduces freely in its natural habitat
37. te\_\_e the children *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
38. su\_\_\_\_\_n cream *n.* a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays
39. sw\_\_p tour *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
40. re\_\_\_m cancer *n.* the final segment of the large intestine, responsible for storing and expelling fecal matter from the body
41. gazed unb\_\_\_\_\_gly *adv.* without blinking or looking away; with unwavering focus or attentiveness
42. ab\_\_\_t at gunpoint *v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom

ANSWERS: 34. communion, 35. recollection, 36. feral, 37. tease, 38. sunburn, 39. swamp, 40. rectum, 41. unblinkingly, 42. abduct

43. mo\_\_\_\_\_ht serenade *n.* the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer
44. te\_\_e wool *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
45. al\_\_\_d butter *n.* a type of nut that comes from the almond tree widely cultivated for its edible seeds, which is enclosed in a hard, ridged outer casing called a shell, that can be eaten raw or roasted and is often used in baking and as an ingredient in various dishes
46. pr\_\_\_\_\_g the agony *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
47. di\_\_\_\_\_se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
48. swe\_\_\_\_\_rt romance *n.* an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
49. par\_\_\_\_\_se the meaning *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning

ANSWERS: 43. moonlight, 44. tease, 45. almond, 46. prolong, 47. disguise, 48. sweetheart, 49. paraphrase

50. al\_\_\_d milk *n.* a type of nut that comes from the almond tree widely cultivated for its edible seeds, which is enclosed in a hard, ridged outer casing called a shell, that can be eaten raw or roasted and is often used in baking and as an ingredient in various dishes
51. an aborted fe\_\_s *n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal
52. em\_\_\_\_\_ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
53. bu\_\_\_e around a kitchen *v.* to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion
54. sa\_\_\_\_\_rm bait *n.* a type of burrowing worm found in sandy or muddy areas, widely used as bait in fishing
55. physical de\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a physical abnormality or distortion
56. d\_\_e ecosystem *n.* a hill or ridge of sand that is formed by the wind and found in deserts, coastal areas, or other locations with loose, sandy soil
57. development of the fe\_\_s *n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal
58. measures to pr\_\_\_\_\_g the lifespan *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

ANSWERS: 50. almond, 51. fetus, 52. embarrass, 53. bustle, 54. sandworm, 55. deformity, 56. dune, 57. fetus, 58. prolong

59. 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
60. cozy ca\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a knitted sweater or jacket that opens in the front and often has buttons or a zipper, typically made of wool or a similar material
61. ap\_\_\_\_\_s expression *adj.* concerning a particular topic; fitting or appropriate in a given situation; (adverb) at the right time; incidentally or by the way
62. burn s\_\_r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
63. theoretical ph\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
64. c\_\_p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
65. coastal d\_\_e *n.* a hill or ridge of sand that is formed by the wind and found in deserts, coastal areas, or other locations with loose, sandy soil
66. cr\_\_\_h support *n.* a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility
67. j\_\_n denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

ANSWERS: 59. fir, 60. cardigan, 61. apropos, 62. scar, 63. physicist, 64. clap, 65. dune, 66. crutch, 67. jean

68. jungle a\_e *n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
69. corporate pu\_\_\_t *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
70. c\_\_w marks *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
71. po\_\_\_r divine matters *v.* to think deeply or carefully about something
72. carry a s\_\_r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
73. k\_\_b closure *n.* a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet
74. knit ca\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a knitted sweater or jacket that opens in the front and often has buttons or a zipper, typically made of wool or a similar material
75. cr\_\_\_\_\_d line *adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

ANSWERS: 68. ape, 69. puppet, 70. claw, 71. ponder, 72. scar, 73. knob, 74. cardigan, 75. crooked

76. flying sa\_\_\_\_r *n.* a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings
77. get a su\_\_\_\_n *n.* a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays
78. hu\_\_\_\_g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
79. psy\_\_\_\_ic art *adj.* relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs
80. hu\_\_\_\_g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
81. ly\_\_h law *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
82. una\_\_\_\_ble behavior *adj.* not able to be explained or justified, often in a way that suggests something suspicious or dishonest is going on; not responsible or answerable for one's actions or behavior

ANSWERS: 76. saucer, 77. sunburn, 78. humming, 79. psychedelic, 80. humming, 81. lynch, 82. unaccountable

83. inflammation of the re\_\_\_m *n.* the final segment of the large intestine, responsible for storing and expelling fecal matter from the body
84. painful bu\_\_\_\_k *n.* either of two fleshy masses at the lower end of the human trunk, formed mainly by the gluteal muscles and used for sitting and walking; the hindquarters of an animal
85. con\_\_\_\_\_ur of wine *n.* a person who is knowledgeable and discerning about a particular subject, particularly the arts, food, or drink; an expert with refined tastes and opinions
86. began to cr\_\_\_\_e under financial pressure *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
87. par\_\_\_\_\_se a poem into prose *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
88. sc\_\_t out of my room *v.* to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device
89. 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
90. sw\_\_l up dirt and dust *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
91. a purchase gu\_\_d *n.* an organization or association of individuals in a particular trade, profession, or field formed for mutual aid and protection or for furthering their collective interests

ANSWERS: 83. rectum, 84. buttock, 85. connoisseur, 86. crumble, 87. paraphrase, 88. scoot, 89. twilight, 90. swirl, 91. guild



92. pr\_\_\_\_\_e innocence      *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
93. oceanfront bo\_\_\_\_\_lk      *n.* a path or walkway, usually raised and made of wood, along or near a beach, boardwalk, or waterfront area, often used for recreation or pedestrian traffic
94. ly\_\_h him to death      *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
95. una\_\_\_\_\_ble decision      *adj.* not able to be explained or justified, often in a way that suggests something suspicious or dishonest is going on; not responsible or answerable for one's actions or behavior
96. s\_\_t pocket      *n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors
97. bo\_\_\_\_\_lk trail      *n.* a path or walkway, usually raised and made of wood, along or near a beach, boardwalk, or waterfront area, often used for recreation or pedestrian traffic

ANSWERS: 92. presume, 93. boardwalk, 94. lynch, 95. unaccountable, 96. slit, 97. boardwalk

98. arrived ap\_\_\_\_s *adj.* concerning a particular topic; fitting or appropriate in a given situation; (adverb) at the right time; incidentally or by the way
99. co\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
100. di\_\_\_\_ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
101. c\_\_p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
102. co\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
103. a j\_\_n skirt *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
104. con\_\_\_\_ur of art *n.* a person who is knowledgeable and discerning about a particular subject, particularly the arts, food, or drink; an expert with refined tastes and opinions
105. handy k\_\_b *n.* a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet
106. mass kid\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
107. spiritual co\_\_\_\_on with nature *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
108. pu\_\_\_\_t theater *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

ANSWERS: 98. apropos, 99. confuse, 100. distract, 101. clap, 102. confuse, 103. jean, 104. connoisseur, 105. knob, 106. kidnapping, 107. communion, 108. puppet

109. origin of the co\_\_\_s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
110. watch unb\_\_\_\_\_gly *adv.* without blinking or looking away; with unwavering focus or attentiveness
111. psy\_\_\_\_\_ic therapy *adj.* relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs
112. po\_\_\_r life's meaning *v.* to think deeply or carefully about something
113. di\_\_\_\_\_se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
114. di\_\_\_\_\_ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
115. em\_\_\_\_\_ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
116. st\_\_\_l across a street *v.* to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
117. exploration of co\_\_\_s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
118. swe\_\_\_\_\_rt deal *n.* an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
119. hustle-bu\_\_\_e lifestyle *v.* to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion

ANSWERS: 109. cosmos, 110. unblinkingly, 111. psychedelic, 112. ponder, 113. disguise, 114. distract, 115. embarrass, 116. stroll, 117. cosmos, 118. sweetheart, 119. bustle

120. emotional cr\_\_\_h

*n.* a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility

ANSWERS: 120. crutch

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The garden looked magical in the \_\_\_\_\_ with the flowers and trees casting eerie shadows.
  - n. the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer
  
2. Walking along the seaside \_\_\_\_\_ I enjoyed the sound of the waves crashing on the shore.
  - n. a path or walkway, usually raised and made of wood, along or near a beach, boardwalk, or waterfront area, often used for recreation or pedestrian traffic
  
3. I love snacking on \_\_\_\_\_ for a healthy and delicious snack.
  - n. a type of nut that comes from the almond tree widely cultivated for its edible seeds, which is enclosed in a hard, ridged outer casing called a shell, that can be eaten raw or roasted and is often used in baking and as an ingredient in various dishes
  
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the drawer was loose and needed to be tightened.
  - n. a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet
  
5. She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
  
6. We could \_\_\_\_\_ into town if you like.
  - v. to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
  
7. Later it turned out that the politician \_\_\_\_\_ the fact from the public.
  - v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

ANSWERS: 1. moonlight, 2. boardwalk, 3. almonds, 4. knob, 5. kidnapping, 6. stroll, 7. disguised

8. She wore her favorite pair of \_\_\_\_\_ to the party.
- n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
9. Navigators still use the Little Bear \_\_\_\_\_ at sea.
- n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
10. She wore a \_\_\_\_\_ sweater to keep warm in the chilly office.
- n.* a knitted sweater or jacket that opens in the front and often has buttons or a zipper, typically made of wool or a similar material
11. Einstein was an outstanding and famous \_\_\_\_\_ of the 20th century.
- n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
12. I have to \_\_\_\_\_ over to the next desk because there's not enough room for me to sit comfortably.
- v.* to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device
13. The researchers were unable to \_\_\_\_\_ the theory.
- v.* to show that something is not true or correct
14. I fell and bruised my \_\_\_\_\_ on the hard pavement.
- n.* either of two fleshy masses at the lower end of the human trunk, formed mainly by the gluteal muscles and used for sitting and walking; the hindquarters of an animal
15. He \_\_\_\_\_ the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.
- v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning

ANSWERS: 8. jeans, 9. constellation, 10. cardigan, 11. physicist, 12. scoot, 13. disprove, 14. buttock, 15. paraphrased

16. The chef expertly \_\_\_\_\_ the sauce onto the plate.  
*v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
17. The scientist studied the behavior of \_\_\_\_\_ in the wild.  
*n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
18. I have a \_\_\_\_\_ on my nose that gets darker in the summertime.  
*n.* a small, pigmented spot on the skin, typically of the face that is caused by exposure to sunlight
19. He made a small \_\_\_\_\_ in the paper to fit it in the envelope.  
*n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors
20. Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
21. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ the meaning of freedom.  
*v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
22. He looked for an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ that actor in public.  
*v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
23. During our trip to the beach, we discovered numerous \_\_\_\_\_ burrows near the water's edge.  
*n.* a type of burrowing worm found in sandy or muddy areas, widely used as bait in fishing

ANSWERS: 16. swirled, 17. apes, 18. freckle, 19. slit, 20. cosmos, 21. misunderstand, 22. embarrass, 23. sandworm

24. The older man's \_\_\_\_\_ of his youth were filled with stories of adventure and romance.
- n.* the act of remembering or the state of being remembered
25. The female vagina is elastic enough to allow the passage of a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal
26. He walked with the aid of a \_\_\_\_\_ after breaking his leg in a skiing accident.
- n.* a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility
27. Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ me while I'm studying.
- v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
28. The old building was starting to \_\_\_\_\_ due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.
- v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
29. The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom
30. The mob wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ the suspect before he could be tried in court.
- v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

ANSWERS: 24. recollections, 25. fetus, 26. crutch, 27. distract, 28. crumble, 29. abducted, 30. lynch



31. 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
32. I decided to \_\_\_\_\_ with the crowd and converse with some new people.
- v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner
33. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.
- v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
34. We use this tableware in a \_\_\_\_\_ service.
- n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
35. She sipped her tea from a delicate \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings
36. The blacksmith was a local \_\_\_\_\_ member and often participated in their events and workshops.
- n.* an organization or association of individuals in a particular trade, profession, or field formed for mutual aid and protection or for furthering their collective interests
37. The teenagers vandalized the abandoned building and turned it into a \_\_\_\_\_ hangout spot.
- adj.* wild, untamed, or having returned to a wild or untamed state after being domesticated; characteristic of an animal that lives and reproduces freely in its natural habitat

ANSWERS: 31. twilight, 32. mingle, 33. confused, 34. communion, 35. saucer, 36. guild, 37. feral

38. The bear used its \_\_\_\_\_ to catch a fish in the river.

*n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

39. His \_\_\_\_\_ comment about the weather caught everyone off guard during the business meeting.

*adj.* concerning a particular topic; fitting or appropriate in a given situation; (adverb) at the right time; incidentally or by the way

40. Even after the wound has healed, a \_\_\_\_\_ remains.

*n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

41. The table leg was \_\_\_\_\_ causing all the cups to slide to one side.

*adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

42. The Beatles' \_\_\_\_\_ music was a hallmark of the 1960s counterculture movement.

*adj.* relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs

43. The \_\_\_\_\_ disappearance of funds led to an investigation.

*adj.* not able to be explained or justified, often in a way that suggests something suspicious or dishonest is going on; not responsible or answerable for one's actions or behavior

ANSWERS: 38. claw, 39. apropos-of-nothing, 40. scar, 41. crooked, 42. psychedelic, 43. unaccountable

44. I \_\_\_\_\_ you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.
- v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
45. The politician was merely a \_\_\_\_\_ for the wealthy elite.
- n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
46. Hemorrhoids can cause discomfort and bleeding in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the final segment of the large intestine, responsible for storing and expelling fecal matter from the body
47. We climbed the sandy \_\_\_\_\_ to get a better view of the ocean.
- n.* a hill or ridge of sand that is formed by the wind and found in deserts, coastal areas, or other locations with loose, sandy soil
48. He's a \_\_\_\_\_ of fine wine and can tell you all about the various regions and vintages.
- n.* a person who is knowledgeable and discerning about a particular subject, particularly the arts, food, or drink; an expert with refined tastes and opinions
49. The city \_\_\_\_\_ with activity as people rushed to work.
- v.* to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion
50. I can always rely on my \_\_\_\_\_ to lift my mood when feeling down.
- n.* an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished

ANSWERS: 44. presume, 45. puppet, 46. rectum, 47. dune, 48. connoisseur, 49. bustled, 50. sweetheart

51. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.
- v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
52. We \_\_\_\_\_ along with the singer's song.
- v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
53. This ad is intended to \_\_\_\_\_ a competing product.
- v. to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
54. She sat quietly, \_\_\_\_\_ the difficult decision.
- v. to think deeply or carefully about something
55. 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
56. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the steel beam caused the bridge to collapse.
- n. a physical abnormality or distortion
57. 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
58. The child stared \_\_\_\_\_ at the magician's every move, completely captivated by the performance.
- adv. without blinking or looking away; with unwavering focus or attentiveness

ANSWERS: 51. prolong, 52. clapped, 53. tease, 54. pondering, 55. fir, 56. deformity, 57. humming, 58. unblinkingly

59. I forgot to put on sunscreen, and now I have a painful \_\_\_\_\_ on my back.

*n.* a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays

60. The lowland \_\_\_\_\_ was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

*n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

ANSWERS: 59. sunburn, 60. swamp