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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### atrocious

*n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

*synonym* : evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocious**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocious**

The **atrocious** of the war left many children orphaned.

### exterminate

*v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds

*synonym* : eradicate, eliminate, wipe out

(1) **exterminate** pests, (2) **exterminate** communism

The government **exterminated** the invasive species to protect native plants and animals.

### extremist

*n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

*synonym* : radical, fanatic, zealot

(1) **extremist** political views, (2) radical **extremist**

The **extremist** group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.

### militia

*n.* a military force comprised of trained soldiers who are usually a citizen or have other jobs

*synonym* : reserves

(1) **militia** groups, (2) armed **militia**

**Militia** suddenly occupied the presidential palace.

## bury

*v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

*synonym*: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

## newsworthy

*adj.* worthy of being reported in the news; interesting or important enough to be of public interest or noteworthy

*synonym*: newswaking, noteworthy, important

(1) **newsworthy** event, (2) **newsworthy** announcement

The scandal was deemed **newsworthy** by every major media outlet in the country.

## congressperson

*n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

*synonym*: lawmaker, politician, representative

(1) hawkish **congressperson**, (2) former **congressperson**

The term of a **congressperson** is two years.

## denunciation

*n.* the act of publicly condemning or criticizing something or someone, often done with strong disapproval or accusation

*synonym*: condemnation, criticism, censure

(1) public **denunciation**, (2) fierce **denunciation**

The diplomat's **denunciation** of the terrorist attack was a strong statement of condemnation from the international community.

## 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.

## gorilla

*n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face

*synonym* : ape, chimpanzee, orangutan

(1) **gorilla** habitat, (2) endangered **gorilla**

The **gorilla** at the zoo impressed visitors with its size and strength.

## groom

*v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married

*synonym* : brush, comb, neaten

(1) **groom** duties, (2) **groom** a horse

I need to **groom** my dog before his fur gets too long.

## catastrophe

*n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

*synonym* : disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate **catastrophe**

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

## 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.

## destine

*v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

*synonym* : ordain, doom, predestine

(1) **destine** us to meet again, (2) be **destined** to become a great artist

Some people believe that we are all **destined** for greatness.

## apartheid

*n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors

*synonym* : segregation, discrimination, oppression

(1) **apartheid** system, (2) **apartheid** policies

The South African government enforced **apartheid** laws that segregated people based on race.

## devote

*v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

*synonym* : commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

## evangelical

*adj.* relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church

*synonym* : proselytizing, evangelistic, missionary

(1) **evangelical** mission, (2) **evangelical** Christian group

The **evangelical** pastor delivered a powerful sermon to his congregation.

## Jewish

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

*synonym* : Judaic

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

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

## cacophonous

*adj.* producing a harsh, discordant, or unpleasant mixture of sounds; characterized by a loud and jarring noise

*synonym* : discordant, noisy, raucous

(1) **cacophonous** noise, (2) **cacophonous** city streets

The **cacophonous** chorus of the morning market created an overwhelming yet lively ambiance.

## **mislead**

*v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true

*synonym* : misinform, delude, belie

(1) **mislead** him into trusting her, (2) **mislead** the enemy

Our troops pulled back to **mislead** the enemy.

## **congeal**

*v.* to solidify or thicken, especially by cooling or freezing; to become firm or solid, often referring to a liquid or substance

*synonym* : solidify, coagulate, freeze

(1) **congeal** into a solid mass, (2) **congeal** liquid

The blood began to **congeal** as it dried in the wound.

## **heroic**

*adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

*synonym* : brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

## **upstander**

*n.* a person who takes positive and proactive action against injustice or wrongdoing rather than being a bystander or remaining passive

*synonym* : advocate, supporter, defender

(1) brave **upstander**, (2) **upstander** behavior

Teachers can encourage their students to be **upstanders** by teaching them about empathy and the importance of standing up for others.

## **bystander**

*n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene

*synonym* : spectator, observer, witness

(1) innocent **bystander**, (2) shocked **bystander**

The **bystander** effect is a phenomenon where people are less likely to intervene in an emergency if others are present.

## **divest**

*v.* to strip or rid oneself of something; to deprive or dispossess someone of a possession, title, or right

*synonym*: divestiture, strip, rid

(1) **divest** assets, (2) **divest** from fossil fuels

The company decided to **divest** its holdings in the fossil fuel industry.

## **kitsch**

*n.* art, objects, or design considered to be tasteless and overly sentimental, often produced to appeal to popular or commercial taste rather than for artistic value

*synonym*: schlock, sentimentality

(1) **kitsch** art, (2) **kitsch** decor

The garden gnome statue is cheesy **kitsch**, but some people love that style.

## **apolitical**

*adj.* not related to or involving politics or political affairs; free from political beliefs, bias, or affiliation

*synonym*: nonpartisan, impartial, unbiased

(1) **apolitical** stance, (2) **apolitical** organization

The nonprofit organization remains **apolitical** and does not endorse any political candidates.

## **senator**

*n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

*synonym*: legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

## **energize**

*v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

*synonym*: invigorate, animate, electrify

(1) **energize** the body, (2) **energize** a team

The motivational speaker **energized** the crowd with their words.

## diplomat

*n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

*synonym* : envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

## displace

*v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

*synonym* : evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

## peacekeeping

*n.* the act of maintaining peace, especially in conflict-prone regions or between hostile groups, usually through the deployment of a neutral military force or diplomatic initiatives

*synonym* : peacebuilding, peacemaking, reconciliation

(1) **peacekeeping** efforts, (2) **peacekeeping** force

The **peacekeeping** mission in the war-torn country was challenging but necessary.

## horseback

*n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse

*synonym* : equestrian, horse riding, mounted

(1) **horseback** trek, (2) **horseback** adventure

We went on a scenic trail ride on **horseback** through the mountains.

## 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.

## firewood

*n.* wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes

*synonym* : fire logs, fire sticks, kindling

(1) chop **firewood**, (2) stacks of **firewood**

My neighbor gave me some extra **firewood** from their own supply.

## edible

*adj.* fit or safe to be eaten; able to be consumed as food

*synonym* : esculent, comestible, digestible

(1) non- **edible** ingredients, (2) **edible** vegetables

I made sure to pick only **edible** mushrooms for our dinner.

## 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**.

## 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.

## unfold

*v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

*synonym* : open, spread out, expose



(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

## compatriot

*n.* a fellow citizen or countryman; someone who belongs to the same country, society, or community as oneself; a person with similar interests, beliefs, or values

*synonym*: fellow citizen, national, associate

(1) **compatriot** soldier, (2) fellow **compatriot**

My soccer team played against my **compatriot's** team in the local tournament.

## gravitation

*n.* the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass

*synonym*: attraction, pull, gravity

(1) terrestrial **gravitation**, (2) universal **gravitation**

The force of **gravitation** keeps the planets in our solar system in orbit around the sun.

## nuke

*v.* (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile

*synonym*: blast, bomb, attack

(1) **nuke** a city, (2) **nuke** missile

The government threatened to **nuke** the enemy territory if they didn't surrender.

## bureaucracy

*n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

*synonym*: administration, government, system

(1) government **bureaucracy**, (2) arbitrary **bureaucracy**

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

## orient

v. to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

*synonym* : position, align, adjust

(1) **orient** my thinking, (2) the exotic flavor of the **Orient**  
She took a moment to **orient** herself in the unfamiliar city.

## legitimacy

n. the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason

*synonym* : legality, lawfulness, authenticity

(1) democratic **legitimacy**, (2) challenge the **legitimacy**  
I'm going to deny the **legitimacy** of his claim.

## denounce

v. to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone

*synonym* : condemn, disapprove, criticize

(1) **denounce** a statement, (2) **denounce** a heresy  
He **denounced** the actions of the corrupt official.

## alibi

n. a claim or piece of evidence that shows an individual was elsewhere at the time a crime or offense was committed and thus could not have been involved

*synonym* : excuse, defense, justification

(1) airtight **alibi**, (2) provide an **alibi**  
The suspect claimed to have an **alibi** at the time of the crime, but the evidence proved otherwise.

## roost

n. a place where birds rest or sleep, typically on a branch or in a birdhouse or coop

*synonym* : perch, nest, roosting place

(1) wild **roost**, (2) bird **roost**  
The chickens return to their **roost** at sunset every night.

## loot

v. steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder

*synonym* :

plunder, pillage, rob

(1) **loot** the ship, (2) war **loot**

The bandits **looted** the small town, leaving it in ruins.

## ingenious

*adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill

*synonym*: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) **ingenious** device, (2) **ingenious** idea

I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so **ingenious**.

## moth

*n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

## adrenaline

*n.* (also "epinephrine") a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger

*synonym*: epinephrine

(1) **adrenaline** receptor, (2) **adrenaline** addiction

The band has released a lot of **adrenaline-pumping** rock music.

## masquerade

*n.* a party, dance, or other festive gatherings of persons wearing masks and other disguises, or a costume worn on such an occasion; making a false outward show

*synonym*: disguise, pretense, facade

(1) show up in a **masquerade**, (2) absurd **masquerade**

The **masquerade** party was lavish, with guests in elaborate costumes and masks.

## idealist

*n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

*synonym*: dreamer, idealizer, visionary

(1) **idealist** at heart, (2) an **idealist** perspective

As a dedicated **idealist**, she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.

## decathlon

*n.* a combined event in athletics consisting of ten track and field events

(1) **decathlon** athlete, (2) put himself in for the **decathlon**

He won Olympic gold medals in the **decathlon**.

## troubleshoot

*v.* to identify and solve problems or difficulties, particularly in mechanical or technical systems or situations

*synonym*: diagnose, fix, repair

(1) **troubleshoot** network issues, (2) **troubleshoot** software problems

I need to **troubleshoot** why my computer keeps freezing.

## colonize

*v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

*synonym*: settle, occupy, inhabit

(1) **colonize** planets, (2) **colonize** for cultivation

European powers **colonized** much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

## outflow

*n.* the leakage of fluid from a container; a natural flow of groundwater

*synonym*: discharge, outpouring, gush

(1) **outflow** fluid, (2) **outflow** of capital

After the valves were closed, the **outflow** halted.

## invade

*v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

*synonym*: intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

## overrun

- v. to invade or occupy a place or territory by force, especially in large numbers; (noun) the act of taking control or overwhelming something or someone

*synonym* : invade, conquer, occupy

(1) **overrun** an area, (2) garden **overrun** with weeds

The invading army quickly may **overrun** the small country and took control of its capital city.

## barrack

- v. to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel

*synonym* : house, lodge, cheer

(1) **barrack** room, (2) **barrack** the opposing team

The soldiers were instructed to **barrack** in the buildings until further notice.

## sectarian

- adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints

*synonym* : denominational, factional, partisan

(1) **sectarian** violence, (2) **sectarian** tension

The political campaign descended into a **sectarian** battle between rival parties.

## balk

- v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

*synonym* : hesitate, recoil, shy away

(1) **balk** at extra work, (2) **balk** in fear

After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't **balk** at trying again.

## 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.

## pluck

*v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

*synonym*: grab, pull out, pick

(1) **pluck** a gray hair, (2) **pluck** out weeds

She **plucked** the flowers off the bush.

## spigot

*n.* a valve or faucet used to control the flow of liquid from a container or pipe

*synonym*: faucet, tap, valve

(1) shut off the **spigot**, (2) open the **spigot**

The **spigot** on the outdoor faucet was leaking and needed to be fixed.

## sharpen

*v.* to make something, usually a blade or point, sharp or sharper; to enhance or improve the clarity, focus, or effectiveness of something

*synonym*: hone, enhance, improve

(1) **sharpen** your focus, (2) **sharpen** a pencil

I must **sharpen** my knives before cooking to ensure precise and efficient cutting.

## jerry

*adj.* a slang term referring to something that is improvised, makeshift, or of poor quality; jerry-rigged

*synonym*: deceptive, deceitful, dishonest

(1) **jerry-built** foundation, (2) **jerry-made** toy

The **jerry-rigged** repair was only a temporary solution to the problem.

## viceroys

*n.* a governor appointed to rule a country or province in the name of a monarch

*synonym*: governor, regent, ruler

(1) the position of **viceroys**, (2) appointed **viceroys**  
The notable **viceroys** ruled over the colony on behalf of the king.

### reticent

*adj.* disposed to be silent or uncommunicative; restrained or reluctant to speak; inclined to keep one's thoughts or feelings to oneself

*synonym*: reserved, quiet, introverted

(1) **reticent** nature, (2) **reticent** response

He was always **reticent** about his personal life and rarely shared any details with others.

### receptacle

*n.* a container or device used to receive or hold something; a place where things are deposited or collected

*synonym*: container, holder, vessel

(1) **receptacle** for liquids, (2) flower **receptacle**

The recycling bin is the designated **receptacle** for all plastic and paper waste.

### rubble

*n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed

*synonym*: debris, ruins, wreckage

(1) clear away **rubble**, (2) **rubble-strewn** road

After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of **rubble**.

### stateless

*adj.* having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government

*synonym*: without citizenship, homeless

(1) become **stateless**, (2) **stateless** person

The **stateless** refugees were not allowed to enter the country.

### muster

*v.* to gather, assemble, or bring together a group of people or things; to collect or summon for a specific purpose or mission

*synonym* : gather, assemble, rally

(1) **muster** the troops, (2) **muster** the resources

The team needed to **muster** all their energy and focus to win the game.

## headquarter

*n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

*synonym* : base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency

## headquarter

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

## pulley

*n.* a wheel or set of wheels with a grooved rim around which a cord or rope runs, used to change the direction or point of application of a force, especially to lift heavy objects

*synonym* : block and tackle, hoist, lift

(1) **pulley** system, (2) movable **pulley**

The construction worker used a fixed **pulley** to lift the heavy equipment to the top floor.

## quiver

*v.* to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion

*synonym* : shake, tremble, shiver

(1) **quiver** in the breeze, (2) **quiver** with excitement

The archer's hands **quivered** as he aimed the arrow at the target.

## shepherd

*n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

*synonym* : herder, flock-keeper, sheepdog

(1) **shepherd** boy, (2) sheep without a **shepherd**

The **shepherd's** dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.



## crane

*n.* a large, tall machine used for moving heavy objects by suspending them from a beam or hook

*synonym*: hoist, derrick, winch

(1) **crane** operator, (2) **crane** construction

The construction workers used a **crane** to lift the heavy beams.

## grapple

*v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

*synonym*: brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

## viol

*n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

*synonym*: viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

## obsequious

*adj.* excessively obedient or attentive to someone in a servile or ingratiating manner; overly eager to please or gain favor

*synonym*: servile, subservient, fawning

(1) **obsequious** flattery, (2) **obsequious** behavior

The **obsequious** waiter constantly showered the wealthy customer with compliments and excessive attention.

## adversary

*n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

*synonym*: opponent, enemy, foe

(1) **adversary** team, (2) political **adversary**

The boxer's toughest **adversary** was his fear of losing.

## wrongdoing

*n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action

*synonym*: misconduct, crime, offense

(1) an accusation of **wrongdoing**, (2) willful **wrongdoing**

The CEO of the company denied any **wrongdoing** while admitting to mismanagement.

## takeaway

*n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

*synonym*: conclusion, message, insight

(1) **takeaway** pizza, (2) **takeaway** message

The main **takeaway** from the meeting was the need for better communication.

## espouse

*v.* to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause; to take up or support; to marry

*synonym*: adopt, support, embrace

(1) **espouse** a cause, (2) **espouse** an idea

She **espoused** the philosophy of non-violence.

## reverence

*n.* a deep respect for someone or something

*synonym*: respect, honor, awe

(1) **reverence** for tradition, (2) pay **reverence** to him

The people of the village showed great **reverence** for the elderly.

## affront

*n.* an action or statement that causes offense or disrespect to someone's dignity or honor; a deliberate insult or slight; (verb) to insult or offend someone intentionally, often by showing disrespect or disregard for their feelings, beliefs, or social norms

*synonym*: insult, offense, slight

(1) **affront** his pride, (2) **affront** to reputation

The rude remark was an **affront** to her dignity.

## boast

*v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction

*synonym*: show off, brag, bluster

(1) **boast** of his success, (2) **boast** a long history

This town **boasts** a national park.

## inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

*synonym* : shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

## calibrate

v. to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

*synonym* : adjust, fine-tune

(1) **calibrate** machinery, (2) **calibrate** measurements

It's important to **calibrate** the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.

## humility

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

*synonym* : humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

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

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

## mend

v. to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged

*synonym* : fix, repair, rectify

(1) **mend** broken relationship, (2) **mend** my ways

He **mended** the torn shirt with a needle and thread.

## paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

*synonym* : immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

## embolden

v. to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief

*synonym* : encourage, inspire, empower

(1) **embolden** the opposition, (2) **embolden** a country's leadership

She was **emboldened** by her success and decided to take on a more significant challenge.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. provide an al__i        | <i>n.</i> a claim or piece of evidence that shows an individual was elsewhere at the time a crime or offense was committed and thus could not have been involved                             |
| 2. in___e other tissues    | <i>v.</i> to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation   |
| 3. ki___h decor            | <i>n.</i> art, objects, or design considered to be tasteless and overly sentimental, often produced to appeal to popular or commercial taste rather than for artistic value                  |
| 4. apo_____al organization | <i>adj.</i> not related to or involving politics or political affairs; free from political beliefs, bias, or affiliation   |
| 5. ad_____ry team          | <i>n.</i> a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent   |
| 6. pea_____ing efforts     | <i>n.</i> the act of maintaining peace, especially in conflict-prone regions or between hostile groups, usually through the deployment of a neutral military force or diplomatic initiatives |
| 7. b__y emotion            | <i>v.</i> to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb   |
| 8. appointed vi_____y      | <i>n.</i> a governor appointed to rule a country or province in the name of a monarch  |

ANSWERS: 1. alibi, 2. invade, 3. kitsch, 4. apolitical, 5. adversary, 6. peacekeeping, 7. bury, 8. viceroy

9. mi\_\_\_\_a groups *n.* a military force comprised of trained soldiers who are usually a citizen or have other jobs
10. develop an attitude of hu\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
11. 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
12. chop fi\_\_\_\_od *n.* wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes
13. b\_\_y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
14. eva\_\_\_\_al mission *adj.* relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church
15. ru\_\_\_e-strewn road *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
16. v\_\_l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
17. es\_\_\_\_e an idea *v.* to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause; to take up or support; to marry

ANSWERS: 9. militia, 10. humility, 11. ape, 12. firewood, 13. bury, 14. evangelical, 15. rubble, 16. viol, 17. espouse

18. mi\_\_\_\_d the enemy      *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
19. fierce den\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the act of publicly condemning or criticizing something or someone, often done with strong disapproval or accusation
20. he\_\_\_\_c explorers      *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
21. 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
22. a po\_\_\_\_\_c decision      *adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions
23. re\_\_\_\_\_nt nature      *adj.* disposed to be silent or uncommunicative; restrained or reluctant to speak; inclined to keep one's thoughts or feelings to oneself
24. di\_\_\_\_t assets      *v.* to strip or rid oneself of something; to deprive or dispossess someone of a possession, title, or right
25. id\_\_\_\_\_st at heart      *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

ANSWERS: 18. mislead, 19. denunciation, 20. heroic, 21. steppe, 22. politic, 23. reticent, 24. divest, 25. idealist

26. pa\_\_\_\_ze a city      *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
27. re\_\_\_\_nt response      *adj.* disposed to be silent or uncommunicative; restrained or reluctant to speak; inclined to keep one's thoughts or feelings to oneself
28. ou\_\_\_\_w of capital      *n.* the leakage of fluid from a container; a natural flow of groundwater
29. m\_\_d my ways      *v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
30. innocent by\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
31. political ad\_\_\_\_ry      *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
32. lack of hu\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
33. je\_\_y-made toy      *adj.* a slang term referring to something that is improvised, makeshift, or of poor quality; jerry-rigged
34. b\_\_k at extra work      *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
35. ki\_\_h art      *n.* art, objects, or design considered to be tasteless and overly sentimental, often produced to appeal to popular or commercial taste rather than for artistic value

ANSWERS: 26. paralyze, 27. reticent, 28. outflow, 29. mend, 30. bystander, 31. adversary, 32. humility, 33. jerry, 34. balk, 35. kitsch



36. challenge the leg\_\_\_\_\_cy                    *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
37. shut off the sp\_\_\_\_\_t                    *n.* a valve or faucet used to control the flow of liquid from a container or pipe
38. rec\_\_\_\_\_le for liquids                    *n.* a container or device used to receive or hold something; a place where things are deposited or collected
39. become st\_\_\_\_\_ss                    *adj.* having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government
40. ho\_\_\_\_\_ck adventure                    *n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse
41. in\_\_\_\_\_t under the skin                    *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
42. un\_\_\_\_\_d the stroller                    *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
43. administrative hea\_\_\_\_\_er                    *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
44. co\_\_\_\_\_l into a solid mass                    *v.* to solidify or thicken, especially by cooling or freezing; to become firm or solid, often referring to a liquid or substance
45. su\_\_\_\_\_e leather                    *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

ANSWERS: 36. legitimacy, 37. spigot, 38. receptacle, 39. stateless, 40. horseback, 41. inject, 42. unfold, 43. headquarter, 44. congeal, 45. supple

46. garden ov\_\_\_\_\_n with weeds      *v.* to invade or occupy a place or territory by force, especially in large numbers; (noun) the act of taking control or overwhelming something or someone
47. cr\_\_e construction      *n.* a large, tall machine used for moving heavy objects by suspending them from a beam or hook
48. ap\_\_\_\_\_id policies      *n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
49. wild ro\_\_t      *n.* a place where birds rest or sleep, typically on a branch or in a birdhouse or coop
50. 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.
51. sh\_\_\_\_\_n a pencil      *v.* to make something, usually a blade or point, sharp or sharper; to enhance or improve the clarity, focus, or effectiveness of something
52. democratic leg\_\_\_\_\_cy      *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
53. ca\_\_\_\_\_te machinery      *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

ANSWERS: 46. overrun, 47. crane, 48. apartheid, 49. roost, 50. troop, 51. sharpen, 52. legitimacy, 53. calibrate

54. ov\_\_\_\_\_n an area v. to invade or occupy a place or territory by force, especially in large numbers; (noun) the act of taking control or overwhelming something or someone
55. be de\_\_\_\_\_ed to become a great artist v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
56. an emergency hea\_\_\_\_\_er n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
57. go\_\_\_\_\_a habitat n. a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face
58. adr\_\_\_\_\_ne receptor n. (also "epinephrine") a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger
59. flower rec\_\_\_\_\_le n. a container or device used to receive or hold something; a place where things are deposited or collected
60. ex\_\_\_\_\_st political views n. a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
61. n\_\_e missile v. (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile

ANSWERS: 54. overrun, 55. destine, 56. headquarter, 57. gorilla, 58. adrenaline, 59. receptacle, 60. extremist, 61. nuke

62. new\_\_\_\_\_hy announcement *adj.* worthy of being reported in the news; interesting or important enough to be of public interest or noteworthy
63. eva\_\_\_\_\_al Christian group *adj.* relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church
64. de\_\_\_\_\_e us to meet again *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
65. commit at\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
66. ou\_\_\_\_\_w fluid *n.* the leakage of fluid from a container; a natural flow of groundwater
67. hunting sp\_\_r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
68. public den\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of publicly condemning or criticizing something or someone, often done with strong disapproval or accusation
69. the position of vi\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a governor appointed to rule a country or province in the name of a monarch
70. de\_\_\_\_\_ce a heresy *v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone

ANSWERS: 62. newsworthy, 63. evangelical, 64. destine, 65. atrocity, 66. outflow, 67. spear, 68. denunciation, 69. viceroy, 70. denounce

71. apo\_\_\_\_\_al stance *adj.* not related to or involving politics or political affairs; free from political beliefs, bias, or affiliation
72. cat\_\_\_\_\_he risk management *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
73. es\_\_\_\_\_e a cause *v.* to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause; to take up or support; to marry
74. obs\_\_\_\_\_us flattery *adj.* excessively obedient or attentive to someone in a servile or ingratiating manner; overly eager to please or gain favor
75. ed\_\_\_e vegetables *adj.* fit or safe to be eaten; able to be consumed as food
76. ext\_\_\_\_\_te pests *v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds
77. di\_\_\_\_\_ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
78. in\_\_\_t a personal opinion into a debate *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
79. in\_\_\_e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
80. ta\_\_\_\_\_ay message *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

ANSWERS: 71. apolitical, 72. catastrophe, 73. espouse, 74. obsequious, 75. edible, 76. exterminate, 77. displace, 78. inject, 79. invade, 80. takeaway

81. the exotic flavor of the Or\_\_\_t      *v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
82. di\_\_\_t from fossil fuels      *v.* to strip or rid oneself of something; to deprive or dispossess someone of a possession, title, or right
83. an accusation of wro\_\_\_\_\_ng      *n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
84. ca\_\_\_\_\_te measurements      *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
85. sheep without a sh\_\_\_\_\_rd      *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
86. absurd mas\_\_\_\_\_de      *n.* a party, dance, or other festive gatherings of persons wearing masks and other disguises, or a costume worn on such an occasion; making a false outward show
87. 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
88. brave up\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a person who takes positive and proactive action against injustice or wrongdoing rather than being a bystander or remaining passive
89. movable pu\_\_\_y      *n.* a wheel or set of wheels with a grooved rim around which a cord or rope runs, used to change the direction or point of application of a force, especially to lift heavy objects

ANSWERS: 81. orient, 82. divest, 83. wrongdoing, 84. calibrate, 85. shepherd, 86. masquerade, 87. spear, 88. upstander, 89. pulley

90. allied di\_\_\_\_at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
91. de\_\_\_\_ce a statement *v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
92. mi\_\_\_\_d him into trusting her *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
93. pa\_\_\_\_ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
94. bird ro\_\_t *n.* a place where birds rest or sleep, typically on a branch or in a birdhouse or coop
95. co\_\_\_\_ze for cultivation *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
96. former con\_\_\_\_\_son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
97. bo\_\_t a long history *v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
98. willful wro\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
99. terrestrial gra\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass

ANSWERS: 90. diplomat, 91. denounce, 92. mislead, 93. paralyze, 94. roost, 95. colonize, 96. congressperson, 97. boast, 98. wrongdoing, 99. gravitation

100. armed mi\_\_\_\_a *n.* a military force comprised of trained soldiers who are usually a citizen or have other jobs
101. b\_\_k in fear *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
102. de\_\_\_e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
103. ap\_\_\_\_\_id system *n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
104. put himself in for the de\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a combined event in athletics consisting of ten track and field events
105. open the sp\_\_\_\_t *n.* a valve or faucet used to control the flow of liquid from a container or pipe
106. war l\_\_t *v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
107. em\_\_\_\_\_en a country's leadership *v.* to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief
108. se\_\_\_\_\_r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

ANSWERS: 100. militia, 101. balk, 102. devote, 103. apartheid, 104. decathlon, 105. spigot, 106. loot, 107. embolden, 108. senator



109. l\_\_t the ship      *v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
110. junior se\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
111. gr\_\_\_\_e with problem      *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
112. universal gra\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass
113. airtight al\_\_i      *n.* a claim or piece of evidence that shows an individual was elsewhere at the time a crime or offense was committed and thus could not have been involved
114. com\_\_\_\_ot soldier      *n.* a fellow citizen or countryman; someone who belongs to the same country, society, or community as oneself; a person with similar interests, beliefs, or values
115. de\_\_\_e all of my energies      *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
116. se\_\_\_\_an violence      *adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints

ANSWERS: 109. loot, 110. senator, 111. grapple, 112. gravitation, 113. alibi, 114. compatriot, 115. devote, 116. sectarian

117. pl\_\_k out weeds *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
118. af\_\_\_\_\_t to reputation *n.* an action or statement that causes offense or disrespect to someone's dignity or honor; a deliberate insult or slight; (verb) to insult or offend someone intentionally, often by showing disrespect or disregard for their feelings, beliefs, or social norms
119. in\_\_\_\_\_us device *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
120. government bur\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
121. n\_\_e a city *v.* (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile
122. de\_\_\_\_\_on athlete *n.* a combined event in athletics consisting of ten track and field events
123. af\_\_\_\_\_t his pride *n.* an action or statement that causes offense or disrespect to someone's dignity or honor; a deliberate insult or slight; (verb) to insult or offend someone intentionally, often by showing disrespect or disregard for their feelings, beliefs, or social norms

ANSWERS: 117. pluck, 118. affront, 119. ingenious, 120. bureaucracy, 121. nuke, 122. decathlon, 123. affront

124. ba\_\_\_\_k the opposing team      *v.* to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel
125. heal the body po\_\_\_\_c      *adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions
126. shocked by\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
127. re\_\_\_\_ce for tradition      *n.* a deep respect for someone or something
128. radical ex\_\_\_\_st      *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
129. arbitrary bur\_\_\_\_cy      *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
130. qu\_\_\_\_r in the breeze      *v.* to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion
131. co\_\_\_\_ze planets      *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
132. pl\_\_k a gray hair      *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

ANSWERS: 124. barrack, 125. politic, 126. bystander, 127. reverence, 128. extremist, 129. bureaucracy, 130. quiver, 131. colonize, 132. pluck

133. avoid climate cat\_\_\_\_\_he *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
134. or\_\_\_\_t my thinking *v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
135. se\_\_\_\_\_an tension *adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints
136. pay re\_\_\_\_\_ce to him *n.* a deep respect for someone or something
137. clear away ru\_\_\_\_e *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
138. gr\_\_\_\_\_e with each other *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
139. en\_\_\_\_\_ze the body *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
140. je\_\_y-built foundation *adj.* a slang term referring to something that is improvised, makeshift, or of poor quality; jerry-rigged
141. ext\_\_\_\_\_te communism *v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds
142. adr\_\_\_\_\_ne addiction *n.* (also "epinephrine") a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger

ANSWERS: 133. catastrophe, 134. orient, 135. sectarian, 136. reverence, 137. rubble, 138. grapple, 139. energize, 140. jerry, 141. exterminate, 142. adrenaline

143. cold-blooded at\_\_\_\_ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
144. obs\_\_\_\_\_us behavior *adj.* excessively obedient or attentive to someone in a servile or ingratiating manner; overly eager to please or gain favor
145. v\_\_l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
146. 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
147. em\_\_\_\_\_en the opposition *v.* to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief
148. ta\_\_\_\_\_ay pizza *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
149. ho\_\_\_\_\_ck trek *n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse
150. tro\_\_\_\_\_oot software problems *v.* to identify and solve problems or difficulties, particularly in mechanical or technical systems or situations
151. pea\_\_\_\_\_ing force *n.* the act of maintaining peace, especially in conflict-prone regions or between hostile groups, usually through the deployment of a neutral military force or diplomatic initiatives

ANSWERS: 143. atrocity, 144. obsequious, 145. viol, 146. steppe, 147. embolden, 148. takeaway, 149. horseback, 150. troubleshoot, 151. peacekeeping

152. mu\_\_\_r the troops      *v.* to gather, assemble, or bring together a group of people or things; to collect or summon for a specific purpose or mission
153. m\_\_h larva      *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
154. new\_\_\_\_\_hy event      *adj.* worthy of being reported in the news; interesting or important enough to be of public interest or noteworthy
155. en\_\_\_\_\_ze a team      *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
156. gr\_\_m duties      *v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married
157. non-ed\_\_\_e ingredients      *adj.* fit or safe to be eaten; able to be consumed as food
158. expel a di\_\_\_\_\_at      *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
159. Je\_\_\_h culture      *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
160. st\_\_\_\_\_ss person      *adj.* having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government

ANSWERS: 152. muster, 153. moth, 154. newsworthy, 155. energize, 156. groom, 157. edible, 158. diplomat, 159. Jewish, 160. stateless

161. 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.
162. co\_\_\_\_\_l liquid      *v.* to solidify or thicken, especially by cooling or freezing; to become firm or solid, often referring to a liquid or substance
163. stacks of fi\_\_\_\_\_od      *n.* wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes
164. su\_\_\_e muscles      *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
165. ba\_\_\_\_\_k room      *v.* to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel
166. cr\_\_e operator      *n.* a large, tall machine used for moving heavy objects by suspending them from a beam or hook
167. pu\_\_\_y system      *n.* a wheel or set of wheels with a grooved rim around which a cord or rope runs, used to change the direction or point of application of a force, especially to lift heavy objects
168. di\_\_\_\_\_ce workers      *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

ANSWERS: 161. troop, 162. congeal, 163. firewood, 164. supple, 165. barrack, 166. crane, 167. pulley, 168. displace

169. mu\_\_\_r the resources      *v.* to gather, assemble, or bring together a group of people or things; to collect or summon for a specific purpose or mission
170. an id\_\_\_\_\_st perspective      *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
171. up\_\_\_\_\_er behavior      *n.* a person who takes positive and proactive action against injustice or wrongdoing rather than being a bystander or remaining passive
172. cac\_\_\_\_\_us noise      *adj.* producing a harsh, discordant, or unpleasant mixture of sounds; characterized by a loud and jarring noise
173. sh\_\_\_\_\_n your focus      *v.* to make something, usually a blade or point, sharp or sharper; to enhance or improve the clarity, focus, or effectiveness of something
174. 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
175. fellow com\_\_\_\_\_ot      *n.* a fellow citizen or countryman; someone who belongs to the same country, society, or community as oneself; a person with similar interests, beliefs, or values

ANSWERS: 169. muster, 170. idealist, 171. upstander, 172. cacophonous, 173. sharpen, 174. ape, 175. compatriot



176. qu\_\_\_r with excitement      *v.* to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion
177. un\_\_\_d the story      *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
178. a he\_\_\_c poem      *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
179. bo\_\_t of his success      *v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
180. sh\_\_\_\_\_rd boy      *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
181. gr\_\_m a horse      *v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married
182. tro\_\_\_\_\_oot network issues      *v.* to identify and solve problems or difficulties, particularly in mechanical or technical systems or situations
183. endangered go\_\_\_\_\_a      *n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face

ANSWERS: 176. quiver, 177. unfold, 178. heroic, 179. boast, 180. shepherd, 181. groom, 182. troubleshoot, 183. gorilla

184. m\_\_h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
185. in\_\_\_\_\_us idea *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
186. hawkish con\_\_\_\_\_son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
187. cac\_\_\_\_\_us city streets *adj.* producing a harsh, discordant, or unpleasant mixture of sounds; characterized by a loud and jarring noise
188. m\_\_d broken relationship *v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
189. show up in a mas\_\_\_\_\_de *n.* a party, dance, or other festive gatherings of persons wearing masks and other disguises, or a costume worn on such an occasion; making a false outward show
190. Je\_\_\_h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

ANSWERS: 184. moth, 185. ingenious, 186. congressperson, 187. cacophonous, 188. mend, 189. masquerade, 190. Jewish

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The construction of the new dam will \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of families living downstream.
  - v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
2. I have no intention to \_\_\_\_\_ your privacy.
  - v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a serious threat to the farm's output.
  - n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
4. The suspect claimed to have an \_\_\_\_\_ at the time of the crime, but the evidence proved otherwise.
  - n. a claim or piece of evidence that shows an individual was elsewhere at the time a crime or offense was committed and thus could not have been involved
5. The force of \_\_\_\_\_ keeps the planets in our solar system in orbit around the sun.
  - n. the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ refugees were not allowed to enter the country.
  - adj. having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government
7. The chickens return to their \_\_\_\_\_ at sunset every night.
  - n. a place where birds rest or sleep, typically on a branch or in a birdhouse or coop

ANSWERS: 1. displace, 2. invade, 3. moth, 4. alibi, 5. gravitation, 6. stateless, 7. roost

8. The blood began to \_\_\_\_\_ as it dried in the wound.
- v. to solidify or thicken, especially by cooling or freezing; to become firm or solid, often referring to a liquid or substance
9. The people of the village showed great \_\_\_\_\_ for the elderly.
- n. a deep respect for someone or something
10. The archer's hands \_\_\_\_\_ as he aimed the arrow at the target.
- v. to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion
11. The government \_\_\_\_\_ the invasive species to protect native plants and animals.
- v. to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds
12. The construction worker used a fixed \_\_\_\_\_ to lift the heavy equipment to the top floor.
- n. a wheel or set of wheels with a grooved rim around which a cord or rope runs, used to change the direction or point of application of a force, especially to lift heavy objects
13. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my dog before his fur gets too long.
- v. to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married
14. She \_\_\_\_\_ the philosophy of non-violence.
- v. to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause; to take up or support; to marry

ANSWERS: 8. congeal, 9. reverence, 10. quivered, 11. exterminated, 12. pulley, 13. groom, 14. espoused

15. The South African government enforced \_\_\_\_\_ laws that segregated people based on race.
- n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
16. This town \_\_\_\_\_ a national park.
- v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
17. There is plenty of space to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.
- v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
18. After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't \_\_\_\_\_ at trying again.
- v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ effect is a phenomenon where people are less likely to intervene in an emergency if others are present.
- n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
20. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ why my computer keeps freezing.
- v.* to identify and solve problems or difficulties, particularly in mechanical or technical systems or situations
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the zoo impressed visitors with its size and strength.
- n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face

ANSWERS: 15. apartheid, 16. boasts, 17. bury, 18. balk, 19. bystander, 20. troubleshoot, 21. gorilla

22. The \_\_\_\_\_ dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.
- n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
23. He was always \_\_\_\_\_ about his personal life and rarely shared any details with others.
- adj.* disposed to be silent or uncommunicative; restrained or reluctant to speak; inclined to keep one's thoughts or feelings to oneself
24. The \_\_\_\_\_ group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.
- n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
25. The recycling bin is the designated \_\_\_\_\_ for all plastic and paper waste.
- n.* a container or device used to receive or hold something; a place where things are deposited or collected
26. The diplomat's \_\_\_\_\_ of the terrorist attack was a strong statement of condemnation from the international community.
- n.* the act of publicly condemning or criticizing something or someone, often done with strong disapproval or accusation
27. Our troops pulled back to \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy.
- v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
28. The rude remark was an \_\_\_\_\_ to her dignity.
- n.* an action or statement that causes offense or disrespect to someone's dignity or honor; a deliberate insult or slight; (verb) to insult or offend someone intentionally, often by showing disrespect or disregard for their feelings, beliefs, or social norms

ANSWERS: 22. shepherd's, 23. reticent, 24. extremist, 25. receptacle, 26. denunciation, 27. mislead, 28. affront

29. 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
30. As a dedicated \_\_\_\_\_ she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.  
*n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
31. I made sure to pick only \_\_\_\_\_ mushrooms for our dinner.  
*adj.* fit or safe to be eaten; able to be consumed as food
32. The \_\_\_\_\_ repair was only a temporary solution to the problem.  
*adj.* a slang term referring to something that is improvised, makeshift, or of poor quality; jerry-rigged
33. He \_\_\_\_\_ the actions of the corrupt official.  
*v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
34. I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ pastor delivered a powerful sermon to his congregation.  
*adj.* relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church
36. He \_\_\_\_\_ the torn shirt with a needle and thread.  
*v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged

ANSWERS: 29. spears, 30. idealist, 31. edible, 32. jerry-rigged, 33. denounced, 34. ingenious, 35. evangelical, 36. mended

37. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.
- v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
38. Teachers can encourage their students to be \_\_\_\_\_ by teaching them about empathy and the importance of standing up for others.
- n.* a person who takes positive and proactive action against injustice or wrongdoing rather than being a bystander or remaining passive
39. She \_\_\_\_\_ the flowers off the bush.
- v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
40. 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
41. My friend is a \_\_\_\_\_ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
- adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
42. The \_\_\_\_\_ party was lavish, with guests in elaborate costumes and masks.
- n.* a party, dance, or other festive gatherings of persons wearing masks and other disguises, or a costume worn on such an occasion; making a false outward show
43. European powers \_\_\_\_\_ much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.
- v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

ANSWERS: 37. calibrate, 38. upstanders, 39. plucked, 40. steppe, 41. Jewish, 42. masquerade, 43. colonized



44. My neighbor gave me some extra \_\_\_\_\_ from their own supply.  
*n.* wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes
45. The senior \_\_\_\_\_ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.  
*n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
46. The boxer's toughest \_\_\_\_\_ was his fear of losing.  
*n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
47. Some people believe that we are all \_\_\_\_\_ for greatness.  
*v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
48. The company decided to move its \_\_\_\_\_ to New York City.  
*n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
49. The term of a \_\_\_\_\_ is two years.  
*n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
50. He won Olympic gold medals in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a combined event in athletics consisting of ten track and field events
51. The band has released a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ rock music.  
*n.* (also "epinephrine") a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger

ANSWERS: 44. firewood, 45. diplomat, 46. adversary, 47. destined, 48. headquarters, 49. congressperson, 50. decathlon, 51. adrenaline-pumping

52. The CEO of the company denied any \_\_\_\_\_ while admitting to mismanagement.
- n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
53. Let's try to \_\_\_\_\_ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.
- v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
54. The \_\_\_\_\_ mission in the war-torn country was challenging but necessary.
- n.* the act of maintaining peace, especially in conflict-prone regions or between hostile groups, usually through the deployment of a neutral military force or diplomatic initiatives
55. The motivational speaker \_\_\_\_\_ the crowd with their words.
- v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
56. After the valves were closed, the \_\_\_\_\_ halted.
- n.* the leakage of fluid from a container; a natural flow of groundwater
57. The \_\_\_\_\_ chorus of the morning market created an overwhelming yet lively ambiance.
- adj.* producing a harsh, discordant, or unpleasant mixture of sounds; characterized by a loud and jarring noise
58. The company decided to \_\_\_\_\_ its holdings in the fossil fuel industry.
- v.* to strip or rid oneself of something; to deprive or dispossess someone of a possession, title, or right
59. 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: 52. wrongdoing, 53. inject, 54. peacekeeping, 55. energized, 56. outflow, 57. cacophonous, 58. divest, 59. supple

60. The team needed to \_\_\_\_\_ all their energy and focus to win the game.  
*v.* to gather, assemble, or bring together a group of people or things; to collect or summon for a specific purpose or mission
61. The political campaign descended into a \_\_\_\_\_ battle between rival parties.  
*adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints
62. We went on a scenic trail ride on \_\_\_\_\_ through the mountains.  
*n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse
63. The \_\_\_\_\_ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.  
*adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
64. We were filled with \_\_\_\_\_ at the sight of the Queen.  
*n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
65. The nonprofit organization remains \_\_\_\_\_ and does not endorse any political candidates.  
*adj.* not related to or involving politics or political affairs; free from political beliefs, bias, or affiliation
66. The invading army quickly may \_\_\_\_\_ the small country and took control of its capital city.  
*v.* to invade or occupy a place or territory by force, especially in large numbers; (noun) the act of taking control or overwhelming something or someone
67. I must \_\_\_\_\_ my knives before cooking to ensure precise and efficient cutting.  
*v.* to make something, usually a blade or point, sharp or sharper; to enhance or improve the clarity, focus, or effectiveness of something

ANSWERS: 60. muster, 61. sectarian, 62. horseback, 63. heroic, 64. humility, 65. apolitical, 66. overrun, 67. sharpen

68. She was \_\_\_\_\_ by her success and decided to take on a more significant challenge.
- v. to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief
69. The hawkish \_\_\_\_\_ gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.
- n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
70. The lack of funds has resulted in a \_\_\_\_\_ for our university system.
- n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
71. The soldiers were instructed to \_\_\_\_\_ in the buildings until further notice.
- v. to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel
72. He needed to \_\_\_\_\_ with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.
- v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
73. The \_\_\_\_\_ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.
- n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
74. The garden gnome statue is cheesy \_\_\_\_\_ but some people love that style.
- n. art, objects, or design considered to be tasteless and overly sentimental, often produced to appeal to popular or commercial taste rather than for artistic value

ANSWERS: 68. emboldened, 69. senator, 70. catastrophe, 71. barrack, 72. grapple, 73. viol, 74. kitsch,

75. After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed

76. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

- v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

77. The \_\_\_\_\_ waiter constantly showered the wealthy customer with compliments and excessive attention.

- adj.* excessively obedient or attentive to someone in a servile or ingratiating manner; overly eager to please or gain favor

78. She was \_\_\_\_\_ in her behavior.

- adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions

79. \_\_\_\_\_ suddenly occupied the presidential palace.

- n.* a military force comprised of trained soldiers who are usually a citizen or have other jobs

80. The bandits \_\_\_\_\_ the small town, leaving it in ruins.

- v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder

81. The construction workers used a \_\_\_\_\_ to lift the heavy beams.

- n.* a large, tall machine used for moving heavy objects by suspending them from a beam or hook

ANSWERS: 75. rubble, 76. devoted, 77. obsequious, 78. politic, 79. Militia, 80. looted, 81. crane

82. The venom from the snake bite \_\_\_\_\_ his arm.  
*v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
83. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the war left many children orphaned.  
*n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
84. The notable \_\_\_\_\_ ruled over the colony on behalf of the king.  
*n.* a governor appointed to rule a country or province in the name of a monarch
85. I'm going to deny the \_\_\_\_\_ of his claim.  
*n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
86. She took a moment to \_\_\_\_\_ herself in the unfamiliar city.  
*v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
87. The government threatened to \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy territory if they didn't surrender.  
*v.* (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile
88. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the outdoor faucet was leaking and needed to be fixed.  
*n.* a valve or faucet used to control the flow of liquid from a container or pipe
89. The scandal was deemed \_\_\_\_\_ by every major media outlet in the country.  
*adj.* worthy of being reported in the news; interesting or important enough to be of public interest or noteworthy

ANSWERS: 82. paralyzed, 83. atrocity, 84. viceroy, 85. legitimacy, 86. orient, 87. nuke, 88. spigot, 89. newsworthy

90. 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.
91. My soccer team played against my \_\_\_\_\_ team in the local tournament.
- n.* a fellow citizen or countryman; someone who belongs to the same country, society, or community as oneself; a person with similar interests, beliefs, or values
92. The main \_\_\_\_\_ from the meeting was the need for better communication.
- n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
93. The mystery \_\_\_\_\_ as the detectives gathered more clues.
- v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
94. 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
95. The bumbling \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult to get the permits we needed.
- n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

ANSWERS: 90. troop, 91. compatriot's, 92. takeaway, 93. unfolded, 94. apes, 95. bureaucracy