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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### gadget

*n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job  
*synonym*: appliance, gimmick, device

(1) a handy **gadget**, (2) time-saving **gadget**

I found the kitchen **gadget** that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.

### nestling

*n.* a young bird that has not yet left its nest; a recently hatched or newly born animal that is still dependent on its mother

*synonym*: chick, fledgling, baby bird

(1) **nestling** bird, (2) hungry **nestling**

The mother bird was carefully feeding her **nestlings**.

### volcano

*n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

*synonym*: mount, peak, crater

(1) **volcano** alert level, (2) active **volcano**

The island was formed by a **volcano** millions of years ago.

### reassure

*v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

*synonym*: comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market  
The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

## salsa

*n.* a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions

*synonym*: sauce, dip, condiment

(1) **salsa** music, (2) homemade **salsa** dip

We brought chips and **salsa** to the party as a tasty appetizer.

## landline

*n.* (also "wireline") a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection

*synonym*: fixed line, wired phone

(1) **landline** phone, (2) **landline** connection

We need to install a **landline** in our new office before we can start taking client calls.

## self-respect

*n.* a feeling of being proud of and confident in yourself

*synonym*: dignity, pride, self-esteem

(1) lacks a sense of **self-respect**, (2) wound his **self-respect**

Her failure resulted in a loss of her **self-respect**.

## downside

*n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure

*synonym*: drawback, negative, disadvantage

(1) major **downside**, (2) **downside** of globalization

The **downside** of the new policy was that it would be more expensive for customers.

## nerd

*n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

*synonym* : geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

## hotspot

*n.* a place or area, typically a location or region, that is known for having an unusually high number of a particular phenomenon, such as disease, activity, or popularity

*synonym* : epicenter, cluster, outbreak

(1) covid-19 **hotspot**, (2) geographic **hotspot**

The airport is a **hotspot** for tourists and travelers from around the world.

## smartphone

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

## rout

*n.* a disorderly retreat or defeat of an army or group; a decisive defeat

*synonym* : defeat, debacle, disaster

(1) **rout** march, (2) cricket team's **rout**

The football team suffered a humiliating **rout** in the championship game.

## 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**.

## stealth

*n.* the quality of remaining hidden or undetected; the ability to move or act with great secrecy and subtlety

*synonym* : sneakiness, secrecy, furtiveness

(1) **stealth** technology, (2) **stealth** bomber

The thief moved with **stealth**, careful not to make any noise and alert anyone to his presence.

## syllable

*n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants

(1) **syllable** structure, (2) single **syllable**

Emphasize the second **syllable** when pronouncing it.

## darling

*n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear

*synonym*: sweetheart, beloved, dear

(1) have a **darling** baby, (2) medium **darling**

My **darling** child, I love you so much.

## oversea

*adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

*synonym*: foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

## fuss

*n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance

*synonym*: commotion, agitation, disturbance

(1) make a **fuss**, (2) get into a **fuss**

There was a **fuss** about the broken vase, but it was quickly forgotten.

## numb

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

*synonym*: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

## greet

*v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

*synonym*: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea  
He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

## outrage

*n.* an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices

*synonym* : indignation, fury, anger

(1) public **outrage**, (2) **outrage** over injustice  
There was widespread **outrage** over the government's handling of the situation.

## phenomenal

*adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding

*synonym* : extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth  
The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

## bagel

*n.* a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices

*synonym* : roll, doughnut, bialy

(1) freshly baked **bagel**, (2) **bagel** with cream cheese  
I prefer a toasty **bagel** with bacon and eggs for weekend brunch.

## bakery

*n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

*synonym* : bakeshop, bakehouse

(1) run a **bakery**, (2) **bakery** industry  
He worked at the **bakery** as a baker.

## commissary

*n.* a store or canteen within a military base, prison, or institutional setting that sells goods and supplies to the personnel or inmates; a person who is responsible for providing or managing provisions and supplies; the place where food is provided or sold to cast and crew,

especially in a film studio

*synonym* : store, pantry

(1) **commissary** discount, (2) military **commissary**

Prisoners receive a monthly **commissary** allowance to buy personal items from the facility's store.

## valet

*n.* a person employed to park cars or act as a personal attendant; a personal servant or assistant

*synonym* : attendant, butler, chauffeur

(1) **valet** parking, (2) hotel **valet**

After dinner, I handed my keys to the **valet** and walked into the restaurant.

## schmear

*n.* a spread of cream cheese typically put on bagels; a broad or messy application of any substance

*synonym* : smear, spread

(1) **schmear** of avocado, (2) bagel **schmear**

He ordered a bagel with lox and a **schmear** of tomato cream cheese.

## pierce

*v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument

*synonym* : jab, penetrate, stab

(1) **pierce** the armored shells, (2) **pierce** a mystery

The extreme cold **pierced** our bones.

## pretension

*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

*synonym* : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

## syzygy

*n.* an astronomical term referring to the alignment of three celestial bodies in a straight line, such as the conjunction or opposition of planets or the alignment of

the Sun, Earth, and Moon during a solar or lunar eclipse  
*synonym*: alignment, conjunction, union

(1) **syzygy** phenomenon, (2) planetary **syzygy**

The **syzygy** alignment of the planets can create strong tidal forces on Earth.

## teeny

*adj.* extremely small; tiny

*synonym*: tiny, mini, minuscule

(1) **teeny** bit, (2) so **teeny** tiny

The ring was so **teeny** that it almost looked like a toy.

## posit

*v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

*synonym*: assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

## peeve

*v.* to annoy or irritate someone; to be a source of annoyance or irritation to someone; (noun) something that irritates or annoys you; a source of annoyance or irritation

*synonym*: annoy, irritate, bother

(1) personal **peeve**, (2) **peeve** me off when people talk loudly

Nothing **peeves** me more than being lied to.

## pager

*n.* a small electronic device used for sending and receiving short text messages, often used in hospitals or other professional settings

*synonym*: beeper, pager device

(1) **pager** beep, (2) wireless **pager** service

The company provides all employees with a digital **pager** for emergency purposes.

## chuckle

*n.* a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way

*synonym* : laugh, giggle, snicker

(1) **chuckle** at my cat's silly antics, (2) stifled **chuckle**

I couldn't help but let out a little **chuckle** when I saw the silly photo my friend had sent me.

## transcribe

*v.* to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text

*synonym* : copy, record, transliterate

(1) **transcribe** notes, (2) **transcribe** documents

She needs to **transcribe** the interview recording to write the article for the magazine.

## proprietor

*n.* a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company

*synonym* : owner, keeper, possessor

(1) **proprietor** of a business, (2) copyright **proprietor**

The **proprietor** of the small bakery was always friendly and welcoming.

## misspell

*v.* to spell incorrectly or wrongly; to use an incorrect spelling for a word

*synonym* : miscopy, mismark

(1) **misspell** words, (2) **misspell** his name

Please be careful not to **misspell** any of the words in your essay.

## promenade

*n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

*synonym* : stroll, walkway, boulevard

(1) evening **promenade**, (2) **promenade** in the park

The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful **promenade** for



tourists and locals alike.

**gist** *n.* the essence or main point of a text, speech, or situation  
*synonym*: essence, core, summary  
(1) the **gist** of a claim, (2) get the **gist**  
The **gist** of the article was that technology is rapidly changing our world.

**photocopy** *n.* a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier  
*synonym*: duplicate, reproduction  
(1) **photocopy** machine, (2) color **photocopy**  
I need to make a **photocopy** of this document before I send it out.

**moron** *n.* (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense  
*synonym*: idiot, fool, imbecile  
(1) social **moron**, (2) complete **moron**  
The internet troll accused her of being a **moron** for her political views.

**veto** *n.* the power or right to prevent a decision or law from being enacted or enforced, typically granted to a person in authority, such as a government official or a president  
*synonym*: rejection, disapproval, interdict  
(1) **veto** power, (2) legislative **veto**  
The president's **veto** prevented the bill from becoming law.

**conducive** *adj.* tending to make something likely or possible  
*synonym*: beneficial, advantageous, helpful  
(1) **conducive** question, (2) **conducive** to growth  
The quiet and peaceful environment was **conducive** to concentration and productivity.

## grandchild

*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

*synonym*: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

## app

*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

*synonym*: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

## steer

*v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

*synonym*: guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

## dike

*n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion

*synonym*: levee, embankment, dam

(1) water **dike**, (2) coastal **dike**

The town council plans to repair the damaged **dike** along the riverbank.

## android

*n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

*synonym*: droid, cyborg

(1) household **android**, (2) **Android** tablet

The lab is developing an **android** robot that assists in dangerous construction work.

## bliss

*n.* extreme happiness or joy  
*synonym*: delight, euphoria, happiness

(1) ignorance is **bliss**, (2) ultimate **bliss**

The first two years of her marriage were sheer **bliss**.

## stink

*v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical

*synonym*: reek, smell, odor

(1) **stink** up the place, (2) **stink** badly

The garbage in the alley began to **stink** after a few hot days.

## smudge

*n.* a blurry or dirty mark or stain left by rubbing or smearing something; also, a bundle of material, such as sage or incense, that is burned to produce smoke for purification or ritual purposes

*synonym*: blemish, mark, stain

(1) ink **smudge**, (2) lipstick **smudge**

She accidentally left a **smudge** on the newly painted wall.

## drool

*v.* to allow saliva to drip or flow out of the mouth involuntarily, usually as a result of excitement, anticipation, or illness; to express excessive admiration or desire for something

*synonym*: slobber, dribble, slaver

(1) **drool** over a dessert, (2) **drool** on a pillow

The baby began to **drool** while teething.

## squat

*v.* to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground

*synonym*: crouch, hunch, sit

(1) **squat** behind a tree, (2) **squat** exercise

I need to **squat** down to pick up the pen from the floor.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ultimate bl__s                      | <i>n.</i> extreme happiness or joy   |
| 2. dr__l over a dessert                | <i>v.</i> to allow saliva to drip or flow out of the mouth involuntarily, usually as a result of excitement, anticipation, or illness; to express excessive admiration or desire for something |
| 3. co_____ve question                  | <i>adj.</i> tending to make something likely or possible   |
| 4. sma_____ne app developer            | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet   |
| 5. ph_____py machine                   | <i>n.</i> a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier  |
| 6. coastal d__e                        | <i>n.</i> a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion                   |
| 7. complete mo__n                      | <i>n.</i> (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense   |
| 8. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship | <i>n.</i> a child of someone's son or daughter   |
| 9. st_____h bomber                     | <i>n.</i> the quality of remaining hidden or undetected; the ability to move or act with great secrecy and subtlety  |

ANSWERS: 1. bliss, 2. drool, 3. conducive, 4. smartphone, 5. photocopy, 6. dike, 7. moron, 8. grandchild, 9. stealth

10. get into a f\_\_s *n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
11. tra\_\_\_\_\_be notes *v.* to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text
12. pa\_\_r beep *n.* a small electronic device used for sending and receiving short text messages, often used in hospitals or other professional settings
13. va\_\_t parking *n.* a person employed to park cars or act as a personal attendant; a personal servant or assistant
14. make a f\_\_s *n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
15. active vo\_\_\_\_\_o *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
16. copyright pro\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company
17. po\_\_t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
18. ch\_\_\_\_\_e at my cat's silly antics *n.* a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way

ANSWERS: 10. fuss, 11. transcribe, 12. pager, 13. valet, 14. fuss, 15. volcano, 16. proprietor, 17. posit, 18. chuckle

19. killer a\_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
20. evening pr\_\_\_\_\_de *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
21. dr\_\_l on a pillow *v.* to allow saliva to drip or flow out of the mouth involuntarily, usually as a result of excitement, anticipation, or illness; to express excessive admiration or desire for something
22. sq\_\_t behind a tree *v.* to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground
23. hotel va\_\_t *n.* a person employed to park cars or act as a personal attendant; a personal servant or assistant
24. bagel sc\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a spread of cream cheese typically put on bagels; a broad or messy application of any substance

ANSWERS: 19. app, 20. promenade, 21. drool, 22. squat, 23. valet, 24. schmear

25. vo\_\_\_\_o alert level *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
26. water d\_\_e *n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
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28. n\_\_d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
29. pe\_\_e me off when people talk loudly *v.* to annoy or irritate someone; to be a source of annoyance or irritation to someone; (noun) something that irritates or annoys you; a source of annoyance or irritation
30. ink sm\_\_\_\_e *n.* a blurry or dirty mark or stain left by rubbing or smearing something; also, a bundle of material, such as sage or incense, that is burned to produce smoke for purification or ritual purposes
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ANSWERS: 25. volcano, 26. dike, 27. photocopy, 28. nerd, 29. peeve, 30. smudge, 31. schmear

32. wireless pa\_\_r service *n.* a small electronic device used for sending and receiving short text messages, often used in hospitals or other professional settings
33. pi\_\_\_e a mystery *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
34. household an\_\_\_\_d *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
35. planetary sy\_\_\_y *n.* an astronomical term referring to the alignment of three celestial bodies in a straight line, such as the conjunction or opposition of planets or the alignment of the Sun, Earth, and Moon during a solar or lunar eclipse
36. public ou\_\_\_\_e *n.* an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices
37. tra\_\_\_\_\_be documents *v.* to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text
38. te\_\_y bit *adj.* extremely small; tiny
39. homemade sa\_\_a dip *n.* a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions

ANSWERS: 32. pager, 33. pierce, 34. android, 35. syzygy, 36. outrage, 37. transcribe, 38. teeny, 39. salsa



40. medium da\_\_\_\_g *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
41. legislative v\_\_o *n.* the power or right to prevent a decision or law from being enacted or enforced, typically granted to a person in authority, such as a government official or a president
42. hungry ne\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a young bird that has not yet left its nest; a recently hatched or newly born animal that is still dependent on its mother
43. mi\_\_\_\_ll his name *v.* to spell incorrectly or wrongly; to use an incorrect spelling for a word
44. gr\_\_t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
45. time-saving ga\_\_\_\_t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
46. baseless pre\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
47. la\_\_\_\_ne phone *n.* (also "wireline") a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection
48. gr\_\_t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

ANSWERS: 40. darling, 41. veto, 42. nestling, 43. misspell, 44. greet, 45. gadget, 46. pretension, 47. landline, 48. greet

49. v\_\_o power *n.* the power or right to prevent a decision or law from being enacted or enforced, typically granted to a person in authority, such as a government official or a president
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67. ov\_\_\_\_a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
68. personal pe\_\_e *v.* to annoy or irritate someone; to be a source of annoyance or irritation to someone; (noun) something that irritates or annoys you; a source of annoyance or irritation
69. sa\_\_a music *n.* a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions
70. wound his sel\_\_\_\_\_ect *n.* a feeling of being proud of and confident in yourself
71. sq\_\_t exercise *v.* to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground
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77. sy\_\_\_\_le structure *n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants
78. st\_\_k badly *v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical
79. the g\_\_t of a claim *n.* the essence or main point of a text, speech, or situation
80. gra\_\_\_\_ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
81. pro\_\_\_\_or of a business *n.* a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company
82. cannot log in to the a\_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
83. la\_\_\_\_ne connection *n.* (also "wireline") a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection

ANSWERS: 74. bliss, 75. downside, 76. gist, 77. syllable, 78. stink, 79. gist, 80. grandchild, 81. proprietor, 82. app, 83. landline

84. re\_\_\_\_re anxious patients *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
85. military com\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a store or canteen within a military base, prison, or institutional setting that sells goods and supplies to the personnel or inmates; a person who is responsible for providing or managing provisions and supplies; the place where food is provided or sold to cast and crew, especially in a film studio
86. ba\_\_l with cream cheese *n.* a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices
87. ne\_\_\_\_\_ng bird *n.* a young bird that has not yet left its nest; a recently hatched or newly born animal that is still dependent on its mother
88. phe\_\_\_\_\_al success *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
89. re\_\_\_\_re market *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
90. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
91. freshly baked ba\_\_l *n.* a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices
92. a handy ga\_\_\_\_t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

ANSWERS: 84. reassure, 85. commissary, 86. bagel, 87. nestling, 88. phenomenal, 89. reassure, 90. smartphone, 91. bagel, 92. gadget

93. pi\_\_\_e the armored shells      *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
94. com\_\_\_\_\_ry discount      *n.* a store or canteen within a military base, prison, or institutional setting that sells goods and supplies to the personnel or inmates; a person who is responsible for providing or managing provisions and supplies; the place where food is provided or sold to cast and crew, especially in a film studio
95. social mo\_\_n      *n.* (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense
96. lipstick sm\_\_\_e      *n.* a blurry or dirty mark or stain left by rubbing or smearing something; also, a bundle of material, such as sage or incense, that is burned to produce smoke for purification or ritual purposes
97. in\_\_\_\_\_us device      *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
98. n\_\_b with cold      *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
99. major do\_\_\_\_\_de      *n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure
100. covid-19 ho\_\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a place or area, typically a location or region, that is known for having an unusually high number of a particular phenomenon, such as disease, activity, or popularity

ANSWERS: 93. pierce, 94. commissary, 95. moron, 96. smudge, 97. ingenious, 98. numb, 99. downside, 100. hotspot

101. phe\_\_\_\_\_al growth      *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
102. single sy\_\_\_\_\_le      *n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants
103. st\_\_k up the place      *v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical
104. r\_\_t march      *n.* a disorderly retreat or defeat of an army or group; a decisive defeat
105. pr\_\_\_\_\_de in the park      *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
106. a n\_\_b mind      *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
107. run a ba\_\_\_\_y      *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
108. for ov\_\_\_\_\_a use      *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

ANSWERS: 101. phenomenal, 102. syllable, 103. stink, 104. rout, 105. promenade, 106. numb, 107. bakery, 108. oversea



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Please be careful not to \_\_\_\_\_ any of the words in your essay.  
*v.* to spell incorrectly or wrongly; to use an incorrect spelling for a word
2. The football team suffered a humiliating \_\_\_\_\_ in the championship game.  
*n.* a disorderly retreat or defeat of an army or group; a decisive defeat
3. Emphasize the second \_\_\_\_\_ when pronouncing it.  
*n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants
4. The pilot tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the customers that the planes were safe.  
*v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
5. The grandparents take care of their \_\_\_\_\_ while the parents are at work.  
*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ alignment of the planets can create strong tidal forces on Earth.  
*n.* an astronomical term referring to the alignment of three celestial bodies in a straight line, such as the conjunction or opposition of planets or the alignment of the Sun, Earth, and Moon during a solar or lunar eclipse
7. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the \_\_\_\_\_ release.  
*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
8. The internet troll accused her of being a \_\_\_\_\_ for her political views.  
*n.* (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense

ANSWERS: 1. misspell, 2. rout, 3. syllable, 4. reassure, 5. grandchild, 6. syzygy, 7. app's, 8. moron

9. Her failure resulted in a loss of her \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a feeling of being proud of and confident in yourself
10. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the article was that technology is rapidly changing our world.
- n.* the essence or main point of a text, speech, or situation
12. He was, by nature, a cyber \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
13. The president's \_\_\_\_\_ prevented the bill from becoming law.
- n.* the power or right to prevent a decision or law from being enacted or enforced, typically granted to a person in authority, such as a government official or a president
14. After dinner, I handed my keys to the \_\_\_\_\_ and walked into the restaurant.
- n.* a person employed to park cars or act as a personal attendant; a personal servant or assistant
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the small bakery was always friendly and welcoming.
- n.* a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company
16. We need to install a \_\_\_\_\_ in our new office before we can start taking client calls.
- n.* (also "wireline") a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection

ANSWERS: 9. self-respect, 10. smartphones, 11. gist, 12. nerd, 13. veto, 14. valet, 15. proprietor, 16. landline

17. The island was formed by a \_\_\_\_\_ millions of years ago.
- n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
18. We brought chips and \_\_\_\_\_ to the party as a tasty appetizer.
- n.* a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions
19. The company provides all employees with a digital \_\_\_\_\_ for emergency purposes.
- n.* a small electronic device used for sending and receiving short text messages, often used in hospitals or other professional settings
20. I found the kitchen \_\_\_\_\_ that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.
- n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
21. There was widespread \_\_\_\_\_ over the government's handling of the situation.
- n.* an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices
22. The extreme cold \_\_\_\_\_ our bones.
- v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
23. She accidentally left a \_\_\_\_\_ on the newly painted wall.
- n.* a blurry or dirty mark or stain left by rubbing or smearing something; also, a bundle of material, such as sage or incense, that is burned to produce smoke for purification or ritual purposes

ANSWERS: 17. volcano, 18. salsa, 19. pager, 20. gadget, 21. outrage, 22. pierced, 23. smudge

24. Nothing \_\_\_\_\_ me more than being lied to.

- v.* to annoy or irritate someone; to be a source of annoyance or irritation to someone; (noun) something that irritates or annoys you; a source of annoyance or irritation

25. The first two years of her marriage were sheer \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* extreme happiness or joy

26. She needs to \_\_\_\_\_ the interview recording to write the article for the magazine.

- v.* to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text

27. The baby began to \_\_\_\_\_ while teething.

- v.* to allow saliva to drip or flow out of the mouth involuntarily, usually as a result of excitement, anticipation, or illness; to express excessive admiration or desire for something

28. The company enhanced \_\_\_\_\_ operations to tap into new markets.

- adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

29. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ about the broken vase, but it was quickly forgotten.

- n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance

30. The athlete's \_\_\_\_\_ performance broke all previous records.

- adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding

31. The quiet and peaceful environment was \_\_\_\_\_ to concentration and productivity.

- adj.* tending to make something likely or possible

ANSWERS: 24. peeves, 25. bliss, 26. transcribe, 27. drool, 28. oversea, 29. fuss, 30. phenomenal, 31. conducive

32. The ring was so \_\_\_\_\_ that it almost looked like a toy.

*adj.* extremely small; tiny

33. The captain told him to \_\_\_\_\_ the ship north.

*v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

34. I need to make a \_\_\_\_\_ of this document before I send it out.

*n.* a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier

35. I prefer a toasty \_\_\_\_\_ with bacon and eggs for weekend brunch.

*n.* a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices

36. He \_\_\_\_\_ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

*v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

37. The mother bird was carefully feeding her \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a young bird that has not yet left its nest; a recently hatched or newly born animal that is still dependent on its mother

38. I couldn't help but let out a little \_\_\_\_\_ when I saw the silly photo my friend had sent me.

*n.* a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way

39. His \_\_\_\_\_ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 32. teeny, 33. steer, 34. photocopy, 35. bagel, 36. greeted, 37. nestlings, 38. chuckle, 39. pretensions

40. He worked at the \_\_\_\_\_ as a baker.

*n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

41. Prisoners receive a monthly \_\_\_\_\_ allowance to buy personal items from the facility's store.

*n.* a store or canteen within a military base, prison, or institutional setting that sells goods and supplies to the personnel or inmates; a person who is responsible for providing or managing provisions and supplies; the place where food is provided or sold to cast and crew, especially in a film studio

42. The lab is developing an \_\_\_\_\_ robot that assists in dangerous construction work.

*n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

43. The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ for tourists and locals alike.

*n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

44. I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill

45. The airport is a \_\_\_\_\_ for tourists and travelers from around the world.

*n.* a place or area, typically a location or region, that is known for having an unusually high number of a particular phenomenon, such as disease, activity, or popularity

46. He ordered a bagel with lox and a \_\_\_\_\_ of tomato cream cheese.

*n.* a spread of cream cheese typically put on bagels; a broad or messy application of any substance

ANSWERS: 40. bakery, 41. commissary, 42. android, 43. promenade, 44. ingenious, 45. hotspot, 46. schmear

47. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the new policy was that it would be more expensive for customers.
- n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure
48. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ down to pick up the pen from the floor.
- v.* to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground
49. The garbage in the alley began to \_\_\_\_\_ after a few hot days.
- v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical
50. My \_\_\_\_\_ child, I love you so much.
- n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
51. The thief moved with \_\_\_\_\_ careful not to make any noise and alert anyone to his presence.
- n.* the quality of remaining hidden or undetected; the ability to move or act with great secrecy and subtlety
52. We should \_\_\_\_\_ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.
- v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
53. My left arm became \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 47. downside, 48. squat, 49. stink, 50. darling, 51. stealth, 52. posit, 53. numb

54. The town council plans to repair the damaged \_\_\_\_\_ along the riverbank.

- n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion

ANSWERS: 54. dike