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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### delusion

*n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

*synonym*: hallucination, illusion, fantasy

(1) grand **delusion**, (2) labor under a **delusion**

He had a **delusion** that he was a millionaire.

### widen

*v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

*synonym*: broaden, enlarge, extend

(1) **widen** in excitement, (2) **widen** a narrowed heart valve

He **widened** his investigation into a medical clinic.

### uncanny

*adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling

*synonym*: arcane, astonishing, eerie

(1) in an **uncanny** manner, (2) **uncanny** resemblance

She has an **uncanny** sense of who is telling a lie.

### wherein

*adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that

(1) progress to a level **wherein**, (2) **wherein** he is mistaken

The court ruled in favor of the plaintiff, **wherein** they were awarded damages for the defendant's negligence.

## helpless

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

*synonym* : defenseless, powerless, susceptible

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

I feel so **helpless** without you.

## compassionate

*adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

*synonym* : empathetic, sympathetic, merciful

(1) a **compassionate** heart, (2) **compassionate** leave

My father has a serious and **compassionate** personality.

## overwhelm

*v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

*synonym* : conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

## broaden

*v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

*synonym* : expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

## perpetrator

*n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

*synonym* : culprit, wrongdoer, offender

(1) **perpetrator** identity, (2) culprit **perpetrator**

The police have not yet caught the **perpetrator** of the crime.

## monumental

*adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

*synonym* : massive, awesome, enormous

(1) **monumental** task, (2) **monumental** sculpture

Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's **monumental** contributions to physics.

## stimming

*n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

*synonym*: self-stimulation, repetitive behaviors

(1) autistic **stimming**, (2) **stimming** therapy

Autistic children may engage in **stimming** behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

## doorway

*n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into

*synonym*: entrance, portal, gateway

(1) a wide **doorway**, (2) **doorway** to success

He leaned against the **doorway**, waiting for her to come home.

## discontented

*adj.* dissatisfied, unhappy, or restless; not content or pleased with a situation or condition

*synonym*: dissatisfied, unhappy, displeased

(1) **discontented** look, (2) **discontented** with the outcome

The **discontented** customers demanded a refund for the poor quality of the product.

## enlightenment

*n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

*synonym*: civilization, awareness, sophistication

(1) spiritual **enlightenment**, (2) **enlightenment** activity

He finally brought his **enlightenment** to perfection.

## revive

*v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore

*synonym*: reanimate, rejuvenate, renew

(1) **revive** my energy, (2) **revive** an old friendship

They **revived** the tradition of holding a parade on the main

street every year.

## disgust

*n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

*synonym* : nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

## ledge

*n.* a narrow, flat surface or shelf that juts out from a wall or cliff; a projecting rib or molding along the edge of a surface

*synonym* : shelf, edge, brink

(1) **ledge** overlooking the ocean, (2) wooden **ledge**

He stood on the narrow **ledge**, looking down at the busy street below.

## twig

*n.* a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual

*synonym* : branchlet, sprig, osier

(1) **twig** branch, (2) **twig** basket

The bird perched on a **twig** and sang a beautiful melody.

## cleft

*n.* a narrow opening or fissure, usually in a rock or the ground; also, a separation or division between two things or parts

*synonym* : split, crevice, fissure

(1) **cleft** chin, (2) **cleft** rock

The hiker stumbled and fell into the **cleft** between two large rocks.

## drip

*v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

*synonym* : drop, drizzle, trickle

(1) **drip** liquid, (2) **drip** from the vicious wound

Water is **dripping** from the faucet.

## gangrene

*n.* a condition in which body tissue dies due to a lack of blood supply, often resulting from injury, infection, or

disease, typically characterized by discoloration, swelling, and a foul odor

*synonym* : necrosis, decay, putrefaction

(1) **gangrene** infection, (2) severe **gangrene**

Doctors were forced to amputate the infected limb to prevent the spread of **gangrene**.

## maggot

*n.* the larval stage of a fly or other insect, typically characterized by its soft, legless body and often found in decaying organic matter or on living animals

*synonym* : larva, grub, worm

(1) **maggot** therapy, (2) wriggling **maggots**

The **maggot** infestation in the trash can was a clear sign that we needed to take out the garbage more frequently.

## hopeless

*adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

*synonym* : despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

## shard

*n.* a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal

*synonym* : break, fragment, shatter

(1) broken **shard**, (2) **shard** of pottery

The artist used a **shard** of glass to create intricate designs on her sculptures.

## thigh

*n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg

*synonym* : thigh-bone, femur, upper leg

(1) **thigh** muscle, (2) chicken **thigh**

The marathon runner felt a cramp in her **thigh** at the 20th mile.

## wiggle

*v.* to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner

*synonym* : squirm, jerk, twist

(1) **wiggle** free, (2) **wiggle** in surprise

The child started to **wiggle** out of their seatbelt during the long car ride.

## spit

*v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

*synonym* : expectorate, saliva, spew

(1) **spit** a bullet, (2) **spit** a mouthful of saliva

She tried to **spit** out the gum that she had been chewing.

## mystic

*adj.* having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension

*synonym* : secret, mystical, supernatural

(1) **mystic** teaching, (2) medieval **mystic**

He is interested in the **mystic** rites of that religion.

## Sanskrit

*n.* an ancient language of India and an important sacred language in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism; used as a scholarly and literary language in South Asia for thousands of years

(1) **Sanskrit** language, (2) **Sanskrit** literature

Some Indian classical dances and music are based on **Sanskrit** scriptures and texts.

## dubious

*adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain

*synonym* : uncertain, questionable, skeptical

(1) **dubious** credibility, (2) direct a **dubious** look

The evidence presented in court had a **dubious** origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

## rejoice

*v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event

*synonym* : enjoy, delight, celebrate

(1) **rejoice** over a victory, (2) **rejoice** at the moment

We should all **rejoice** in the good things life has to offer.

## demented

*adj.* mentally disturbed or deranged; crazed; irrational or insane in behavior, thought, or perception

*synonym* : insane, unhinged, deranged

(1) act in a **demented** way, (2) a **demented** laughter

The horror movie was filled with **demented** characters that haunted the viewers' dreams.

## scrawny

*adj.* excessively thin or skinny, often in an unattractive or unhealthy way

*synonym* : thin, skinny, emaciated

(1) **scrawny** cat, (2) **scrawny** appearance

He was always insecure about his **scrawny** physique.

## hippie

*n.* a person who follows a counterculture movement that originated in the United States during the 1960s, characterized by the advocacy of nonviolence, communal living, and a rejection of traditional American values

*synonym* : bohemian, beatnik, free spirit

(1) **hippie** lifestyle, (2) **hippie** music

The fashion of the **hippie** movement included unconventional clothing such as tie-dye shirts and bell-bottom jeans.

## rot

*v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

*synonym* : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

## lotus

*n.* a type of aquatic plant with large, round, floating leaves and distinctive flowers, often associated with spiritual symbolism and cultural significance in Asia

*synonym* : water lily, lily pad, nelumbo

(1) **lotus** fragrance, (2) **lotus** petals

The serene pond was adorned with beautiful **lotus** flowers.

## 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.

## dictate

v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

*synonym*: read out, prescribe, order

(1) **dictate** a letter to secretary, (2) **dictate** to the associate

The allies **dictated** the terms of surrender to the country.

## tome

n. a large, heavy book, usually referring to a scholarly work or reference book

*synonym*: book, volume, opus

(1) **tome** of knowledge, (2) ancient **tome**

I spent the whole weekend reading an academic **tome** about medieval history.

## cultivate

v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants

*synonym*: boost, foster, nurture

(1) **cultivate** a field, (2) **cultivate** relationships

University is a great place to **cultivate** our minds and expertise.

## threefold

adj. three times as great or as many

*synonym*: three, triple, three times

(1) rise nearly **threefold**, (2) **threefold** increase

The price of the item was reduced **threefold** after the sale.



## humming

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

*synonym* : buzzing, droning, vibrating

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

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

## broth

*n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

*synonym* : bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

## theism

*n.* the belief in the existence of a god or gods, often associated with organized religion and the worship of a higher power

*synonym* : belief, faith, worship

(1) philosophical **theism**, (2) strict **theism** to questioning believer

Several courses in the theology department delve into the complexities and challenges of contemporary **theism**.

## Christ

*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

*synonym* : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

**Christmas** is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

## cling

*v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

*synonym* : stick, adhere, attach

(1) **cling** onto power, (2) **cling** tightly to the skin

He **clings** to the hope that he will find a job soon.

## hostility

*n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

*synonym* : antagonism, antipathy, estrangement

(1) an act of **hostility**, (2) bitter **hostility**

Her unconcealed **hostility** made us unpleasant.

## equalize

v. to make equality or level; to bring about equality or fairness, especially in terms of rights, opportunities, or treatment

*synonym*: equal, level, balance

(1) **equalize** distribution, (2) **equalize** income

The new policies aim to **equalize** opportunities for all students, regardless of their background.

## defuse

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

*synonym*: calm, reduce, deactivate

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

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

## mammal

n. any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

(1) a primitive **mammal**, (2) a sort of **mammal**

Marine **mammal** populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

## altruism

n. the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity

*synonym*: selflessness, philanthropy, generosity

(1) acts of **altruism**, (2) **altruism** in society

His act of volunteering at the homeless shelter was a clear example of practical **altruism**.

## 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.

## annoy

*v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly  
*synonym*: aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else  
Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

## mustache

*n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip  
*synonym*: whisker

(1) a gray **mustache**, (2) big **mustache**  
The actor's **mustache** has become an icon.

## familiarity

*n.* a state of being well-known or closely acquainted with someone or something; the quality of being easily recognized or understood; a feeling of comfort or ease in a particular environment or with a certain situation  
*synonym*: acquaintance, knowledge, intimacy

(1) casual **familiarity**, (2) sense of **familiarity**  
The tourist's **familiarity** with the city's layout allowed them to navigate easily.

## sentimental

*adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism  
*synonym*: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage  
Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

## weep

*v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain  
*synonym*: cry, sob, mourn

(1) **weep** bitter tears, (2) **weep** for joy  
I'm easily moved to tears, so I would **weep** in sympathy if I saw that movie.

## furrow

*n.* a long and narrow groove or trench, typically made in the ground by a plow or a person's fingers; a wrinkle or groove on a person's face

*synonym* : groove, trench, rut

(1) ploughed **furrow**, (2) narrow **furrow**

The farmer plowed deep **furrows** in the field before planting his crops.

## brow

*n.* the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead

*synonym* : forehead, hilltop, eyebrow

(1) the **brow** of a hill, (2) furrowed **brow**

She wiped the sweat from her **brow** after finishing the marathon.

## macho

*adj.* characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant or aggressive

*synonym* : masculine, aggressive, virile

(1) **macho** culture, (2) maintain a **macho** image

His **macho** posturing was just a cover for his insecurities and lack of confidence.

## ruthless

*adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others

*synonym* : heartless, pitiless, merciless

(1) show **ruthless** behavior, (2) **ruthless** brutality

The dictator was known for his **ruthless** tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.

## impractical

*adj.* not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome

*synonym* : impracticable, unrealizable, unfeasible

(1) **impractical** idea, (2) **impractical** solution

It is **impractical** to expect everyone to work for free.

## pun

*n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

*synonym* : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

## materialism

*n.* a philosophical belief that physical matter is the only or fundamental reality and that everything, including thought, feeling, mind, and consciousness, can be reduced to matter and physical explanations

*synonym*: materiality, materialness, physicalism

(1) rampant **materialism**, (2) **materialism** society

He was accused of being driven by **materialism**, putting wealth and possessions above all else.

## reborn

*adj.* brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature

*synonym*: regenerated, revived, renewed

(1) **reborn** soul, (2) **reborn** identity

After recovering from her illness, she felt like a **reborn** person with a new perspective on life.

## disseminate

*v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse

*synonym*: spread, circulate, propagate

(1) **disseminate** propaganda, (2) **disseminate** knowledge

It is important to **disseminate** accurate information to the public to prevent false rumors from spreading.

## diminish

*v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

*synonym*: decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

## callous

*adj.* insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation

*synonym*: cold, heartless, unfeeling

(1) **callous** person, (2) **callous** remark

The supervisor's **callous** behavior towards his employees resulted in high turnover rates.

## Session 2: Spelling

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34. s\_\_t a bullet      *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
35. the b\_\_w of a hill      *n.* the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead
36. Sa\_\_\_\_\_it literature      *n.* an ancient language of India and an important sacred language in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism; used as a scholarly and literary language in South Asia for thousands of years
37. w\_\_p bitter tears      *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
38. th\_\_h muscle      *n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg

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43. wh\_\_\_\_\_n he is mistaken *adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that
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54. an\_\_y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
55. st\_\_\_\_ng therapy *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
56. big mu\_\_\_\_he *n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
57. cu\_\_\_\_te a field *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
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ANSWERS: 50. macho, 51. pun, 52. rejoice, 53. dictate, 54. annoy, 55. stimming, 56. mustache, 57. cultivate, 58. equalize

59. m\_\_h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
60. m\_\_h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
61. do\_\_\_\_y to success *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
62. narrow fu\_\_\_w *n.* a long and narrow groove or trench, typically made in the ground by a plow or a person's fingers; a wrinkle or groove on a person's face
63. my\_\_\_c teaching *adj.* having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension
64. br\_\_\_\_n their horizon *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
65. teaching of Ch\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
66. sen\_\_\_\_\_al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
67. al\_\_\_\_sm in society *n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity

ANSWERS: 59. moth, 60. moth, 61. doorway, 62. furrow, 63. mystic, 64. broaden, 65. Christ, 66. sentimental, 67. altruism

68. ho\_\_\_\_ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
69. imp\_\_\_\_al solution *adj.* not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome
70. le\_\_e overlooking the ocean *n.* a narrow, flat surface or shelf that juts out from a wall or cliff; a projecting rib or molding along the edge of a surface
71. wooden le\_\_e *n.* a narrow, flat surface or shelf that juts out from a wall or cliff; a projecting rib or molding along the edge of a surface
72. ploughed fu\_\_\_\_w *n.* a long and narrow groove or trench, typically made in the ground by a plow or a person's fingers; a wrinkle or groove on a person's face
73. dis\_\_\_\_ted look *adj.* dissatisfied, unhappy, or restless; not content or pleased with a situation or condition
74. di\_\_\_\_sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
75. cl\_\_g onto power *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
76. ca\_\_\_\_s remark *adj.* insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation

ANSWERS: 68. hopeless, 69. impractical, 70. ledge, 71. ledge, 72. furrow, 73. discontented, 74. diminish, 75. cling, 76. callous

77. w\_\_p for joy      *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
78. t\_\_g basket      *n.* a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual
79. s\_\_t a mouthful of saliva      *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
80. casual fam\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* a state of being well-known or closely acquainted with someone or something; the quality of being easily recognized or understood; a feeling of comfort or ease in a particular environment or with a certain situation
81. r\_t with age      *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
82. wr\_\_\_\_\_e in surprise      *v.* to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner
83. progress to a level wh\_\_\_\_\_n      *adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that
84. hu\_\_\_\_\_g sound      *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
85. autistic st\_\_\_\_\_ng      *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
86. lo\_\_s fragrance      *n.* a type of aquatic plant with large, round, floating leaves and distinctive flowers, often associated with spiritual symbolism and cultural significance in Asia

ANSWERS: 77. weep, 78. twig, 79. spit, 80. familiarity, 81. rot, 82. wriggle, 83. wherein, 84. humming, 85. stimming, 86. lotus

87. medieval my\_\_\_c *adj.* having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension
88. begin to r\_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
89. he was ov\_\_\_\_\_lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
90. wr\_\_\_\_\_e free *v.* to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner
91. cl\_\_g tightly to the skin *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
92. dis\_\_\_\_\_te knowledge *v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
93. d\_\_p liquid *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
94. ma\_\_\_t therapy *n.* the larval stage of a fly or other insect, typically characterized by its soft, legless body and often found in decaying organic matter or on living animals
95. chicken br\_\_h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

ANSWERS: 87. mystic, 88. rot, 89. overwhelm, 90. wriggle, 91. cling, 92. disseminate, 93. drip, 94. maggot, 95. broth



96. br\_\_\_\_n students' knowledge      *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
97. strict th\_\_\_m to questioning believer      *n.* the belief in the existence of a god or gods, often associated with organized religion and the worship of a higher power
98. Sa\_\_\_\_\_it language      *n.* an ancient language of India and an important sacred language in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism; used as a scholarly and literary language in South Asia for thousands of years
99. he\_\_\_\_\_ss victims      *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
100. t\_\_g branch      *n.* a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual
101. re\_\_\_\_\_e over a victory      *v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event
102. ho\_\_\_\_\_ss at everything      *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
103. philosophical th\_\_\_m      *n.* the belief in the existence of a god or gods, often associated with organized religion and the worship of a higher power
104. re\_\_\_e my energy      *v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore

ANSWERS: 96. broaden, 97. theism, 98. Sanskrit, 99. helpless, 100. twig, 101. rejoice, 102. hopeless, 103. theism, 104. revive

105. hu\_\_\_\_g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
106. direct a du\_\_\_\_s look *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
107. an\_\_y at the time *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
108. furrowed b\_\_w *n.* the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead
109. cl\_\_t chin *n.* a narrow opening or fissure, usually in a rock or the ground; also, a separation or division between two things or parts
110. un\_\_\_\_y resemblance *adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling
111. hi\_\_\_\_e music *n.* a person who follows a counterculture movement that originated in the United States during the 1960s, characterized by the advocacy of nonviolence, communal living, and a rejection of traditional American values
112. silly p\_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
113. mat\_\_\_\_sm society *n.* a philosophical belief that physical matter is the only or fundamental reality and that everything, including thought, feeling, mind, and consciousness, can be reduced to matter and physical explanations
114. ga\_\_\_\_ne infection *n.* a condition in which body tissue dies due to a lack of blood supply, often resulting from injury, infection, or disease, typically characterized by discoloration, swelling, and a foul odor

ANSWERS: 105. humming, 106. dubious, 107. annoy, 108. brow, 109. cleft, 110. uncanny, 111. hippie, 112. pun, 113. materialism, 114. gangrene

115. grand de\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
116. sh\_\_d of pottery *n.* a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal
117. th\_\_\_\_\_ld increase *adj.* three times as great or as many
118. an act of ho\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
119. in an un\_\_\_\_\_y manner *adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling
120. 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
121. show di\_\_\_\_\_t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
122. ru\_\_\_\_\_ss brutality *adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
123. a primitive ma\_\_\_\_l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
124. mon\_\_\_\_\_al sculpture *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
125. a gray mu\_\_\_\_\_he *n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
126. ca\_\_\_\_\_s person *adj.* insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation

ANSWERS: 115. delusion, 116. shard, 117. threefold, 118. hostility, 119. uncanny, 120. unfold, 121. disgust, 122. ruthless, 123. mammal, 124. monumental, 125. mustache, 126. callous

127. a wide do\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
128. enl\_\_\_\_\_ent activity *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
129. re\_\_\_\_n identity *adj.* brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature
130. re\_\_\_\_e an old friendship *v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
131. de\_\_\_\_e a bomb *v.* to reduce or eliminate the tension, anger, or hostility in a situation, especially a potentially explosive one, by calming, soothing, or pacifying those involved
132. ov\_\_\_\_\_lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
133. de\_\_\_\_e a crisis *v.* to reduce or eliminate the tension, anger, or hostility in a situation, especially a potentially explosive one, by calming, soothing, or pacifying those involved
134. bitter ho\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
135. sc\_\_\_\_\_y cat *adj.* excessively thin or skinny, often in an unattractive or unhealthy way
136. act in a de\_\_\_\_\_ed way *adj.* mentally disturbed or deranged; crazed; irrational or insane in behavior, thought, or perception

ANSWERS: 127. doorway, 128. enlightenment, 129. reborn, 130. revive, 131. defuse, 132. overwhelm, 133. defuse, 134. hostility, 135. scrawny, 136. demented

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The child started to \_\_\_\_\_ out of their seatbelt during the long car ride.  
*v.* to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner
2. He finally brought his \_\_\_\_\_ to perfection.  
*n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
3. The company \_\_\_\_\_ its product line to include more customer options.  
*v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ the tradition of holding a parade on the main street every year.  
*v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
5. After months of job searching, he felt \_\_\_\_\_ and unsure of his future.  
*adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
6. Water is \_\_\_\_\_ from the faucet.  
*v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
7. I spent the whole weekend reading an academic \_\_\_\_\_ about medieval history.  
*n.* a large, heavy book, usually referring to a scholarly work or reference book
8. Her unconcealed \_\_\_\_\_ made us unpleasant.  
*n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

ANSWERS: 1. wriggle, 2. enlightenment, 3. broadened, 4. revived, 5. hopeless, 6. dripping, 7. tome, 8. hostility

9. Doctors were forced to amputate the infected limb to prevent the spread of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a condition in which body tissue dies due to a lack of blood supply, often resulting from injury, infection, or disease, typically characterized by discoloration, swelling, and a foul odor
10. The farmer plowed deep \_\_\_\_\_ in the field before planting his crops.
- n.* a long and narrow groove or trench, typically made in the ground by a plow or a person's fingers; a wrinkle or groove on a person's face
11. The bird perched on a \_\_\_\_\_ and sang a beautiful melody.
- n.* a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
- adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
13. The hiker stumbled and fell into the \_\_\_\_\_ between two large rocks.
- n.* a narrow opening or fissure, usually in a rock or the ground; also, a separation or division between two things or parts
14. The serene pond was adorned with beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ flowers.
- n.* a type of aquatic plant with large, round, floating leaves and distinctive flowers, often associated with spiritual symbolism and cultural significance in Asia
15. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ that he was a millionaire.
- n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
16. The comedian's \_\_\_\_\_ had the audience laughing out loud.
- n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

ANSWERS: 9. gangrene, 10. furrows, 11. twig, 12. humming, 13. cleft, 14. lotus, 15. delusion, 16. pun

17. Her constant chatter was starting to \_\_\_\_\_ the neighbors.  
*v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
18. The horror movie was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ characters that haunted the viewers' dreams.  
*adj.* mentally disturbed or deranged; crazed; irrational or insane in behavior, thought, or perception
19. The evidence presented in court had a \_\_\_\_\_ origin, raising questions about its authenticity.  
*adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
20. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to expect everyone to work for free.  
*adj.* not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome
21. The actor's \_\_\_\_\_ has become an icon.  
*n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
22. The price of the item was reduced \_\_\_\_\_ after the sale.  
*adj.* three times as great or as many
23. He \_\_\_\_\_ his investigation into a medical clinic.  
*v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
24. The \_\_\_\_\_ infestation in the trash can was a clear sign that we needed to take out the garbage more frequently.  
*n.* the larval stage of a fly or other insect, typically characterized by its soft, legless body and often found in decaying organic matter or on living animals

ANSWERS: 17. annoy, 18. demented, 19. dubious, 20. impractical, 21. mustache, 22. threefold, 23. widened, 24. maggot

25. I'm easily moved to tears, so I would \_\_\_\_\_ in sympathy if I saw that movie.  
*v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
26. The negotiator skillfully \_\_\_\_\_ the tense situation with calm words and gestures.  
*v.* to reduce or eliminate the tension, anger, or hostility in a situation, especially a potentially explosive one, by calming, soothing, or pacifying those involved
27. My father has a serious and \_\_\_\_\_ personality.  
*adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
28. The supervisor's \_\_\_\_\_ behavior towards his employees resulted in high turnover rates.  
*adj.* insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation
29. I feel so \_\_\_\_\_ without you.  
*adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
30. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ out the gum that she had been chewing.  
*v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
31. 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
32. He was accused of being driven by \_\_\_\_\_ putting wealth and possessions above all else.  
*n.* a philosophical belief that physical matter is the only or fundamental reality and that everything, including thought, feeling, mind, and consciousness, can be reduced to matter and physical explanations

ANSWERS: 25. weep, 26. defused, 27. compassionate, 28. callous, 29. helpless, 30. spit, 31. moth, 32. materialism,



33. After recovering from her illness, she felt like a \_\_\_\_\_ person with a new perspective on life.

*adj.* brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature

34. His \_\_\_\_\_ posturing was just a cover for his insecurities and lack of confidence.

*adj.* characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant or aggressive

35. She has an \_\_\_\_\_ sense of who is telling a lie.

*adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling

36. The allies \_\_\_\_\_ the terms of surrender to the country.

*v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

37. Several courses in the theology department delve into the complexities and challenges of contemporary \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the belief in the existence of a god or gods, often associated with organized religion and the worship of a higher power

38. The police have not yet caught the \_\_\_\_\_ of the crime.

*n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

39. Too much variety may \_\_\_\_\_ and confuse viewers.

*v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

40. As people get old, their energies may \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

ANSWERS: 33. reborn, 34. macho, 35. uncanny, 36. dictated, 37. theism, 38. perpetrator, 39. overwhelm, 40. diminish

41. She wiped the sweat from her \_\_\_\_\_ after finishing the marathon.  
*n.* the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead
42. He stood on the narrow \_\_\_\_\_ looking down at the busy street below.  
*n.* a narrow, flat surface or shelf that juts out from a wall or cliff; a projecting rib or molding along the edge of a surface
43. We should all \_\_\_\_\_ in the good things life has to offer.  
*v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event
44. The court ruled in favor of the plaintiff, \_\_\_\_\_ they were awarded damages for the defendant's negligence.  
*adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that
45. The new policies aim to \_\_\_\_\_ opportunities for all students, regardless of their background.  
*v.* to make equality or level; to bring about equality or fairness, especially in terms of rights, opportunities, or treatment
46. The artist used a \_\_\_\_\_ of glass to create intricate designs on her sculptures.  
*n.* a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal
47. The fashion of the \_\_\_\_\_ movement included unconventional clothing such as tie-dye shirts and bell-bottom jeans.  
*n.* a person who follows a counterculture movement that originated in the United States during the 1960s, characterized by the advocacy of nonviolence, communal living, and a rejection of traditional American values

ANSWERS: 41. brow, 42. ledge, 43. rejoice, 44. wherein, 45. equalize, 46. shard, 47. hippie

48. It is important to \_\_\_\_\_ accurate information to the public to prevent false rumors from spreading.

*v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse

49. Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's \_\_\_\_\_ contributions to physics.

*adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

50. He is interested in the \_\_\_\_\_ rites of that religion.

*adj.* having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension

51. Stop being \_\_\_\_\_ and always speak the truth.

*adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

52. His act of volunteering at the homeless shelter was a clear example of practical \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity

53. 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

54. The \_\_\_\_\_ customers demanded a refund for the poor quality of the product.

*adj.* dissatisfied, unhappy, or restless; not content or pleased with a situation or condition

ANSWERS: 48. disseminate, 49. monumental, 50. mystic, 51. sentimental, 52. altruism, 53. unfolded, 54. discontented

55. I always add a bit of \_\_\_\_\_ to my soup to give it more flavor.

- n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

56. He was always insecure about his \_\_\_\_\_ physique.

- adj.* excessively thin or skinny, often in an unattractive or unhealthy way

57. The marathon runner felt a cramp in her \_\_\_\_\_ at the 20th mile.

- n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg

58. Some Indian classical dances and music are based on \_\_\_\_\_ scriptures and texts.

- n.* an ancient language of India and an important sacred language in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism; used as a scholarly and literary language in South Asia for thousands of years

59. He \_\_\_\_\_ to the hope that he will find a job soon.

- v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

60. He was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ and fear for the threat of war.

- n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

61. Autistic children may engage in \_\_\_\_\_ behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

- n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

62. The tourist's \_\_\_\_\_ with the city's layout allowed them to navigate easily.

- n.* a state of being well-known or closely acquainted with someone or something; the quality of being easily recognized or understood; a feeling of comfort or ease in a particular environment or with a certain situation

ANSWERS: 55. broth, 56. scrawny, 57. thigh, 58. Sanskrit, 59. clings, 60. disgust, 61. stimming, 62. familiarity

63. \_\_\_\_\_ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.  
*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
64. Marine \_\_\_\_\_ populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.  
*n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
65. The dictator was known for his \_\_\_\_\_ tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.  
*adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
66. University is a great place to \_\_\_\_\_ our minds and expertise.  
*v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
67. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
68. He leaned against the \_\_\_\_\_ waiting for her to come home.  
*n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into

ANSWERS: 63. Christmas, 64. mammal, 65. ruthless, 66. cultivate, 67. rot, 68. doorway,