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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### magical

*adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

*synonym*: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

### conduct

*v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity

*synonym*: behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research

Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

### orchestra

*n.* a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion

*synonym*: ensemble, symphony, band

(1) full **orchestra**, (2) **orchestra** conductor

The accomplished **orchestra** will give two more performances this week.

### podium

*n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards

*synonym*: lectern, stand, dais

(1) win a **podium** position, (2) **podium** finisher

The speaker stood confidently on the **podium** while delivering their speech.

## conductor

*n.* someone who leads the performance of musicians or a piece of music; (in physics) an object, substance, or material that readily allows the flow of electricity, heat, etc.

*synonym*: director, manager

(1) **conductor** directing a symphony, (2) oxide **conductor**  
Diamonds are employed as thermal **conductors** as well.

## cubicle

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

*synonym*: compartment, booth, workspace

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

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

## gesture

*n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

*synonym*: motion, expression, gesticulation

(1) **gesture** of goodwill, (2) hand **gesture**

She made a facial **gesture** to express disagreement.

## pomp

*n.* a display of ceremonial splendor; formal or ostentatious display or a show of magnificence

*synonym*: splendor, grandeur, ceremony

(1) imperial **pomp**, (2) devoid of **pomp**

The coronation ceremony of the king was filled with **pomp** and grandeur.

## sophisticated

*adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

*synonym*: refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle

Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

## suddenly

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

*synonym* : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**  
Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

## chaos

*n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

*synonym* : disorder, turmoil, confusion

(1) **chaos** theory, (2) midst of **chaos**

The conference room was in **chaos** as everyone tried to speak at once.

## fantastic

*adj.* extremely good; excellent

*synonym* : incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

## tempting

*adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

*synonym* : alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

## virtuoso

*n.* a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit

*synonym* : master, artist, expert

(1) versatile **virtuoso**, (2) a **virtuoso** on the guitar

He was a **virtuoso** pianist and played with incredible skill and precision.

## harmony

*n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

*synonym* : balance, accord, congruence

(1) a **harmony** of colors, (2) break a **harmony**

We worked in perfect **harmony**.

## obvious

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym* : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

## philharmonic

*adj.* relating to a symphony orchestra or group of musicians playing classical music

*synonym* : symphonic, musical, harmonious

(1) national **philharmonic**, (2) **philharmonic** concert

The **philharmonic** orchestra played an incredible concert last night.

## clap

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

*synonym* : applaud, spat, acclaim

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

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

## interfere

*v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing

*synonym* : interpose, interrupt, hamper

(1) **interfere** in another country's affairs, (2) **interfere** with DNA synthesis

Your talking **interferes** with my work.

## oriental

*adj.* relating to Asia or the eastern part of the world; specifically associated with the cultural, artistic, and architectural traditions of Asia

*synonym* : Eastern, Asian, far eastern

(1) **oriental** philosophy, (2) **oriental** culture

The **oriental** cuisine at this restaurant is delicious.

## belly

*n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an

object, such as a ship or aircraft

*synonym*: stomach, abdomen, gut

(1) the **belly** of the ship, (2) with an empty **belly**

She had a tattoo just above her **belly** button.

## feast

*n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion

*synonym*: banquet, celebration, dinner

(1) a **feast** for the eyes, (2) a nightly **feast**

The royal **feast** celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.

## cough

*v.* to expel air from the lungs suddenly and noisily, often as a reaction to irritation, illness, or some other physical condition; (noun) a sudden, forceful expulsion of air from the lungs, often accompanied by a distinctive sound

*synonym*: hack, clear throat, wheeze

(1) **cough** several times, (2) persistent **cough**

I can't stop **coughing** and think I might have caught a cold.

## Arthurian

*adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

(1) the **Arthurian** cycle, (2) **Arthurian** romances

The **Arthurian** legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

## influenza

*n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics

*synonym*: grippe, flu

(1) an epidemic outbreak of **influenza**, (2) **influenza** B strain

The research institute allocated a lot of money to study the cause and prevention of **influenza**.

## concert

*n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

*synonym*:

gig, musical, show

(1) have a **concert** again, (2) a benefit **concert**

This artist always packs the **concert** halls.

## tradition

*n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

*synonym*: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

## 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.

## enabling

*adj.* providing the means, support, or resources necessary for something to happen or be achieved; allowing or encouraging a particular behavior or activity

*synonym*: facilitating, empowering, authorized

(1) **enabling** infrastructure, (2) **enabling** mindset

**Enabling** technologies allows people with disabilities to lead more independent lives.

## professional

*adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

*synonym*: skilled, competent, accomplished

(1) **professional** athlete, (2) certified **professional** secretary

He has a **professional** demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.

## communal

*adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

*synonym*: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

**Communal** elections were held in several European countries.

## individual

*n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group  
*synonym*: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

## unseen

*adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived  
*synonym*: invisible, hidden, undercover

(1) **unseen** danger, (2) an **unseen** force

The consequences of the pandemic remain **unseen** as scientists continue to research the virus.

## instrument

*n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

*synonym*: apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

## awesome

*adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

*synonym*: miraculous, marvelous, astounding

(1) **awesome** mental faculty, (2) have an **awesome** birthday

There is a lot of **awesome** nature and food in Hawaii.

## command

*n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

*synonym* : control, authority, leadership

(1) **command** and control, (2) **command** a battery

The general gave a **command** to his troops to prepare for battle.

## demonstration

*n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others

*synonym* : manifestation, presentation, show

(1) **demonstration** project, (2) a campus **demonstration**

Thousands of people attended the protest **demonstration** against the proposed policy.

## Don

*n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge

(1) the **don** of the university, (2) **Don** Giovanni

He could never go against what **Don** Carlos said.

## redundant

*adj.* unnecessarily repetitive or excessive; exceeding what is necessary or essential; characterized by unnecessary repetition or duplication of efforts

*synonym* : unnecessary, superfluous, surplus

(1) **redundant** worker, (2) **redundant** equipment

The report contained **redundant** information that could have been eliminated.

## vacancy

*n.* a room, space, or place that is available to be used; a position or job that is available or unoccupied

*synonym* : opening, gap, job

(1) apartment- **vacancy** rate, (2) a **vacancy** for a secretary

Their company hastily filled a **vacancy**.

## instruction

*n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

*synonym* : education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties



efficiently.

## sanction

*n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

*synonym*: approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the country.

## responsible

*adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

*synonym*: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

## employee

*n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

*synonym*: worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation

The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

## resign

*v.* to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable

*synonym*: quit, relinquish, retire

(1) **resign** all hopes, (2) **resign** to fate

After a long battle with her health, the teacher had no choice but to **resign** from her position.

## develop

*v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve

greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

*synonym*: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

## sweat

*n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

*synonym*: perspiration, steam, hardwork

(1) all in a **sweat**, (2) **sweat** bath

She wiped the **sweat** off her forehead with a towel.

## trombone

*n.* a musical instrument in the brass family that is played by sliding a telescoping tube in and out to change the pitch while blowing air through the mouthpiece

*synonym*: horn, brass instrument, bugle

(1) play the **trombone**, (2) a jazz **trombone** player

The jazz band featured a spectacular **trombone** solo during the performance.

## encourage

*v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

*synonym*: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

## senile

*adj.* showing signs of old age, specifically mental decline or deterioration associated with advanced age

*synonym*: senescent, aged, elderly

(1) mildly **senile**, (2) **senile** atrophy

The older man's increasingly **senile** behavior worried his family, as he seemed to forget important details and became easily confused.

## transfer

*v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

*synonym*: move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

## execution

*n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty

*synonym*: carrying out, implementation, completion

(1) compulsory **execution**, (2) **execution** by injection

The **execution** of the plan was flawless, resulting in a record-breaking profit for the company.

## interpretation

*n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

*synonym*: rendering, explanation, understanding

(1) the **interpretation** of history, (2) open to **interpretation**

His **interpretations** of literary works are often unique.

## performer

*n.* a person who entertains an audience or group by presenting artistic or theatrical acts, such as an actor, musician, dancer, or singer

*synonym*: artist, entertainer, actor

(1) circus **performer**, (2) professional **performer**

The talented **performer** captivated the audience with his impressive magic tricks.

## superconductor

*n.* a material that conducts electricity with zero resistance when cooled to very low temperatures or when subjected to high pressure or strong magnetic fields; a substance with the unique ability to transmit electric

current with no energy loss

*synonym* : zero-resistance material

(1) **superconductor** material, (2) high-temperature **superconductor**

The development of high-temperature **superconductors** revolutionized the field of electrical engineering.

## germ

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

*synonym* : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

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

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

## movement

*n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

*synonym* : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

## concentration

*n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

*synonym* : attention, engagement, assiduity

(1) **concentration** of armaments, (2) his research area of **concentration**

This exam requires excellent **concentration** to pass.

## cynicism

*n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest

*synonym* : distrust, skepticism, pessimism

(1) **cynicism** towards politics, (2) intellectual **cynicism**

His constant **cynicism** made it difficult for him to connect with others.

## ensemble

*n.* a group of people who perform together, especially in music or theater; a coordinated or matching set of something

*synonym*: group, team, set

(1) **ensemble** performance, (2) cloud **ensemble**

She put together an **ensemble** of matching clothes for the party.

## damage

*v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

*synonym*: harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

## cue

*n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something

*synonym*: signal, sign, hint

(1) **cue** card, (2) visual **cue**

The director gave the actor a **cue** to begin the scene.

## flute

*n.* a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end

*synonym*: pipe, recorder, whistle

(1) **flute** music, (2) play the **flute**

The **flute** solo in the symphony was beautiful and elevated the overall performance.

## maestro

*n.* a title used to refer to a master or skilled practitioner of a particular art, often used to describe a distinguished musician or conductor; someone who is highly accomplished in their field

*synonym*: master, virtuoso, conductor

(1) guitar **maestro**, (2) orchestral **maestro**

Fortunately, The orchestra had a **maestro** conductor leading them through the complex symphony.

## tremendous

*adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

*synonym*: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

## spiritual

*adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

*synonym*: otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

## firm

*adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

*synonym*: stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

## smashing

*adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

*synonym*: great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

## layer

*n.* a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas

*synonym* : stratum, sheet, coating

(1) **layer** cake, (2) **layer** of paint

The **layer** of frost on the ground was so thick it was difficult to walk on.

## rollercoaster

*n.* a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages

*synonym* : turbulence, upheaval

(1) emotional **rollercoaster**, (2) wooden **rollercoaster**

We finally divorced after experiencing a **rollercoaster** marriage.

## process

*n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

*synonym* : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

## exciting

*adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

*synonym* : exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

## sanatorium

*n.* a medical facility or institution for the long-term treatment or care of people with chronic illnesses or diseases, especially tuberculosis

*synonym* : health resort, rehab center

(1) military **sanatorium**, (2) **sanatorium** resort

In the early 1900s, tuberculosis patients would check into a **sanatorium** for treatment.

## tiring

*adj.* causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom

*synonym*: exhausting, fatiguing, draining

(1) mentally **tiring**, (2) **tiring** day

The **tiring** hike through the mountains was worth it for the stunning views.

## motivation

*n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

*synonym*: inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change

A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

## trumpet

*n.* a brass musical instrument with a flared bell and a bright, penetrating tone; (verb) to announce or praise loudly or publicly

*synonym*: bugle, cornet, flugelhorn

(1) **trumpet** player, (2) **trumpet** solo

She played a beautiful melody on the **trumpet**.

## hyperactive

*adj.* excessively or abnormally active, restless, or easily excitable, particularly about children or animals with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)

*synonym*: hyperkinetic, overactive, restless

(1) **hyperactive** child, (2) **hyperactive** imagination

The **hyperactive** dog was running around the house, knocking things over.

## soloist

*n.* a person who performs a solo, especially a solo musician or singer

*synonym*: solo performer, solo artist

(1) a vocal **soloist**, (2) **soloist** musician

The **soloist's** performance was the highlight of the concert.



## solo

*adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone

*synonym* : alone

(1) a **solo** vocal recital, (2) a **solo** flight

I would love to **solo** camping someday.

## compliment

*n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good

*synonym* : praise, acclamation, tribute

(1) a backhanded **compliment**, (2) accept a **compliment**

Her **compliment** made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.

## singe

*v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

*synonym* : sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

## 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.

## oboe

*n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a narrow conical bore, double reed, and a piercing, high-pitched sound

*synonym* : cor anglais, english horn, heckelphone

(1) an alto **oboe**, (2) **oboe** reed

The **oboe** player was tuning her instrument before the concert.

## autonomous

*adj.* capable of governing or controlling its affairs

*synonym* : independent, self-governing, self-reliant

(1) development of **autonomous** vehicles, (2) an **autonomous** judiciary

Five of the six provinces will become **autonomous** regions under the new federal system of government.

## creative

*adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

*synonym* : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

## zero-sum

*adj.* referring to a situation in which an equal loss offsets each gain; describing a condition in which the total gains and losses balance to zero

*synonym* : equivalent, balanced, even-handed

(1) **zero-sum** economics, (2) **zero-sum** mentality

In some sports, such as tennis, the competition is a **zero-sum** game, with only one player able to win each match.

## partnership

*n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

*synonym* : alliance, participation, cooperation

(1) **partnership** across the Atlantic, (2) establish a **partnership**

The military **partnership** between the two countries created tension in the international community.

## expression

*n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood

*synonym* : statement, utterance, remark

(1) artistic **expression**, (2) **expression** of interest

His facial **expression** showed a mix of surprise and confusion.

## suffer

*v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

*synonym*: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

## 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.

## baton

*n.* a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race

*synonym*: staff, stick, wand

(1) conducting **baton**, (2) twirl the **baton**

The police officer used his **baton** to disperse the crowd.

## reverse

*v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

*synonym*: overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

## storytelling

*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

*synonym*: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

**peter**

v. to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end

*synonym*: decrease, drop, lower

(1) eventually **peter** out, (2) begin to **peter** out

The music just **petered** out.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ch\_\_s theory *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
2. wooden rol\_\_\_\_\_ter *n.* a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages
3. begin to pe\_\_r out *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
4. an epidemic outbreak of in\_\_\_\_\_za *n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
5. tre\_\_\_\_\_us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
6. se\_\_\_e atrophy *adj.* showing signs of old age, specifically mental decline or deterioration associated with advanced age
7. in\_\_\_\_\_re in another country's affairs *v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
8. c\_\_p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
9. si\_\_e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
10. individual ins\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

ANSWERS: 1. chaos, 2. rollercoaster, 3. peter, 4. influenza, 5. tremendous, 6. senile, 7. interfere, 8. clap, 9. singe, 10. instruction

11. ex\_\_\_\_ng football player      *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
12. ti\_\_\_\_g day      *adj.* causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom
13. in\_\_\_\_\_za B strain      *n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
14. da\_\_\_\_e a relationship      *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
15. a jazz tr\_\_\_\_\_ne player      *n.* a musical instrument in the brass family that is played by sliding a telescoping tube in and out to change the pitch while blowing air through the mouthpiece
16. pr\_\_\_\_\_s improvement      *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
17. hand ge\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
18. a campus dem\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others

ANSWERS: 11. exciting, 12. tiring, 13. influenza, 14. damage, 15. trombone, 16. process, 17. gesture, 18. demonstration

19. a sop\_\_\_\_\_ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
20. re\_\_\_\_\_e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
21. mildly se\_\_\_\_\_e *adj.* showing signs of old age, specifically mental decline or deterioration associated with advanced age
22. barren of cr\_\_\_\_\_ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
23. devoid of p\_\_p *n.* a display of ceremonial splendor; formal or ostentatious display or a show of magnificence
24. play the tr\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a musical instrument in the brass family that is played by sliding a telescoping tube in and out to change the pitch while blowing air through the mouthpiece
25. professional pe\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who entertains an audience or group by presenting artistic or theatrical acts, such as an actor, musician, dancer, or singer
26. the d\_n of the university *n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
27. co\_\_\_\_\_t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity

ANSWERS: 19. sophisticated, 20. reverse, 21. senile, 22. creative, 23. pomp, 24. trombone, 25. performer, 26. Don, 27. conduct

28. dem\_\_\_\_\_ion project      *n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
29. o\_\_e reed      *n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a narrow conical bore, double reed, and a piercing, high-pitched sound
30. ze\_\_\_\_\_um economics      *adj.* referring to a situation in which an equal loss offsets each gain; describing a condition in which the total gains and losses balance to zero
31. an un\_\_\_n force      *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
32. give sm\_\_\_\_\_ng results      *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
33. sup\_\_\_\_\_tor material      *n.* a material that conducts electricity with zero resistance when cooled to very low temperatures or when subjected to high pressure or strong magnetic fields; a substance with the unique ability to transmit electric current with no energy loss
34. an\_\_y at the time      *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
35. a tr\_\_\_\_\_on of a culture      *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
36. sop\_\_\_\_\_ted look      *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

ANSWERS: 28. demonstration, 29. oboe, 30. zero-sum, 31. unseen, 32. smashing, 33. superconductor, 34. annoy, 35. tradition, 36. sophisticated



37. ze\_\_\_\_um mentality *adj.* referring to a situation in which an equal loss offsets each gain; describing a condition in which the total gains and losses balance to zero
38. la\_\_r of paint *n.* a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas
39. aw\_\_\_\_\_e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
40. tr\_\_\_\_\_t solo *n.* a brass musical instrument with a flared bell and a bright, penetrating tone; (verb) to announce or praise loudly or publicly
41. co\_\_\_\_\_or directing a symphony *n.* someone who leads the performance of musicians or a piece of music; (in physics) an object, substance, or material that readily allows the flow of electricity, heat, etc.
42. Je\_\_\_h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
43. ge\_\_\_\_\_e of goodwill *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
44. re\_\_\_\_\_nt equipment *adj.* unnecessarily repetitive or excessive; exceeding what is necessary or essential; characterized by unnecessary repetition or duplication of efforts
45. versatile vi\_\_\_\_\_so *n.* a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit

ANSWERS: 37. zero-sum, 38. layer, 39. awesome, 40. trumpet, 41. conductor, 42. Jewish, 43. gesture, 44. redundant, 45. virtuoso

46. accept a com\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
47. or\_\_\_\_\_al philosophy *adj.* relating to Asia or the eastern part of the world; specifically associated with the cultural, artistic, and architectural traditions of Asia
48. an alto o\_\_e *n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a narrow conical bore, double reed, and a piercing, high-pitched sound
49. con\_\_\_\_\_ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
50. co\_\_\_\_\_d and control *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
51. follow his ins\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
52. fl\_\_e music *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end
53. break a ha\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

ANSWERS: 46. compliment, 47. oriental, 48. oboe, 49. concentration, 50. command, 51. instruction, 52. flute, 53. harmony

54. ex\_\_\_\_\_on by injection *n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
55. ex\_\_\_\_\_ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
56. hyp\_\_\_\_\_ve imagination *adj.* excessively or abnormally active, restless, or easily excitable, particularly about children or animals with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
57. the int\_\_\_\_\_ion of history *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
58. so\_\_\_\_\_t musician *n.* a person who performs a solo, especially a solo musician or singer
59. sto\_\_\_\_\_ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
60. su\_\_\_\_r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
61. development of aut\_\_\_\_\_us vehicles *adj.* capable of governing or controlling its affairs
62. die su\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
63. an aut\_\_\_\_\_us judiciary *adj.* capable of governing or controlling its affairs
64. phi\_\_\_\_\_nic concert *adj.* relating to a symphony orchestra or group of musicians playing classical music
65. tre\_\_\_\_\_us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

ANSWERS: 54. execution, 55. exciting, 56. hyperactive, 57. interpretation, 58. soloist, 59. storytelling, 60. suffer, 61. autonomous, 62. suddenly, 63. autonomous, 64. philharmonic, 65. tremendous

66. mentally ti\_\_\_g *adj.* causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom
67. la\_\_r cake *n.* a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas
68. musical ins\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
69. orchestral ma\_\_\_\_\_o *n.* a title used to refer to a master or skilled practitioner of a particular art, often used to describe a distinguished musician or conductor; someone who is highly accomplished in their field
70. mot\_\_\_\_\_on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
71. ma\_\_\_\_\_l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
72. full or\_\_\_\_\_ra *n.* a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion
73. twirl the ba\_\_n *n.* a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race
74. de\_\_\_\_\_p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 66. tiring, 67. layer, 68. instrument, 69. maestro, 70. motivation, 71. magical, 72. orchestra, 73. baton, 74. develop

75. camping cu\_\_\_\_e *n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting
76. c\_e card *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
77. a s\_\_o flight *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
78. popular sa\_\_\_\_on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
79. Imperial sa\_\_\_\_on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
80. surgical ins\_\_\_\_nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

ANSWERS: 75. cubicle, 76. cue, 77. solo, 78. sanction, 79. sanction, 80. instrument

81. ind\_\_\_\_\_al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
82. san\_\_\_\_\_um resort *n.* a medical facility or institution for the long-term treatment or care of people with chronic illnesses or diseases, especially tuberculosis
83. cu\_\_\_\_\_e partition *n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting
84. sound very te\_\_\_\_\_ng *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
85. pro\_\_\_\_\_nal athlete *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
86. co\_\_h several times *v.* to expel air from the lungs suddenly and noisily, often as a reaction to irritation, illness, or some other physical condition; (noun) a sudden, forceful expulsion of air from the lungs, often accompanied by a distinctive sound
87. en\_\_\_\_\_ng mindset *adj.* providing the means, support, or resources necessary for something to happen or be achieved; allowing or encouraging a particular behavior or activity
88. mo\_\_\_\_\_nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 81. individual, 82. sanatorium, 83. cubicle, 84. tempting, 85. professional, 86. cough, 87. enabling, 88. movement

89. ma\_\_\_\_l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
90. tr\_\_\_\_er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
91. 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
92. re\_\_\_\_nt worker *adj.* unnecessarily repetitive or excessive; exceeding what is necessary or essential; characterized by unnecessary repetition or duplication of efforts
93. po\_\_\_\_m finisher *n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards
94. en\_\_\_\_ng infrastructure *adj.* providing the means, support, or resources necessary for something to happen or be achieved; allowing or encouraging a particular behavior or activity
95. artistic exp\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood
96. persistent co\_\_h *v.* to expel air from the lungs suddenly and noisily, often as a reaction to irritation, illness, or some other physical condition; (noun) a sudden, forceful expulsion of air from the lungs, often accompanied by a distinctive sound

ANSWERS: 89. magical, 90. transfer, 91. gravitation, 92. redundant, 93. podium, 94. enabling, 95. expression, 96. cough

97. a sm\_\_\_\_ng blow *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
98. with an empty be\_\_y *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
99. sw\_\_t bath *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
100. tr\_\_\_\_t player *n.* a brass musical instrument with a flared bell and a bright, penetrating tone; (verb) to announce or praise loudly or publicly
101. certified pro\_\_\_\_nal secretary *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
102. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
103. military san\_\_\_\_um *n.* a medical facility or institution for the long-term treatment or care of people with chronic illnesses or diseases, especially tuberculosis
104. Ar\_\_\_\_an romances *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
105. cloud en\_\_\_\_le *n.* a group of people who perform together, especially in music or theater; a coordinated or matching set of something

ANSWERS: 97. smashing, 98. belly, 99. sweat, 100. trumpet, 101. professional, 102. germ, 103. sanatorium, 104. Arthurian, 105. ensemble



106. en\_\_\_\_\_ge antisocial behavior      *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
107. in\_\_\_\_\_re with DNA synthesis      *v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
108. en\_\_\_\_\_le performance      *n.* a group of people who perform together, especially in music or theater; a coordinated or matching set of something
109. against tr\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
110. a fe\_\_t for the eyes      *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
111. exp\_\_\_\_\_on of interest      *n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood
112. a vocal so\_\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a person who performs a solo, especially a solo musician or singer
113. re\_\_\_n all hopes      *v.* to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable
114. conducting ba\_\_n      *n.* a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race

ANSWERS: 106. encourage, 107. interfere, 108. ensemble, 109. tradition, 110. feast, 111. expression, 112. soloist, 113. resign, 114. baton

115. midst of ch\_\_s *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
116. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
117. un\_\_\_n danger *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
118. an\_\_y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
119. a g\_\_m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
120. absolutely fa\_\_\_\_ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
121. re\_\_\_\_e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
122. en\_\_\_\_ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
123. a nightly fe\_\_t *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
124. open to int\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
125. or\_\_\_\_al culture *adj.* relating to Asia or the eastern part of the world; specifically associated with the cultural, artistic, and architectural traditions of Asia

ANSWERS: 115. chaos, 116. obvious, 117. unseen, 118. annoy, 119. germ, 120. fantastic, 121. reverse, 122. encourage, 123. feast, 124. interpretation, 125. oriental

126. Je\_\_\_h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
127. establish a par\_\_\_\_\_ip *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
128. cr\_\_\_\_\_ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
129. his research area of con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
130. compulsory ex\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
131. 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
132. constant sp\_\_\_\_\_al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
133. a ha\_\_\_\_\_y of colors *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
134. or\_\_\_\_\_ra conductor *n.* a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion

ANSWERS: 126. Jewish, 127. partnership, 128. creative, 129. concentration, 130. execution, 131. gravitation, 132. spiritual, 133. harmony, 134. orchestra

135. em\_\_\_\_ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
136. si\_\_e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
137. co\_\_\_\_d a battery *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
138. guitar ma\_\_\_\_o *n.* a title used to refer to a master or skilled practitioner of a particular art, often used to describe a distinguished musician or conductor; someone who is highly accomplished in their field
139. circus pe\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who entertains an audience or group by presenting artistic or theatrical acts, such as an actor, musician, dancer, or singer
140. te\_\_\_\_ng offer *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
141. eventually pe\_\_r out *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
142. visual c\_e *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something

ANSWERS: 135. employee, 136. singe, 137. command, 138. maestro, 139. performer, 140. tempting, 141. peter, 142. cue

143. intellectual cy\_\_\_\_sm *n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest
144. win a po\_\_\_m position *n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards
145. all in a sw\_\_t *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
146. par\_\_\_\_ip across the Atlantic *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
147. su\_\_\_r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
148. decision-making pr\_\_\_\_s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
149. a vi\_\_\_\_so on the guitar *n.* a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit
150. a backhanded com\_\_\_\_nt *n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good

ANSWERS: 143. cynicism, 144. podium, 145. sweat, 146. partnership, 147. suffer, 148. process, 149. virtuoso, 150. compliment

151. co\_\_\_\_al swimming pool      *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
152. hyp\_\_\_\_\_ve child      *adj.* excessively or abnormally active, restless, or easily excitable, particularly about children or animals with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
153. da\_\_\_e assessment      *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
154. emotional rol\_\_\_\_\_ter      *n.* a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages
155. imperial p\_\_p      *n.* a display of ceremonial splendor; formal or ostentatious display or a show of magnificence
156. the be\_\_y of the ship      *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
157. em\_\_\_\_\_ee benefits      *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
158. a benefit co\_\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
159. a private ind\_\_\_\_\_al      *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 151. communal, 152. hyperactive, 153. damage, 154. rollercoaster, 155. pomp, 156. belly, 157. employee, 158. concert, 159. individual

160. res\_\_\_\_\_le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
161. a va\_\_\_\_\_y for a secretary *n.* a room, space, or place that is available to be used; a position or job that is available or unoccupied
162. national phi\_\_\_\_\_nic *adj.* relating to a symphony orchestra or group of musicians playing classical music
163. understand his mot\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
164. courtroom sto\_\_\_\_\_ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
165. de\_\_\_\_\_p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
166. have a co\_\_\_\_\_t again *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
167. cy\_\_\_\_\_sm towards politics *n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest
168. res\_\_\_\_\_le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 160. responsible, 161. vacancy, 162. philharmonic, 163. motivation, 164. storytelling, 165. develop, 166. concert, 167. cynicism, 168. responsible

169. co\_\_\_\_\_t a background check      *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
170. D\_n Giovanni      *n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
171. apartment-va\_\_\_\_\_y rate      *n.* a room, space, or place that is available to be used; a position or job that is available or unoccupied
172. a circular mo\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
173. tr\_\_\_\_\_er a file      *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
174. accounting f\_\_m      *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
175. f\_\_m grip      *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
176. re\_\_\_\_\_n to fate      *v.* to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable

ANSWERS: 169. conduct, 170. Don, 171. vacancy, 172. movement, 173. transfer, 174. firm, 175. firm, 176. resign



177. play the fl\_\_e *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end
178. the Ar\_\_\_\_\_an cycle *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
179. sp\_\_\_\_\_al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
180. co\_\_\_\_\_al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
181. have an aw\_\_\_\_\_e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
182. su\_\_\_\_\_ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
183. high-temperature sup\_\_\_\_\_tor *n.* a material that conducts electricity with zero resistance when cooled to very low temperatures or when subjected to high pressure or strong magnetic fields; a substance with the unique ability to transmit electric current with no energy loss
184. c\_\_p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
185. a fa\_\_\_\_\_ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
186. a s\_\_o vocal recital *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone

ANSWERS: 177. flute, 178. Arthurian, 179. spiritual, 180. communal, 181. awesome, 182. suddenly, 183. superconductor, 184. clap, 185. fantastic, 186. solo

187. oxide co\_\_\_\_\_or

*n.* someone who leads the performance of musicians or a piece of music; (in physics) an object, substance, or material that readily allows the flow of electricity, heat, etc.

188. ob\_\_\_\_\_s reasons

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 187. conductor, 188. obvious

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her constant chatter was starting to \_\_\_\_\_ the neighbors.  
*v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
2. The research institute allocated a lot of money to study the cause and prevention of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
3. The jazz band featured a spectacular \_\_\_\_\_ solo during the performance.  
*n.* a musical instrument in the brass family that is played by sliding a telescoping tube in and out to change the pitch while blowing air through the mouthpiece
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.  
*v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
5. \_\_\_\_\_ elections were held in several European countries.  
*adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.  
*n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
7. The development of high-temperature \_\_\_\_\_ revolutionized the field of electrical engineering.  
*n.* a material that conducts electricity with zero resistance when cooled to very low temperatures or when subjected to high pressure or strong magnetic fields; a substance with the unique ability to transmit electric current with no energy loss

ANSWERS: 1. annoy, 2. influenza, 3. trombone, 4. encouraged, 5. Communal, 6. process, 7. superconductors

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the plan was flawless, resulting in a record-breaking profit for the company.
- n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ of frost on the ground was so thick it was difficult to walk on.
- n.* a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas
10. Diamonds are employed as thermal \_\_\_\_\_ as well.
- n.* someone who leads the performance of musicians or a piece of music; (in physics) an object, substance, or material that readily allows the flow of electricity, heat, etc.
11. I can't stop \_\_\_\_\_ and think I might have caught a cold.
- v.* to expel air from the lungs suddenly and noisily, often as a reaction to irritation, illness, or some other physical condition; (noun) a sudden, forceful expulsion of air from the lungs, often accompanied by a distinctive sound
12. We finally divorced after experiencing a \_\_\_\_\_ marriage.
- n.* a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages
13. The accomplished \_\_\_\_\_ will give two more performances this week.
- n.* a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ performance was the highlight of the concert.
- n.* a person who performs a solo, especially a solo musician or singer

ANSWERS: 8. execution, 9. layer, 10. conductors, 11. coughing, 12. rollercoaster, 13. orchestra, 14. soloist's

15. As an \_\_\_\_\_ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

*n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

16. Who answers \_\_\_\_\_ knows little.

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

17. The chocolate cake was too \_\_\_\_\_ for me to resist.

*adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

18. The consequences of the pandemic remain \_\_\_\_\_ as scientists continue to research the virus.

*adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived

19. The \_\_\_\_\_ cuisine at this restaurant is delicious.

*adj.* relating to Asia or the eastern part of the world; specifically associated with the cultural, artistic, and architectural traditions of Asia

20. In some sports, such as tennis, the competition is a \_\_\_\_\_ game, with only one player able to win each match.

*adj.* referring to a situation in which an equal loss offsets each gain; describing a condition in which the total gains and losses balance to zero

21. A significant amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is required to be a teacher.

*n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

22. The speaker stood confidently on the \_\_\_\_\_ while delivering their speech.

*n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards

ANSWERS: 15. individual, 16. suddenly, 17. tempting, 18. unseen, 19. oriental, 20. zero-sum, 21. motivation, 22. podium

23. She put together an \_\_\_\_\_ of matching clothes for the party.
- n.* a group of people who perform together, especially in music or theater; a coordinated or matching set of something
24. She was skilled in \_\_\_\_\_ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
- n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
25. The government imposed economic \_\_\_\_\_ on the country.
- n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
26. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
27. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
28. This artist always packs the \_\_\_\_\_ halls.
- n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
29. He has a \_\_\_\_\_ demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.
- adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

ANSWERS: 23. ensemble, 24. storytelling, 25. sanctions, 26. tradition, 27. creative, 28. concert, 29. professional

30. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to \_\_\_\_\_ a blood vessel.
- v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
31. The \_\_\_\_\_ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.
- n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
32. She made a facial \_\_\_\_\_ to express disagreement.
- n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
33. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
34. The royal \_\_\_\_\_ celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.
- n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
35. The police officer used his \_\_\_\_\_ to disperse the crowd.
- n.* a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race
36. The \_\_\_\_\_ dog was running around the house, knocking things over.
- adj.* excessively or abnormally active, restless, or easily excitable, particularly about children or animals with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)

ANSWERS: 30. damage, 31. employee, 32. gesture, 33. movement, 34. feast, 35. baton, 36. hyperactive

37. The older man's increasingly \_\_\_\_\_ behavior worried his family, as he seemed to forget important details and became easily confused.
- adj.* showing signs of old age, specifically mental decline or deterioration associated with advanced age
38. In the early 1900s, tuberculosis patients would check into a \_\_\_\_\_ for treatment.
- n.* a medical facility or institution for the long-term treatment or care of people with chronic illnesses or diseases, especially tuberculosis
39. Fortunately, The orchestra had a \_\_\_\_\_ conductor leading them through the complex symphony.
- n.* a title used to refer to a master or skilled practitioner of a particular art, often used to describe a distinguished musician or conductor; someone who is highly accomplished in their field
40. Your talking \_\_\_\_\_ with my work.
- v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
41. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
42. My friend is a \_\_\_\_\_ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
- adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
43. His facial \_\_\_\_\_ showed a mix of surprise and confusion.
- n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood

ANSWERS: 37. senile, 38. sanatorium, 39. maestro, 40. interferes, 41. obvious, 42. Jewish, 43. expression



44. Her \_\_\_\_\_ made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.  
*n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
45. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and \_\_\_\_\_ my dress.  
*v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
46. She played a beautiful melody on the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a brass musical instrument with a flared bell and a bright, penetrating tone;  
(verb) to announce or praise loudly or publicly
47. There is a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ nature and food in Hawaii.  
*adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
48. We had a \_\_\_\_\_ time yesterday.  
*adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
49. His constant \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for him to connect with others.  
*n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest
50. The director gave the actor a \_\_\_\_ to begin the scene.  
*n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
51. The \_\_\_\_\_ solo in the symphony was beautiful and elevated the overall performance.  
*n.* a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end

ANSWERS: 44. compliment, 45. singed, 46. trumpet, 47. awesome, 48. tremendous, 49. cynicism, 50. cue, 51. flute

52. After a long battle with her health, the teacher had no choice but to \_\_\_\_\_ from her position.

- v.* to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable

53. The older man \_\_\_\_\_ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

54. We must \_\_\_\_\_ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

55. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more \_\_\_\_\_ connection with the universe.

- adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

56. The \_\_\_\_\_ player was tuning her instrument before the concert.

- n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a narrow conical bore, double reed, and a piercing, high-pitched sound

57. The restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ a ban on smoking.

- v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

58. The \_\_\_\_\_ orchestra played an incredible concert last night.

- adj.* relating to a symphony orchestra or group of musicians playing classical music

ANSWERS: 52. resign, 53. suffers, 54. develop, 55. spiritual, 56. oboe, 57. reversed, 58. philharmonic

59. 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
60. His \_\_\_\_\_ of literary works are often unique.
- n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
61. I worked in an office \_\_\_\_\_ surrounded by walls and fluorescent lights.
- n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting
62. When I was a child, my mother often cast \_\_\_\_\_ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.
- adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
63. Marketing strategies are growing more \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
64. She had a tattoo just above her \_\_\_\_\_ button.
- n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
65. He could never go against what \_\_\_\_ Carlos said.
- n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
66. The general gave a \_\_\_\_\_ to his troops to prepare for battle.
- n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

ANSWERS: 59. gravitation, 60. interpretations, 61. cubicle, 62. magical, 63.

sophisticated, 64. belly, 65. Don, 66. command

67. The coronation ceremony of the king was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ and grandeur.  
*n.* a display of ceremonial splendor; formal or ostentatious display or a show of magnificence
68. I would love to \_\_\_\_\_ camping someday.  
*adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
69. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ pianist and played with incredible skill and precision.  
*n.* a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit
70. This electronic \_\_\_\_\_ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.  
*n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
71. We \_\_\_\_\_ along with the singer's song.  
*v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
72. The band's new album was a \_\_\_\_\_ success, reaching the top of the charts.  
*adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
73. \_\_\_\_\_ technologies allows people with disabilities to lead more independent lives.  
*adj.* providing the means, support, or resources necessary for something to happen or be achieved; allowing or encouraging a particular behavior or activity
74. She \_\_\_\_\_ the money from her savings account to her checking account.  
*v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

ANSWERS: 67. pomp, 68. solo, 69. virtuoso, 70. instrument, 71. clapped, 72. smashing, 73. Enabling, 74. transferred

75. The military \_\_\_\_\_ between the two countries created tension in the international community.  
*n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
76. The \_\_\_\_\_ legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.  
*adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
77. The new amusement park ride was \_\_\_\_\_ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.  
*adj.* extremely good; excellent
78. She wiped the \_\_\_\_\_ off her forehead with a towel.  
*n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
79. This exam requires excellent \_\_\_\_\_ to pass.  
*n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
80. The music just \_\_\_\_\_ out.  
*v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
81. The findings of the experiment were both \_\_\_\_\_ and unexpected.  
*adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
82. The \_\_\_\_\_ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.  
*adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

ANSWERS: 75. partnership, 76. Arthurian, 77. fantastic, 78. sweat, 79. concentration, 80. petered, 81. exciting, 82. firm

83. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

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

84. Their company hastily filled a \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a room, space, or place that is available to be used; a position or job that is available or unoccupied

85. The conference room was in \_\_\_\_\_ as everyone tried to speak at once.

- n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

86. Police will \_\_\_\_\_ random breath testing for drunk driving.

- v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity

87. The \_\_\_\_\_ hike through the mountains was worth it for the stunning views.

- adj.* causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom

88. They needed further \_\_\_\_\_ to perform their duties efficiently.

- n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

89. The talented \_\_\_\_\_ captivated the audience with his impressive magic tricks.

- n.* a person who entertains an audience or group by presenting artistic or theatrical acts, such as an actor, musician, dancer, or singer

90. We worked in perfect \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

ANSWERS: 83. germ, 84. vacancy, 85. chaos, 86. conduct, 87. tiring, 88. instruction, 89. performer, 90. harmony

91. Five of the six provinces will become \_\_\_\_\_ regions under the new federal system of government.

*adj.* capable of governing or controlling its affairs

92. The report contained \_\_\_\_\_ information that could have been eliminated.

*adj.* unnecessarily repetitive or excessive; exceeding what is necessary or essential; characterized by unnecessary repetition or duplication of efforts

93. Thousands of people attended the protest \_\_\_\_\_ against the proposed policy.

*n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others

94. She's a \_\_\_\_\_ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

*adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 91. autonomous, 92. redundant, 93. demonstration, 94. responsible