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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### Sodom

*n.* a city that, according to the Bible, was destroyed by God because of the wickedness of its inhabitants; also refer as sodomy, anal intercourse between men

(1) **Sodom** and Gomorrah, (2) the city of **Sodom**

The term "**Sodom**" has become synonymous with acts of homosexuality and is used as a derogatory term for gay people.

### daisy

*n.* a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead

*synonym* : marguerite, bellis, chrysanthemum

(1) **daisy** chain, (2) lawn **daisy**

She picked a blue **daisy** from the meadow and placed it in her hair.

### grandchild

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

*synonym* : offspring, descendant, progeny

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

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

## plow

*n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

*synonym* : plough, cultivator, hoe

(1) **plow** equipment, (2) deeply **plow** the soil

The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the **plow**.

## mule

*n.* a domesticated animal used for riding, carrying loads, and farm work, characterized by its long ears, short mane, and sturdy build

*synonym* : donkey, burro, hinny

(1) load the **mule**, (2) **mule** caravans

The stubborn **mule** refused to move until it was rewarded with a carrot.

## outhouse

*n.* a small structure located outside of a main building that contains a toilet or latrine

*synonym* : latrine, privy, lavatory

(1) wooden **outhouse**, (2) disused **outhouse**

The **outhouse** behind the cabin was a rustic alternative to indoor plumbing.

## miller

*n.* a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill

*synonym* : grinder, pulverizer, crusher

(1) **miller** flour, (2) water **mill**

The **millers'** work was a vital component of the local economy, providing flour to the bakeries and farmers in the area.

## banjo

*n.* a musical instrument with a long neck and a circular body covered in parchment or plastic, which is plucked or strummed to produce a twangy, resonant sound

(1) famous **banjo** player, (2) **banjo** music

The musician played the five-string **banjo** as part of his folk

ensemble.

## thanksgiving

*n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

*synonym*: gratitude, appreciation, recognition

(1) **thanksgiving** traditions, (2) **thanksgiving** parade

My family gathers together every year for **thanksgiving** dinner.

## bluegrass

*n.* a genre of American traditional music originating from the Appalachian region, typically characterized by lively tempo, acoustic instruments such as banjo, fiddle, and guitar, and close-harmony singing

(1) **bluegrass** music, (2) **bluegrass** festival

The band played a lively **bluegrass** tune that got everyone dancing.

## claw

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

*synonym*: paw, talon, nail

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

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

## clinch

*v.* to settle or finalize decisively; to secure or grasp firmly; to make certain or confirm beyond doubt; to secure a victory or success by a decisive action or effort

*synonym*: secure, settle, nail

(1) **clinch** a playoff spot, (2) **clinch** a victory

She managed to **clinch** the deal by offering a competitive price and excellent customer service.

- airy** *adj.* having a light, delicate, or ethereal quality; spacious and well-ventilated; lacking in substance or depth  
*synonym* : fluffy, breezy, ethereal  
(1) **airy** fairy, (2) **airy** dress  
The room felt **airy** and spacious with its high ceilings and large windows.
- excite** *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager  
*synonym* : thrill, exhilarate, animate  
(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion  
The news of her promotion **excited** her.
- medley** *n.* a mixture or assortment of different things, often of different types or genres, presented in a single performance, arrangement, or collection; (of swimming) a race in which competitors use different strokes or events  
*synonym* : mixture, assortment, potpourri  
(1) seafood **medley**, (2) **medley** of emotions  
The singer performed a **medley** of their greatest hits during the concert.
- passee** *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date  
*synonym* : outdated, old-fashioned, antique  
(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend  
Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.
- electrify** *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something  
*synonym* : wire, amaze, astonish  
(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process  
The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

## daring

*adj.* brave and taking risks

*synonym* : audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

## scout

*n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

*synonym* : scoutmaster, explorer, surveyor

(1) boy **scout**, (2) **scout** troop

The company sent a **scout** to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.

## yank

*v.* to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement

*synonym* : draw, jerk, tug

(1) **yank** out a tooth, (2) **yank** at a rope

He tried to **yank** the memories from his brain.

## decode

*v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

*synonym* : decipher, translate, interpret

(1) **decode** a message, (2) ability to **decode** the differences

The software could **decode** the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

## steppe

*n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America

*synonym* : prairie, savannah, grassland

(1) **steppe** climate, (2) barren **steppe**

The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast **steppe**.

## foreman

*n.* a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court

*synonym* : supervisor, manager, overseer

(1) **foreman** position, (2) **foreman** duties

The **foreman** on the construction site is responsible for overseeing the workers and ensuring that the project is completed on time.

## sack

*v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place;  
(noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things

*synonym* : discharge, remove, (noun) bag

(1) **sack** an employee, (2) a sleep **sack**

He was **sacked** from his job for stealing company property.

## sneak

*v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

*synonym* : creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

## robe

*n.* a loose-fitting garment, typically a long flowing outer garment, often worn as a ceremonial or formal attire

*synonym* : gown, cloak, dress

(1) silk **robe**, (2) velvet **robe**

The wizard's **robe** was embroidered with golden stars and moons.

## 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.

**chariot**

*n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing

(1) **chariot** builder, (2) **chariot** race

The ancient Romans enjoyed spectating **chariot** races.

**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.

**moan**

*v.* to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something

*synonym*: groan, sigh, lament

(1) **moan** the current situation, (2) **moan** with pleasure

She **moaned** in pain as the doctor examined her injury.

**wade**

*v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people

*synonym*: paddle, trudge, slish

(1) **wade** down a street, (2) **wade** through paperwork

I had to **wade** through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.

**bale**

*n.* a large bundle of goods such as cotton, hay, or paper; a bundle of goods used to weigh a product, especially wool, hay, etc

*synonym*: bundle, package, shipment

(1) square **bale**, (2) **bale** of cotton

The farmer stacked the hay **bales** in the barn to keep them dry.

**aft**

*adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

## 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.

## abyss

*n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void

*synonym*: chasm, cavity, gulf

(1) the **abyss** of time, (2) an **abyss** of hopelessness

The deep sea is an **abyss** of mystery and discovery.

## daffodil

*n.* a type of spring-flowering plant that has yellow or white petals and a trumpet-shaped center; a symbol of rebirth and renewal

*synonym*: narcissus, jonquil, buttercup

(1) autumn **daffodil**, (2) blooming **daffodil**

The yellow **daffodils** in the garden signaled the arrival of spring.

## mow

*v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops

*synonym*: cut, trim, clip

(1) **mow** the field, (2) **mow** a yard

My father likes to **mow** the lawn early on Saturday mornings.

## bottleneck

*n.* a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry

*synonym*: blockage, obstacle, barrier

(1) performance **bottleneck**, (2) **bottleneck** in production

Memory bandwidth is a significant **bottleneck** in this computational simulation.



## 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.

## medicinal

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

*synonym*: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

## gyroscope

*n.* a device consisting of a spinning wheel or disk mounted in such a way that it can rotate freely in any direction, used to maintain balance, stability, or orientation in navigation, aerospace, or other systems

*synonym*: gyro, stabilizer, compass

(1) **gyroscope** sensor, (2) inertial navigation **gyroscope**

The **gyroscope** in the spacecraft helps to stabilize its orientation during the mission.

## nit

*n.* the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person

(1) **nit** in the dog's fur, (2) she is a little **nit**

Careful brushing can remove **nit**.

## gunpowder

*n.* a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive

*synonym*: ammunition, explosive, bullet

(1) **gunpowder** paper, (2) smokeless **gunpowder**

The invention of **gunpowder** revolutionized warfare.

## flare

*v.* to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface

*synonym* : blaze, ignite, light up

(1) **flare** up into a major crisis, (2) the **flare** of a match

The Sun **flared** and caused a sudden brightening in the sky.

## cannon

*n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting

*synonym* : artillery, gun, ordnance

(1) **cannon** salute, (2) **cannon** ball

The heavy **cannon** fired a loud shot that echoed across the battlefield.

## cracker

*n.* a crisp, dry baked food usually made from flour and served as a snack or with soup or cheese; a person who breaks into computer systems or networks without authorization, commonly known as a hacker; a small firework that is designed to make a loud noise when ignited

*synonym* : biscuit, hacker, banger

(1) cannon **cracker**, (2) computer **cracker**

I love having a cheese and **cracker** platter while watching a movie.

## fuse

*n.* a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat

*synonym* : (verb) melt, (verb) blend

(1) **fuse** blows, (2) **fuse** with one another

He has a short **fuse**.

## plywood

*n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles

*synonym* : panel board, veneer panel, plyboard

(1) flexible **plywood**, (2) **plywood** furniture

Manufacturing companies use large sheets of **plywood** to make furniture and fixtures.

## bury

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

*synonym*: entomb, sink, forget

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

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

## redo

*v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable

*synonym*: revise, remake, rework

(1) **redo** a kitchen, (2) **redo** a project

I had to **redo** my entire presentation because the formatting was off.

## eyelash

*n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes

*synonym*: lash, cilium

(1) **eyelash** brush, (2) not bat an **eyelash**

An **eyelash** curler is a girl's best friend.

## welt

*n.* a raised ridge or bump on the surface of a material, such as fabric, leather, or skin; a strip of fabric or material used to reinforce or finish the edges of garments, cushions, or furniture; (verb) to strike or hit something or someone forcefully

*synonym*: wale, bump, bulge

(1) leather **welt**, (2) **welt** from a spanking

The runner had a large **welt** on her leg after the fall.

## tuna

*n.* a large fish of the mackerel family, found in warm seas; commonly used for commercial and sport fishing and as a food source for humans and other animals

(1) **tuna** steak, (2) canned **tuna**

I made a **tuna** sandwich for lunch today.

## hamstring

*n.* a group of three muscles located on the back of the thigh that are responsible for flexing the knee joint and extending the hip joint; (verb) to impair or disable someone or something by damaging their effectiveness,

strength, or power, particularly in a way that restricts movement or agility

*synonym* : leg muscle, (verb) impede, (verb) hinder

(1) **hamstring** injury, (2) **hamstring** his effort

Physical therapy can be useful in rehabilitating a **hamstring** injury.

## **sew**

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

*synonym* : stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------|----|---|
| 1. y__k at a rope              | v. | to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement  |
| 2. el_____fy the audience      | v. | to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something  |
| 3. chicken br__h               | n. | a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews  |
| 4. m__n with pleasure          | v. | to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something  |
| 5. r__o a project              | v. | to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable  |
| 6. y__k out a tooth            | v. | to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement  |
| 7. si__e the edges of a fabric | v. | to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake   |
| 8. cl___h a victory            | v. | to settle or finalize decisively; to secure or grasp firmly; to make certain or confirm beyond doubt; to secure a victory or success by a decisive action or effort                 |
| 9. f__e with one another       | n. | a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat |

ANSWERS: 1. yank, 2. electrify, 3. broth, 4. moan, 5. redo, 6. yank, 7. singe, 8. clinch, 9. fuse



18. el\_\_\_\_\_fy a manufacturing process      *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
19. deeply p\_\_w the soil      *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
20. barren st\_\_\_e      *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
21. bl\_\_\_\_\_ss music      *n.* a genre of American traditional music originating from the Appalachian region, typically characterized by lively tempo, acoustic instruments such as banjo, fiddle, and guitar, and close-harmony singing
22. gu\_\_\_\_\_er paper      *n.* a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive
23. fo\_\_\_\_\_n duties      *n.* a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court

ANSWERS: 18. electrify, 19. plow, 20. steppe, 21. bluegrass, 22. gunpowder, 23. foreman





31. si\_\_e off the hair over the flames      *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
32. a sleep s\_\_k      *v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things
33. ha\_\_\_\_\_ng injury      *n.* a group of three muscles located on the back of the thigh that are responsible for flexing the knee joint and extending the hip joint; (verb) to impair or disable someone or something by damaging their effectiveness, strength, or power, particularly in a way that restricts movement or agility
34. bl\_\_\_\_\_ss festival      *n.* a genre of American traditional music originating from the Appalachian region, typically characterized by lively tempo, acoustic instruments such as banjo, fiddle, and guitar, and close-harmony singing
35. pa\_\_e entertainment      *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
36. ey\_\_\_\_\_h brush      *n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes
37. w\_\_t from a spanking      *n.* a raised ridge or bump on the surface of a material, such as fabric, leather, or skin; a strip of fabric or material used to reinforce or finish the edges of garments, cushions, or furniture; (verb) to strike or hit something or someone forcefully

ANSWERS: 31. singe, 32. sack, 33. hamstring, 34. bluegrass, 35. passe, 36. eyelash, 37. welt

38. m\_\_e caravans *n.* a domesticated animal used for riding, carrying loads, and farm work, characterized by its long ears, short mane, and sturdy build
39. c\_\_w hammer *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
40. w\_\_e through paperwork *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
41. m\_w the field *v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
42. pa\_\_e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
43. silk r\_\_e *n.* a loose-fitting garment, typically a long flowing outer garment, often worn as a ceremonial or formal attire
44. s\_\_k an employee *v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things

ANSWERS: 38. mule, 39. claw, 40. wade, 41. mow, 42. passe, 43. robe, 44. sack

45. a\_\_y dress *adj.* having a light, delicate, or ethereal quality; spacious and well-ventilated; lacking in substance or depth
46. seafood me\_\_\_y *n.* a mixture or assortment of different things, often of different types or genres, presented in a single performance, arrangement, or collection; (of swimming) a race in which competitors use different strokes or events
47. an ab\_\_s of hopelessness *n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void
48. ca\_\_\_n ball *n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
49. sn\_\_k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
50. So\_\_m and Gomorrah *n.* a city that, according to the Bible, was destroyed by God because of the wickedness of its inhabitants; also refer as sodomy, anal intercourse between men
51. a\_\_y fairy *adj.* having a light, delicate, or ethereal quality; spacious and well-ventilated; lacking in substance or depth
52. me\_\_\_\_\_al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
53. me\_\_\_y of emotions *n.* a mixture or assortment of different things, often of different types or genres, presented in a single performance, arrangement, or collection; (of swimming) a race in which competitors use different strokes or events

ANSWERS: 45. airy, 46. medley, 47. abyss, 48. cannon, 49. sneak, 50. Sodom, 51.

airy, 52. medicinal, 53. medley

54. a\_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
55. f\_\_e blows *n.* a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat
56. bot\_\_\_\_\_ck in production *n.* a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry
57. ca\_\_\_n salute *n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
58. computer cr\_\_\_\_r *n.* a crisp, dry baked food usually made from flour and served as a snack or with soup or cheese; a person who breaks into computer systems or networks without authorization, commonly known as a hacker; a small firework that is designed to make a loud noise when ignited
59. lawn da\_\_y *n.* a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead
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ANSWERS: 54. aft, 55. fuse, 56. bottleneck, 57. cannon, 58. cracker, 59. daisy, 60. wade

61. w\_\_p bitter tears      *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
62. c\_\_w marks      *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
63. the fl\_\_e of a match      *v.* to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface
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69. da\_\_g escape      *adj.* brave and taking risks
70. tha\_\_\_\_\_ing traditions      *n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

ANSWERS: 61. weep, 62. claw, 63. flare, 64. humming, 65. aft, 66. chariot, 67.

gunpowder, 68. weep, 69. daring, 70. thanksgiving

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76. r\_\_o a kitchen *v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable
77. st\_\_\_e climate *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America

ANSWERS: 71. excite, 72. gyroscope, 73. cracker, 74. broth, 75. decode, 76. redo, 77. steppe



78. pl\_\_\_\_d furniture *n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
79. ba\_\_o music *n.* a musical instrument with a long neck and a circular body covered in parchment or plastic, which is plucked or strummed to produce a twangy, resonant sound
80. make a da\_\_\_g face *adj.* brave and taking risks
81. n\_t in the dog's fur *n.* the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person
82. autumn da\_\_\_\_\_il *n.* a type of spring-flowering plant that has yellow or white petals and a trumpet-shaped center; a symbol of rebirth and renewal
83. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
84. cl\_\_\_h a playoff spot *v.* to settle or finalize decisively; to secure or grasp firmly; to make certain or confirm beyond doubt; to secure a victory or success by a decisive action or effort
85. fl\_\_e up into a major crisis *v.* to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface

ANSWERS: 78. plywood, 79. banjo, 80. daring, 81. nit, 82. daffodil, 83. grandchild, 84. clinch, 85. flare



92. sn\_\_k a cigarette                    *v.*    to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
93. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld-grandparent relationship                    *n.*    a child of someone's son or daughter
94. b\_\_y emotion                        *v.*    to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
95. s\_w with thread                    *v.*    to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
96. ability to de\_\_\_e the differences                    *v.*    to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
97. traditional me\_\_\_\_\_al                    *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
98. the ab\_\_s of time                    *n.*    a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void
99. b\_\_e of cotton                       *n.*    a large bundle of goods such as cotton, hay, or paper; a bundle of goods used to weigh a product, especially wool, hay, etc
100. ha\_\_\_\_\_ng his effort                    *n.*    a group of three muscles located on the back of the thigh that are responsible for flexing the knee joint and extending the hip joint; (verb) to impair or disable someone or something by damaging their effectiveness, strength, or power, particularly in a way that restricts movement or agility

ANSWERS: 92. sneak, 93. grandchild, 94. bury, 95. sew, 96. decode, 97. medicinal, 98. abyss, 99. bale, 100. hamstring

101. m\_w a yard      *v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
102. blooming da\_\_\_\_il      *n.* a type of spring-flowering plant that has yellow or white petals and a trumpet-shaped center; a symbol of rebirth and renewal
103. b\_\_y in the earth      *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
104. water mi\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill
105. fo\_\_\_\_n position      *n.* a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court
106. wooden ou\_\_\_\_se      *n.* a small structure located outside of a main building that contains a toilet or latrine
107. not bat an ey\_\_\_\_h      *n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes
108. ch\_\_\_\_t race      *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
109. hu\_\_\_\_g bird      *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

ANSWERS: 101. mow, 102. daffodil, 103. bury, 104. miller, 105. foreman, 106. outhouse, 107. eyelash, 108. chariot, 109. humming

110. canned t\_\_a

*n.* a large fish of the mackerel family, found in warm seas; commonly used for commercial and sport fishing and as a food source for humans and other animals

ANSWERS: 110. tuna

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ancient Romans enjoyed spectating \_\_\_\_\_ races.
  - n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
  
2. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.
  - v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
  
3. 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
  
4. Physical therapy can be useful in rehabilitating a \_\_\_\_\_ injury.
  - n.* a group of three muscles located on the back of the thigh that are responsible for flexing the knee joint and extending the hip joint; (verb) to impair or disable someone or something by damaging their effectiveness, strength, or power, particularly in a way that restricts movement or agility
  
5. I love having a cheese and \_\_\_\_\_ platter while watching a movie.
  - n.* a crisp, dry baked food usually made from flour and served as a snack or with soup or cheese; a person who breaks into computer systems or networks without authorization, commonly known as a hacker; a small firework that is designed to make a loud noise when ignited
  
6. The company sent a \_\_\_\_\_ to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.
  - n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

ANSWERS: 1. chariot, 2. excited, 3. weep, 4. hamstring, 5. cracker, 6. scout

7. The yellow \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden signaled the arrival of spring.  
*n.* a type of spring-flowering plant that has yellow or white petals and a trumpet-shaped center; a symbol of rebirth and renewal
8. The singer performed a \_\_\_\_\_ of their greatest hits during the concert.  
*n.* a mixture or assortment of different things, often of different types or genres, presented in a single performance, arrangement, or collection; (of swimming) a race in which competitors use different strokes or events
9. The runner had a large \_\_\_\_\_ on her leg after the fall.  
*n.* a raised ridge or bump on the surface of a material, such as fabric, leather, or skin; a strip of fabric or material used to reinforce or finish the edges of garments, cushions, or furniture; (verb) to strike or hit something or someone forcefully
10. 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
11. The musician played the five-string \_\_\_\_\_ as part of his folk ensemble.  
*n.* a musical instrument with a long neck and a circular body covered in parchment or plastic, which is plucked or strummed to produce a twangy, resonant sound
12. The deep sea is an \_\_\_\_\_ of mystery and discovery.  
*n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void
13. The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

ANSWERS: 7. daffodils, 8. medley, 9. welt, 10. humming, 11. banjo, 12. abyss, 13. plow

14. The heavy \_\_\_\_\_ fired a loud shot that echoed across the battlefield.
- n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ work was a vital component of the local economy, providing flour to the bakeries and farmers in the area.
- n.* a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill
16. The \_\_\_\_\_ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
17. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the memories from his brain.
- v.* to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement
18. The stubborn \_\_\_\_\_ refused to move until it was rewarded with a carrot.
- n.* a domesticated animal used for riding, carrying loads, and farm work, characterized by its long ears, short mane, and sturdy build
19. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and \_\_\_\_\_ my dress.
- v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
20. The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
21. 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

ANSWERS: 14. cannon, 15. miller's, 16. medicinal, 17. yank, 18. mule, 19. singed, 20. steppe, 21. broth



22. There is plenty of space to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.
- v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
23. She managed to \_\_\_\_\_ the deal by offering a competitive price and excellent customer service.
- v. to settle or finalize decisively; to secure or grasp firmly; to make certain or confirm beyond doubt; to secure a victory or success by a decisive action or effort
24. He has a short \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat
25. Manufacturing companies use large sheets of \_\_\_\_\_ to make furniture and fixtures.
- n. a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
26. The term " \_\_\_\_\_ has become synonymous with acts of homosexuality and is used as a derogatory term for gay people.
- n. a city that, according to the Bible, was destroyed by God because of the wickedness of its inhabitants; also refer as sodomy, anal intercourse between men
27. The wizard's \_\_\_\_\_ was embroidered with golden stars and moons.
- n. a loose-fitting garment, typically a long flowing outer garment, often worn as a ceremonial or formal attire
28. The grandparents take care of their \_\_\_\_\_ while the parents are at work.
- n. a child of someone's son or daughter

ANSWERS: 22. bury, 23. clinch, 24. fuse, 25. plywood, 26. Sodom", 27. robe, 28. grandchild

29. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the spacecraft helps to stabilize its orientation during the mission.
- n.* a device consisting of a spinning wheel or disk mounted in such a way that it can rotate freely in any direction, used to maintain balance, stability, or orientation in navigation, aerospace, or other systems
30. My mother taught me how to \_\_\_\_.
- v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
31. An \_\_\_\_\_ curler is a girl's best friend.
- n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes
32. I made a \_\_\_\_\_ sandwich for lunch today.
- n.* a large fish of the mackerel family, found in warm seas; commonly used for commercial and sport fishing and as a food source for humans and other animals
33. The room felt \_\_\_\_\_ and spacious with its high ceilings and large windows.
- adj.* having a light, delicate, or ethereal quality; spacious and well-ventilated; lacking in substance or depth
34. The invention of \_\_\_\_\_ revolutionized warfare.
- n.* a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive
35. The band played a lively \_\_\_\_\_ tune that got everyone dancing.
- n.* a genre of American traditional music originating from the Appalachian region, typically characterized by lively tempo, acoustic instruments such as banjo, fiddle, and guitar, and close-harmony singing

ANSWERS: 29. gyroscope, 30. sew, 31. eyelash, 32. tuna, 33. airy, 34. gunpowder, 35. bluegrass

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

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

37. The software could \_\_\_\_\_ the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

- v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

38. She \_\_\_\_\_ in pain as the doctor examined her injury.

- v.* to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something

39. The product developed through years of research continues to \_\_\_\_\_ the market.

- v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

40. The \_\_\_\_ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

- adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

41. My family gathers together every year for \_\_\_\_\_ dinner.

- n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

ANSWERS: 36. claw, 37. decode, 38. moaned, 39. electrify, 40. aft, 41. thanksgiving

42. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ my entire presentation because the formatting was off.
- v. to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable
43. The Sun \_\_\_\_\_ and caused a sudden brightening in the sky.
- v. to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface
44. The children tried to \_\_\_\_\_ out and eat the candy.
- v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
45. My father likes to \_\_\_\_\_ the lawn early on Saturday mornings.
- v. to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
46. Careful brushing can remove \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person
47. He was \_\_\_\_\_ from his job for stealing company property.
- v. to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things
48. The \_\_\_\_\_ behind the cabin was a rustic alternative to indoor plumbing.
- n. a small structure located outside of a main building that contains a toilet or latrine

ANSWERS: 42. redo, 43. flared, 44. sneak, 45. mow, 46. nit, 47. sacked, 48. outhouse

49. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.
- v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
50. Memory bandwidth is a significant \_\_\_\_\_ in this computational simulation.
- n.* a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry
51. She picked a blue \_\_\_\_\_ from the meadow and placed it in her hair.
- n.* a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead
52. Her choices become increasingly \_\_\_\_\_ and creative.
- adj.* brave and taking risks
53. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the construction site is responsible for overseeing the workers and ensuring that the project is completed on time.
- n.* a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court
54. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered \_\_\_\_\_ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.
- adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
55. The farmer stacked the hay \_\_\_\_\_ in the barn to keep them dry.
- n.* a large bundle of goods such as cotton, hay, or paper; a bundle of goods used to weigh a product, especially wool, hay, etc

ANSWERS: 49. wade, 50. bottleneck, 51. daisy, 52. daring, 53. foreman, 54. passe, 55. bales

ANSWERS: