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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### malign

v. to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence

*synonym*: defame, vilify, (adjective) evil

(1) **malign** influence, (2) **malign** the politician in the media

The article **maligned** the company's reputation with false accusations.

### crucify

v. to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die

*synonym*: execute, martyr, nail to cross

(1) **crucify** a criminal, (2) **crucify** him for their actions

The religious leaders wanted to **crucify** the heretic for his teachings.

### outlaw

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

*synonym*: ban, prohibit, (noun) bandit

(1) **outlaw** racial discrimination, (2) **outlaw** cloning of human cells

Some communities began to **outlaw** alcohol consumption.

## **gavage**

*n.* a medical procedure or technique involving the feeding of a person or animal through a tube inserted into the stomach; the forced feeding of animals for specific purposes, such as animal testing or the production of foie gras

*synonym*: tube feeding, forced feeding

(1) **gavage** tube, (2) forceful **gavage**

Due to his difficulty swallowing, the patient required **gavage** feeding until he recovered.

## **suffice**

*v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose

*synonym*: satisfy, meet, be enough

(1) **suffice** to live, (2) **suffice** as evidence

Would one cup of flour **suffice** for this recipe?

## **unctuous**

*adj.* excessively or insincerely flattering; oily or greasy in texture or appearance; smooth and sleek in manner or expression

*synonym*: oily, smarmy, slick

(1) **unctuous** smile, (2) have an **unctuous** attitude

The salesperson's **unctuous** behavior made me distrustful of their intentions.

## **steroid**

*n.* any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs

(1) **steroid** abuse, (2) a **steroid** hormone

Some **steroids** are banned for use by athletes because of their muscle-building effects.

## **gorge**

*n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it

*synonym*: canyon, gully, ravine

(1) cast the **gorge**, (2) the **gorges** of the Yangtse River

We must pass through the narrow **gorge** with a stream

running through it.

## roam

*v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

*synonym*: wander, ramble, meander

(1) **roam** freely, (2) **roam** the countryside

I love to **roam** around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

## covet

*v.* to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for

*synonym*: desire, yearn, crave

(1) **covet** wealth, (2) **covet** fame

She couldn't help but **covet** her friend's designer handbag.

## gastronomy

*n.* the art or science of preparing and serving good food; the study of food and its relationship to culture and society

*synonym*: culinary art, cuisine

(1) **gastronomy** tour, (2) French **gastronomy**

The city has many restaurants that showcase the diversity of **gastronomy** worldwide.

## olympiad

*n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years

(1) the modern **olympiad**, (2) summer **olympiad**

She won a gold medal in the physics **olympiad** and was praised by her teachers and peers.

## glee

*n.* a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment

*synonym*: delight, happiness, joy

(1) jumping for **glee**, (2) **glee** club

The children's faces were filled with **glee** as they ran around the playground.

### accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

*synonym*: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

### shred

v. to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount

*synonym*: rip up, tear up, cut

(1) **shred** paper into little pieces, (2) **shred** lettuce for a salad

There is not a **shred** of evidence that he is guilty.

### afterward

*adv.* after the time mentioned

*synonym*: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

### disqualify

v. to declare someone or something ineligible or unfit for a particular role or activity; to exclude or bar someone from participation in something

*synonym*: disbar, invalidate, exclude

(1) **disqualify** a candidate, (2) **disqualify** from the election

The athlete's lousy behavior was enough to **disqualify** him from the competition.

### firsthand

*adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

*synonym*: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand**

research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

## whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

*synonym*: murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

## 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.

## hush

v. to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential

*synonym*: clam up, quieten, settle down

(1) **hush** for a while, (2) **hush** up a case

Please **hush** your voice so that the baby can sleep.

## paddock

n. a small enclosed field or pasture, especially one used for grazing or exercising horses

*synonym*: enclosure, pen, corral

(1) **paddock** fencing, (2) grazing **paddock**

The horses were kept in the **paddock** while their stalls were being cleaned.

## 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.

## rewire

*v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns

*synonym*: reconfigure, renovate, upgrade

(1) **rewire** a house, (2) **rewire** a program

I need to **rewire** the faulty electrical system in my house to prevent a fire.

## conceit

*n.* an excessively high opinion of oneself; self-importance

*synonym*: vanity, egotism, self-importance

(1) full of **conceit**, (2) puffed up with **conceit**

His vain **conceit** made it difficult for him to work well with others.

## imprison

*v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

*synonym*: incarcerate, detain, confine

(1) **imprison** illegal immigrant, (2) **imprison** myself within the room

He was **imprisoned** for embezzlement.

## predator

*n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

*synonym*: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

## deflect

*v.* to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone

*synonym*: deter, redirect, sidetrack

(1) **deflect** a blow, (2) **deflect** his criticism

The soccer player was able to **deflect** the ball away from the goal.

## ingenuity

*n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

*synonym*: creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**  
Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

## 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.

## shush

*v.* to silence or quiet someone or something, particularly by making a "shh" or "hush" sound

*synonym*: silence, hush, quiet

(1) **shush** the baby, (2) **shush** the crowd  
I had to **shush** my chatty friend during the movie.

## squadron

*n.* a military unit consisting of a headquarters and several units or subunits, typically composed of two or more flights of aircraft

*synonym*: flight, air wing, air group

(1) **squadron** leader, (2) bomber **squadron**  
The combined **squadron** was responsible for protecting the airspace of the country.

## conducive

*adj.* tending to make something likely or possible

*synonym*: beneficial, advantageous, helpful

(1) **conducive** question, (2) **conducive** to growth  
The quiet and peaceful environment was **conducive** to concentration and productivity.

## domesticate

*v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

*synonym*: tame, naturalize, cultivate

(1) easy to **domesticate**, (2) **domesticate** the plant

We **domesticate** cows to gain milk and meat.

## hog

*n.* a domesticated pig or swine; a selfish or greedy person who keeps or takes more than their fair share of something; (verb) to take or use more than one's fair share of something, often to the detriment of others

*synonym* : pig, swine, boar

(1) **hog** farming, (2) **hog** all the glory

The farmer raised his **hogs** for meat and sold them at a local market.

## confit

*n.* a traditional French cooking technique involving slow-cooking food, typically meat (such as duck or pork), in its fat or oil until it becomes tender and preserved

*synonym* : preserved

(1) fruit **confit**, (2) salmon **confit**

The chef prepared a delicious duck **confit** for the special dinner.

## hyperbole

*n.* exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point

*synonym* : exaggeration, overstatement, embellishment

(1) escalate the **hyperbole**, (2) avoid **hyperbole** in writing

The marketing campaign relied heavily on **hyperbole** to sell the product.

## pep

*n.* energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness; (verb) to give someone energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness

*synonym* : energy, enthusiasm, liveliness

(1) **pep** me up, (2) have a lot of **peps**

The coach gave a **pep** talk to the team before the game to boost their spirits.

## salinity

*n.* the presence or amount of salt in a substance, especially in water or soil; the measure of the concentration of dissolved salts in a liquid

*synonym* : saltiness, brackishness



(1) marine **salinity**, (2) **salinity** intrusion

The **salinity** levels in the ocean have been increasing due to climate change.

## potpourri

*n.* a mixture of dried, naturally fragrant plant materials; a mixture or medley of different things, especially a collection or assortment of various pleasant or interesting elements, such as smells, colors, or ideas

*synonym*: mixture, blend, assortment

(1) aromatic **potpourri**, (2) floral **potpourri**

The gift basket was filled with a delightful **potpourri** of scented candles, bath bombs, and chocolates.

## preeminent

*adj.* superior in rank, status, or quality; surpassing all others

*synonym*: supreme, dominant, leading

(1) **preeminent** leader, (2) **preeminent** position

He was considered the **preeminent** expert in his field.

## 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.

## Pharaoh

*n.* the title of the ancient Egyptian kings

(1) a young **Pharaoh**, (2) Egyptian **Pharaoh**

The **Pharaoh** Khufu had his people build the most famous pyramids in the world.

## supple

*adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

*synonym*: flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

## ingenious

*adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill

*synonym* : creative, innovative, inventive

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

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

## megafarm

*n.* a large-scale agricultural operation that covers an extensive acreage and produces crops, livestock, or both on a commercial level

*synonym* : factory farm, agribusiness, industrial farm

(1) **megafarm** industry, (2) **megafarm** production

The government's new policy encourages the establishment of **megafarms** to boost agricultural production.

## broccoli

*n.* a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family

(1) frozen **broccoli**, (2) **broccoli** sprout

He didn't like **broccoli** floret and avoided eating it.

## sprout

*v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly; (noun) a young shoot or plant that emerges from a seed and starts to grow

*synonym* : germinate, grow, bud

(1) **sprout** seeds, (2) **sprout** wings

The flowers in the garden began to **sprout** after the first rain of the season.

## catfish

*n.* a type of fish that has whisker-like barbels around its mouth and can often be found in freshwater habitats; (verb) to create a fake persona online and use it to deceive others, typically for personal gain or attention

*synonym* : bullhead, mudcat, cobbler

(1) **catfish** farm, (2) **catfish** people on the Internet

My grandfather's favorite way to spend time was fishing for **catfish** in the nearby river.

## mindset

*n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

*synonym* : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

## reminiscent

*adj.* making you remember someone or something; relating to the recall of personal interests

*synonym* : evocative, mindful, redolent

(1) **reminiscent** of ancient times, (2) **reminiscent** smile

His painting style is **reminiscent** of Monet's

## flourish

*v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

*synonym* : boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

## liquidate

*v.* to settle accounts and pay off debts, often by selling off assets; to eliminate or get rid of something completely

*synonym* : sell off, close down, dispose of

(1) **liquidate** debt, (2) **liquidate** a company

The company had to **liquidate** its assets due to bankruptcy.

## degrade

*v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

*synonym* : demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

## guise

*n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from

usual or concealing the true nature

*synonym* : appearance, pretense, masquerade

(1) in the **guise** of a woman, (2) under the **guise** of friendship

They operated an illegal business under the **guise** of an employment agency.

## writ

*n.* a written legal order or command

*synonym* : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

## brilliantly

*adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

*synonym* : brightly, radiantly, excellently

(1) **brilliantly** executed, (2) **brilliantly** lit

He played the piano **brilliantly** at the concert.

## serendipity

*n.* the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery

*synonym* : luck, chance, fortune

(1) **serendipity** moment, (2) **serendipity** discovery

The discovery of penicillin was a result of **serendipity**.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|------|--|
| 1. co__t fame                   | v.   | to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for   |
| 2. Je___h history               | adj. | of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism   |
| 3. answer in a wh_____r         | v.   | to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you                    |
| 4. ou___w racial discrimination | v.   | to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime                            |
| 5. abound in in_____ty          | n.   | the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways   |
| 6. in the gu__e of a woman      | n.   | the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature |
| 7. rem_____nt smile             | adj. | making you remember someone or something; relating to the recall of personal interests   |
| 8. pre_____nt position          | adj. | superior in rank, status, or quality; surpassing all others  |
| 9. me_____rm production         | n.   | a large-scale agricultural operation that covers an extensive acreage and produces crops, livestock, or both on a commercial level       |

ANSWERS: 1. covet, 2. Jewish, 3. whisper, 4. outlaw, 5. ingenuity, 6. guise, 7. reminiscent, 8. preeminent, 9. megafarm

10. ma\_\_\_n influence
- v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
11. pa\_\_\_\_k fencing
- n.* a small enclosed field or pasture, especially one used for grazing or exercising horses
12. in\_\_\_\_\_us device
- adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
13. cr\_\_\_\_\_y a criminal
- v.* to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die
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- v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
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- n.* any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs

ANSWERS: 10. malign, 11. paddock, 12. ingenious, 13. crucify, 14. gavage, 15. degrade, 16. accuse, 17. steroid

18. im\_\_\_\_\_on illegal immigrant      *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
19. un\_\_\_\_\_us smile      *adj.* excessively or insincerely flattering; oily or greasy in texture or appearance; smooth and sleek in manner or expression
20. re\_\_\_e a house      *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
21. dis\_\_\_\_\_fy a candidate      *v.* to declare someone or something ineligible or unfit for a particular role or activity; to exclude or bar someone from participation in something
22. apex pr\_\_\_\_\_or      *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
23. 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
24. frozen br\_\_\_\_\_li      *n.* a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family
25. ser\_\_\_\_\_ty moment      *n.* the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery
26. c\_\_p my hands      *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

ANSWERS: 18. imprison, 19. unctuous, 20. rewire, 21. disqualify, 22. predator, 23. clap, 24. broccoli, 25. serendipity, 26. clap

27. co\_\_\_\_\_ve to growth *adj.* tending to make something likely or possible
28. marine sa\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the presence or amount of salt in a substance, especially in water or soil; the measure of the concentration of dissolved salts in a liquid
29. r\_\_m freely *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
30. a few years af\_\_\_\_\_rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
31. g\_\_e club *n.* a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment
32. hear customer's voices fi\_\_\_\_\_nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
33. dom\_\_\_\_\_te the plant *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
34. fruit co\_\_\_\_t *n.* a traditional French cooking technique involving slow-cooking food, typically meat (such as duck or pork), in its fat or oil until it becomes tender and preserved
35. dis\_\_\_\_\_fy from the election *v.* to declare someone or something ineligible or unfit for a particular role or activity; to exclude or bar someone from participation in something
36. fl\_\_\_\_\_sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

ANSWERS: 27. conducive, 28. salinity, 29. roam, 30. afterward, 31. glee, 32. firsthand, 33. domesticate, 34. confit, 35. disqualify, 36. flourish



37. the infinite in\_\_\_\_\_ty of man *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
38. a young Ph\_\_\_\_\_h *n.* the title of the ancient Egyptian kings
39. ca\_\_\_\_\_h farm *n.* a type of fish that has whisker-like barbels around its mouth and can often be found in freshwater habitats; (verb) to create a fake persona online and use it to deceive others, typically for personal gain or attention
40. French gas\_\_\_\_\_my *n.* the art or science of preparing and serving good food; the study of food and its relationship to culture and society
41. gas\_\_\_\_\_my tour *n.* the art or science of preparing and serving good food; the study of food and its relationship to culture and society
42. rem\_\_\_\_\_nt of ancient times *adj.* making you remember someone or something; relating to the recall of personal interests
43. re\_\_\_e a program *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
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45. su\_\_\_e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
46. sh\_\_h the crowd *v.* to silence or quiet someone or something, particularly by making a "shh" or "hush" sound
47. bri\_\_\_\_\_ly executed *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
48. ga\_\_\_e tube *n.* a medical procedure or technique involving the feeding of a person or animal through a tube inserted into the stomach; the forced feeding of animals for specific purposes, such as animal testing or the production of foie gras
49. a w\_\_t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
50. su\_\_\_e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
51. co\_\_\_\_\_ve question *adj.* tending to make something likely or possible
52. li\_\_\_\_\_te debt *v.* to settle accounts and pay off debts, often by selling off assets; to eliminate or get rid of something completely
53. su\_\_\_\_\_e to live *v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose
54. ac\_\_\_e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
55. fl\_\_\_\_\_sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

ANSWERS: 45. supple, 46. shush, 47. brilliantly, 48. gavage, 49. writ, 50. supple, 51. conducive, 52. liquidate, 53. suffice, 54. accuse, 55. flourish



64. br\_\_\_\_li sprout *n.* a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family
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ANSWERS: 64. broccoli, 65. guise, 66. mindset, 67. conceit, 68. potpourri, 69. hyperbole, 70. Jewish, 71. squadron, 72. hog

73. sh\_\_h the baby      *v.* to silence or quiet someone or something, particularly by making a "shh" or "hush" sound
74. conduct fi\_\_\_\_\_nd research      *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
75. de\_\_\_\_\_t a blow      *v.* to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone
76. full of co\_\_\_\_\_t      *n.* an excessively high opinion of oneself; self-importance
77. cr\_\_\_\_\_y him for their actions      *v.* to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die
78. avoid hy\_\_\_\_\_le in writing      *n.* exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point
79. de\_\_\_\_\_t his criticism      *v.* to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone
80. h\_\_h for a while      *v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
81. 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
82. h\_\_h up a case      *v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential

ANSWERS: 73. shush, 74. firsthand, 75. deflect, 76. conceit, 77. crucify, 78. hyperbole, 79. deflect, 80. hush, 81. electrify, 82. hush

83. have an un\_\_\_\_\_us attitude      *adj.* excessively or insincerely flattering; oily or greasy in texture or appearance; smooth and sleek in manner or expression
84. sq\_\_\_\_\_on leader      *n.* a military unit consisting of a headquarters and several units or subunits, typically composed of two or more flights of aircraft
85. the go\_\_es of the Yangtse River      *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
86. bri\_\_\_\_\_ly lit      *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
87. ma\_\_\_n the politician in the media      *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
88. r\_\_m the countryside      *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
89. in\_\_\_\_\_us idea      *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
90. go there af\_\_\_\_\_rd      *adv.* after the time mentioned
91. sp\_\_\_t seeds      *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly; (noun) a young shoot or plant that emerges from a seed and starts to grow
92. the wh\_\_\_\_\_r of the leaves      *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

ANSWERS: 83. unctuous, 84. squadron, 85. gorge, 86. brilliantly, 87. malign, 88. roam, 89. ingenious, 90. afterward, 91. sprout, 92. whisper

93. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
94. ca\_\_\_\_h people on the Internet *n.* a type of fish that has whisker-like barbels around its mouth and can often be found in freshwater habitats; (verb) to create a fake persona online and use it to deceive others, typically for personal gain or attention
95. ser\_\_\_\_\_\_ty discovery *n.* the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery
96. sh\_\_d lettuce for a salad *v.* to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount
97. a st\_\_\_\_d hormone *n.* any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs
98. easy to dom\_\_\_\_te *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
99. sh\_\_d paper into little pieces *v.* to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount
100. sexual pr\_\_\_\_ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
101. su\_\_\_\_e as evidence *v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose

ANSWERS: 93. excite, 94. catfish, 95. serendipity, 96. shred, 97. steroid, 98. domesticate, 99. shred, 100. predator, 101. suffice

102. the mi\_\_\_\_t in an education system     *n.*    the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
103. h\_g all the glory     *n.*    a domesticated pig or swine; a selfish or greedy person who keeps or takes more than their fair share of something; (verb) to take or use more than one's fair share of something, often to the detriment of others
104. ou\_\_\_w cloning of human cells     *v.*    to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
105. summer ol\_\_\_\_ad     *n.*    a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
106. pre\_\_\_\_\_nt leader     *adj.* superior in rank, status, or quality; surpassing all others
107. jumping for g\_\_e     *n.*    a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment
108. grazing pa\_\_\_\_k     *n.*    a small enclosed field or pasture, especially one used for grazing or exercising horses
109. salmon co\_\_\_\_t     *n.*    a traditional French cooking technique involving slow-cooking food, typically meat (such as duck or pork), in its fat or oil until it becomes tender and preserved

ANSWERS: 102. mindset, 103. hog, 104. outlaw, 105. olympiad, 106. preeminent, 107. glee, 108. paddock, 109. confit



110. have a lot of p\_ps                      *n.* energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness; (verb) to give someone energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness
111. p\_p me up                                *n.* energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness; (verb) to give someone energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness
112. Egyptian Ph\_\_\_\_h                      *n.* the title of the ancient Egyptian kings
113. co\_\_t wealth                              *v.* to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for
114. sa\_\_\_\_ty intrusion                      *n.* the presence or amount of salt in a substance, especially in water or soil; the measure of the concentration of dissolved salts in a liquid
115. ex\_\_\_e rebellion                        *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
116. the modern ol\_\_\_\_ad                      *n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years

ANSWERS: 110. pep, 111. pep, 112. Pharaoh, 113. covet, 114. salinity, 115. excite, 116. olympiad

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The manager tried to hear customers' voices \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
2. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial \_\_\_\_\_ in each individual.  
*n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
3. Some communities began to \_\_\_\_\_ alcohol consumption.  
*v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
4. The combined \_\_\_\_\_ was responsible for protecting the airspace of the country.  
*n.* a military unit consisting of a headquarters and several units or subunits, typically composed of two or more flights of aircraft
5. He played the piano \_\_\_\_\_ at the concert.  
*adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
6. There is not a \_\_\_\_\_ of evidence that he is guilty.  
*v.* to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount
7. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adv.* after the time mentioned
8. He was \_\_\_\_\_ for embezzlement.  
*v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

ANSWERS: 1. firsthand, 2. mindset, 3. outlaw, 4. squadron, 5. brilliantly, 6. shred, 7. afterward, 8. imprisoned

9. The soccer player was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the ball away from the goal.
- v.* to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone
10. The coach gave a \_\_\_\_ talk to the team before the game to boost their spirits.
- n.* energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness; (verb) to give someone energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness
11. 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
12. My grandfather's favorite way to spend time was fishing for \_\_\_\_\_ in the nearby river.
- n.* a type of fish that has whisker-like barbels around its mouth and can often be found in freshwater habitats; (verb) to create a fake persona online and use it to deceive others, typically for personal gain or attention
13. Some \_\_\_\_\_ are banned for use by athletes because of their muscle-building effects.
- n.* any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs
14. They operated an illegal business under the \_\_\_\_\_ of an employment agency.
- n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ levels in the ocean have been increasing due to climate change.
- n.* the presence or amount of salt in a substance, especially in water or soil; the measure of the concentration of dissolved salts in a liquid

ANSWERS: 9. deflect, 10. pep, 11. clapped, 12. catfish, 13. steroids, 14. guise, 15. salinity

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

*adj.* tending to make something likely or possible

17. The salesperson's \_\_\_\_\_ behavior made me distrustful of their intentions.

*adj.* excessively or insincerely flattering; oily or greasy in texture or appearance; smooth and sleek in manner or expression

18. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ the faulty electrical system in my house to prevent a fire.

*v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns

19. The flowers in the garden began to \_\_\_\_\_ after the first rain of the season.

*v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly; (noun) a young shoot or plant that emerges from a seed and starts to grow

20. Would one cup of flour \_\_\_\_\_ for this recipe?

*v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose

21. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ yourself by allowing them to use you.

*v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

22. We \_\_\_\_\_ cows to gain milk and meat.

*v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

23. The religious leaders wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ the heretic for his teachings.

*v.* to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die

ANSWERS: 16. conducive, 17. unctuous, 18. rewire, 19. sprout, 20. suffice, 21. degrade, 22. domesticate, 23. crucify

24. The ballerina's \_\_\_\_\_ movements left the audience mesmerized.

*adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

25. His vain \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for him to work well with others.

*n.* an excessively high opinion of oneself; self-importance

26. He was served with a \_\_\_\_\_ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

*n.* a written legal order or command

27. His painting style is \_\_\_\_\_ of Monet's

*adj.* making you remember someone or something; relating to the recall of personal interests

28. The horses were kept in the \_\_\_\_\_ while their stalls were being cleaned.

*n.* a small enclosed field or pasture, especially one used for grazing or exercising horses

29. He took me aside and \_\_\_\_\_ in my ear.

*v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

30. The children's faces were filled with \_\_\_\_\_ as they ran around the playground.

*n.* a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment

31. The chef prepared a delicious duck \_\_\_\_\_ for the special dinner.

*n.* a traditional French cooking technique involving slow-cooking food, typically meat (such as duck or pork), in its fat or oil until it becomes tender and preserved

ANSWERS: 24. supple, 25. conceit, 26. writ, 27. reminiscent, 28. paddock, 29. whispered, 30. glee, 31. confit

32. He was considered the \_\_\_\_\_ expert in his field.

*adj.* superior in rank, status, or quality; surpassing all others

33. I love to \_\_\_\_\_ around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

*v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

34. 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

35. The gift basket was filled with a delightful \_\_\_\_\_ of scented candles, bath bombs, and chocolates.

*n.* a mixture of dried, naturally fragrant plant materials; a mixture or medley of different things, especially a collection or assortment of various pleasant or interesting elements, such as smells, colors, or ideas

36. The discovery of penicillin was a result of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery

37. Please \_\_\_\_\_ your voice so that the baby can sleep.

*v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential

38. Creativity and \_\_\_\_\_ are often brought about by extreme concentration.

*n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

39. We must pass through the narrow \_\_\_\_\_ with a stream running through it.

*n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it

ANSWERS: 32. preeminent, 33. roam, 34. electrify, 35. potpourri, 36. serendipity, 37. hush, 38. ingenuity, 39. gorge

40. She couldn't help but \_\_\_\_\_ her friend's designer handbag.
- v. to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for
41. My friend is a \_\_\_\_\_ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
- adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
42. The athlete's lousy behavior was enough to \_\_\_\_\_ him from the competition.
- v. to declare someone or something ineligible or unfit for a particular role or activity; to exclude or bar someone from participation in something
43. She won a gold medal in the physics \_\_\_\_\_ and was praised by her teachers and peers.
- n. a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
44. The government's new policy encourages the establishment of \_\_\_\_\_ to boost agricultural production.
- n. a large-scale agricultural operation that covers an extensive acreage and produces crops, livestock, or both on a commercial level
45. The article \_\_\_\_\_ the company's reputation with false accusations.
- v. to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
46. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ my chatty friend during the movie.
- v. to silence or quiet someone or something, particularly by making a "shh" or "hush" sound

ANSWERS: 40. covet, 41. Jewish, 42. disqualify, 43. olympiad, 44. megafarms, 45. maligned, 46. shush

47. The native South American animals were in danger because of the \_\_\_\_\_ arrival.
- n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
48. The farmer raised his \_\_\_\_\_ for meat and sold them at a local market.
- n.* a domesticated pig or swine; a selfish or greedy person who keeps or takes more than their fair share of something; (verb) to take or use more than one's fair share of something, often to the detriment of others
49. The \_\_\_\_\_ Khufu had his people build the most famous pyramids in the world.
- n.* the title of the ancient Egyptian kings
50. The witness \_\_\_\_\_ the defendant of committing the robbery.
- v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
51. He didn't like \_\_\_\_\_ floret and avoided eating it.
- n.* a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family
52. Due to his difficulty swallowing, the patient required \_\_\_\_\_ feeding until he recovered.
- n.* a medical procedure or technique involving the feeding of a person or animal through a tube inserted into the stomach; the forced feeding of animals for specific purposes, such as animal testing or the production of foie gras
53. I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
54. The Ottoman Empire \_\_\_\_\_ for over five centuries.
- v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

ANSWERS: 47. predator's, 48. hogs, 49. Pharaoh, 50. accused, 51. broccoli, 52. gavage, 53. ingenious, 54. flourished



55. The city has many restaurants that showcase the diversity of \_\_\_\_\_ worldwide.
- n.* the art or science of preparing and serving good food; the study of food and its relationship to culture and society
56. The marketing campaign relied heavily on \_\_\_\_\_ to sell the product.
- n.* exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point
57. The company had to \_\_\_\_\_ its assets due to bankruptcy.
- v.* to settle accounts and pay off debts, often by selling off assets; to eliminate or get rid of something completely
58. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.
- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 55. gastronomy, 56. hyperbole, 57. liquidate, 58. excited