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## Session 1: Word List

### glamorous

*adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

*synonym*: alluring, bewitching, enchanting

(1) **glamorous** movie stars, (2) cast **glamorous** eyes

The south coast is less **glamorous** yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

### tuxedo

*n.* (also "tux") a formal suit of clothing for men, typically consisting of a black jacket with satin lapels and trousers with a stripe down the side, worn with a bow tie

*synonym*: black tie, dinner jacket, formalwear

(1) black **tuxedo**, (2) **tuxedo** jacket

The waiter wore a freshly pressed **tuxedo** to serve at the upscale restaurant.

### newsstand

*n.* a small retail establishment where newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals are sold, often along with snacks, cigarettes, and other items

*synonym*: news booth, news kiosk

(1) **newsstand** vendor, (2) crowded **newsstand**

The city's central square has a **newsstand** kiosk that sells international newspapers and magazines.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## unification

*n.* the act of bringing together or joining into one

*synonym* : integration, consolidation, merger

(1) **unification** process, (2) the **unification** of the wisdom

The **unification** of the country was a long and difficult process.

## gypsy

*n.* (the word "gypsy" is considered pejorative by many within the Romani community) the Romani people, an ethnic group originating from the Indian subcontinent, who migrated to Europe around the 14th century, known for their nomadic or semi-nomadic lifestyle and they have a rich cultural heritage including music, dance, and traditional crafts

*synonym* : Romani, traveler, nomad

(1) **gypsy** lifestyle, (2) **gypsy** culture

The **gypsy** caravan traveled from town to town, never staying in one place for too long.

## deception

*n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action

*synonym* : fraud, deceit, trickery

(1) **deception** tactics, (2) **deception** in advertising

The politician was accused of **deception** for making false promises during his campaign.

## delude

*v.* to deceive or mislead someone; to give a false impression of something

*synonym* : deceive, mislead, fool

(1) **delude** with false promises, (2) **delude** the public

It is easy to **delude** yourself into thinking everything is fine

when it's not.

## magnify

v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

*synonym*: enlarge, elaborate, intensify

(1) **magnify** the danger, (2) **magnify** the image for display  
Terrorists often attempt to **magnify** the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

## glorify

v. to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position

*synonym*: exalt, celebrate, honor

(1) **glorify** god, (2) **glorify** violence

Religious leaders often **glorify** their messengers to encourage people to follow their teachings.

## retouch

v. to touch up or make small changes to a photograph, painting, or other images using digital or manual tools

*synonym*: edit, revise, touch up

(1) **retouch** photo, (2) **retouch** painting

She had her portrait **retouched** to remove blemishes.

## complexion

n. the natural color, texture, and appearance of a person's skin, especially their face

*synonym*: appearance, color, hue

(1) **complexion** cream, (2) dull **complexion**

Her skincare routine paid off, as her **complexion** was glowing and healthy-looking.

## stylize

v. to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one

*synonym*: conventionalize

(1) **stylize** the behavior, (2) **stylize** the design

She wore a colorful- **stylized** scarf.

## falsify

v. to alter or manipulate information, data, or evidence to deceive or mislead; to prove to be false or incorrect

*synonym*: fudge, distort, manipulate

(1) **falsify** data, (2) **falsify** documents

The scientist was caught attempting to **falsify** the results of the study.

## illuminate

v. to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

*synonym*: brighten, light, adorn

(1) **illuminate** a dark hall, (2) **illuminate** my understanding

That biologist **illuminated** the mechanism of heredity.

## idealize

v. to consider or represent something or somebody as perfect or better than in reality

*synonym*: romanticize, glorify

(1) **idealize** the real, (2) **idealize** his achievement

The film **idealizes** the victory of the war.

## dramatize

v. to present or portray something in a way that emphasizes its dramatic or emotional aspects; to make something into a drama or play

*synonym*: exaggerate, sensationalize, theatricalize

(1) **dramatize** the dialogue, (2) **dramatize** the event

The media tends to **dramatize** news stories to attract more viewers.

## transfigure

v. to change the appearance or form of something completely to make it appear more beautiful or magnificent

*synonym*: transform, metamorphose, transmute

(1) **transfigure** the appearance, (2) **transfigure** a landscape

The magical spell was able to **transfigure** the prince into a frog.

## foreground

*n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer

(1) **foreground** segmentation, (2) **foreground** galaxy

A happy group of friends occupies the **foreground** of the picture.

## blurb

*n.* a short description or promotional piece of writing that provides a summary or highlights of a book, film, or other product; often included on the cover or promotional materials

*synonym*: summary, synopsis, review

(1) a **blurb** on a book, (2) website **blurb**

The book jacket included a captivating **blurb** that instantly grabbing the reader's attention.

## transcend

*v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

*synonym*: surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

## transcendent

*adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime

*synonym*: beyond human experience, divine, spiritual

(1) **transcendent** wisdom, (2) **transcendent** joy

The **transcendent** beauty of the Grand Canyon took his breath away.

## contemplate

*v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

*synonym*: think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

## tranquil

*adj.* peaceful, calm, and free from disturbance or agitation; without stress or anxiety; serene or restful

*synonym* : calm, peaceful, serene

(1) **tranquil** retreat, (2) **tranquil** setting

Looking out over the **tranquil** lake, I felt at peace.

## Christ

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

*synonym* : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

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

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

## omnipotent

*adj.* having unlimited power or authority; able to do anything or control everything

*synonym* : all-powerful, supreme, almighty

(1) **omnipotent** ruler, (2) feeling **omnipotent**

The company's CEO was seen as **omnipotent**, making all major decisions without consulting anyone.

## omniscient

*adj.* having complete or unlimited knowledge, awareness, or understanding

*synonym* : all-knowing, all-seeing, wise

(1) **omniscient** being, (2) **omniscient** point of view

An **omniscient** narrator knows everything about the story and the characters.

## portray

*v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

*synonym* : depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

## streamline

*v.* to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps

*synonym* : simplify, optimize, make more efficient

(1) **streamline** administrative activities, (2) **streamline** workflow

The government plans to **streamline** the tax collection process to make it more efficient.

## staircase

*n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

*synonym*: stairway, stairwell

(1) spiral **staircase**, (2) beetle up the **staircase**

She walked urgently down the emergency **staircase**.

## skyline

*n.* the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance

*synonym*: silhouette, cityscape, horizon

(1) **skyline** view, (2) downtown **skyline**

The **skyline** of the city was dotted with tall buildings.

## Renaissance

*n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

*synonym*: rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

## courtier

*n.* a person who is a member of a royal court, particularly one who has a close and influential role in the court's affairs; a person who seeks favor or recognition from those in positions of authority or power

*synonym*: court attendant, noble, attendant

(1) the queen's **courtiers**, (2) flattering **courtier**

The **courtier's** job was to advise the king on politics and diplomacy.

## conceal

*v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

*synonym*: hide, keep secret, camouflage

(1) **conceal** my identity, (2) **conceal** a close relationship

Despite the intense verbal abuse, she **concealed** her anger well.

## effortless

*adj.* requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish

*synonym* : easy, simple, uncomplicated

(1) **effortless** victory, (2) **effortless** beauty

The dancer made her performance look **effortless** and graceful.

## maneuver

*n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

*synonym* : gimmick, trick, action

(1) political **maneuvers**, (2) made a great **maneuver**

In this class, we learn the basic **maneuver** of the plane.

## stunt

*n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

*synonym* : feat, accomplishment, (verb) hinder

(1) skydiving **stunt**, (2) **stunt** brain growth

The daredevil attempted a dangerous **stunt** by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.

## evoke

*v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

*synonym* : arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy

This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

## grub

*n.* the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously

*synonym* :



larva, food, chow

(1) cook up some **grubs**, (2) **grub** for potatoes

The garden was infested with beetle **grubs**, causing damage to the plant roots.

## translucence

*n.* the quality of being translucent; the ability of a material to allow light to pass through but not clearly enough to distinguish objects on the other side

*synonym*: opacity, limpidity, clarity

(1) natural **translucence**, (2) **translucence** of water

The artist used the **translucence** of the glass to create a beautiful stained-glass window.

## translucent

*adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent

*synonym*: semi-transparent, see-through

(1) **translucent** glass, (2) **translucent** skin

The sunlight shone through the **translucent** curtains, casting a warm glow in the room.

## opaque

*adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view

*synonym*: impenetrable, obscure, cloudy

(1) **opaque** material, (2) **opaque** color

The curtains were made of **opaque** fabric that blocked out all light.

## uphold

*v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

*synonym*: defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

## incommensurable

*adj.* not able to be measured or compared because of a lack of common standard or unit of measurement; unable to be reasonably evaluated or judged against one another

*synonym* : immeasurable, incomparable, unmeasurable

(1) **incommensurable** scales, (2) **incommensurable** differences

The philosophical debate centered around the concept of **incommensurable** values.

## displace

*v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

*synonym* : evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

## picket

*n.* a pointed wooden or metal stake driven into the ground used as a support or for marking an area or boundary; a group of people, typically strikers or protestors, stationed or moving around in front of a workplace, government building, or other location, to demonstrate opposition or to pick up supporters

*synonym* : fence, stake, lookout

(1) **picket** sign, (2) cross the **picket** line

The farmer built a **picket** fence around his garden to keep the animals out.

## utopia

*n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

*synonym* : paradise, heaven, Arcadia

(1) perfect **utopia**, (2) a **utopia** for an engineer

The concept of **utopia** is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

## totalitarian

*adj.* of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power

*synonym* : dictatorial, authoritarian, oppressive

(1) **totalitarian** ideology, (2) **totalitarian** state

The government was criticized for having a **totalitarian** regime.

## deceptive

*adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true

*synonym* : misleading, trickery, fraudulent

(1) **deceptive** practices, (2) appearances are **deceptive**

The politician's statements were found to be **deceptive** and not based on fact.

## socialism

*n.* a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole

*synonym* : communism, collectivism, equality

(1) non-Marxist **socialism**, (2) the rise of **socialism**

The professor held a seminar on the principles of democratic **socialism** and its impact on modern European countries.

## broaden

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

*synonym* : expand, widen, enlarge

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

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

## heighten

*v.* to increase or enhance the intensity, degree, or extent of something; to make something more pronounced or noticeable; to intensify or amplify

*synonym* : intensify, enhance, amplify

(1) **heighten** anxiety, (2) **heighten** emotions

The use of bright colors in the painting **heightened** the overall sense of joy and vibrancy.

## symphony

*n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

*synonym* : orchestra, harmony, concert

(1) a **symphony** orchestra, (2) a beautiful **symphony**

The frequent performances of the **symphony** prove its popularity.

## fascination

*n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

*synonym* : allure, attraction, charm

(1) rapt in **fascination**, (2) the **fascination** with classical music

I looked at the painting in **fascination**.

## unveil

*v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time

*synonym* : reveal, uncover, expose

(1) **unveil** a monument, (2) **unveil** a comprehensive plan

The company plans to **unveil** its new product at the trade show next week.

## 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**.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. skydiving st\_\_t  
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*v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
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*v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
4. ne\_\_\_\_\_nd vendor  
*n.* a small retail establishment where newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals are sold, often along with snacks, cigarettes, and other items
5. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
6. tra\_\_\_\_\_nce of water  
*n.* the quality of being translucent; the ability of a material to allow light to pass through but not clearly enough to distinguish objects on the other side
7. flattering co\_\_\_\_\_er  
*n.* a person who is a member of a royal court, particularly one who has a close and influential role in the court's affairs; a person who seeks favor or recognition from those in positions of authority or power

ANSWERS: 1. stunt, 2. magnify, 3. evoke, 4. newsstand, 5. industrious, 6. translucence, 7. courtier

8. st\_\_t brain growth *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
9. dr\_\_\_\_\_ze the event *v.* to present or portray something in a way that emphasizes its dramatic or emotional aspects; to make something into a drama or play
10. fa\_\_\_\_\_y data *v.* to alter or manipulate information, data, or evidence to deceive or mislead; to prove to be false or incorrect
11. eff\_\_\_\_\_ss beauty *adj.* requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish
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13. str\_\_\_\_\_ne administrative activities *v.* to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps
14. op\_\_\_e color *adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
15. com\_\_\_\_\_on cream *n.* the natural color, texture, and appearance of a person's skin, especially their face
16. industrial ren\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

ANSWERS: 8. stunt, 9. dramatize, 10. falsify, 11. effortless, 12. industrious, 13. streamline, 14. opaque, 15. complexion, 16. Renaissance

17. de\_\_\_\_\_on tactics *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
18. tra\_\_\_\_\_re the appearance *v.* to change the appearance or form of something completely to make it appear more beautiful or magnificent
19. the queen's co\_\_\_\_\_ers *n.* a person who is a member of a royal court, particularly one who has a close and influential role in the court's affairs; a person who seeks favor or recognition from those in positions of authority or power
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23. tra\_\_\_\_\_ent joy *adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime
24. black tu\_\_\_\_o *n.* (also "tux") a formal suit of clothing for men, typically consisting of a black jacket with satin lapels and trousers with a stripe down the side, worn with a bow tie

ANSWERS: 17. deception, 18. transfigure, 19. courtier, 20. retouch, 21. deception, 22. transcend, 23. transcendent, 24. tuxedo

25. po\_\_\_\_y feelings in words      *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
26. st\_\_\_\_e the design      *v.* to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one
27. omn\_\_\_\_nt point of view      *adj.* having complete or unlimited knowledge, awareness, or understanding
28. de\_\_\_\_ve practices      *adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
29. tra\_\_\_\_ent wisdom      *adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime
30. cook up some g\_\_bs      *n.* the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously
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ANSWERS: 25. portray, 26. stylize, 27. omniscient, 28. deceptive, 29. transcendent, 30. grub, 31. gypsy



32. downtown sk\_\_\_\_\_e                      *n.* the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance
33. the fas\_\_\_\_\_on with classical music                      *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
34. op\_\_\_e material                      *adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
35. natural tra\_\_\_\_\_nce                      *n.* the quality of being translucent; the ability of a material to allow light to pass through but not clearly enough to distinguish objects on the other side
36. omn\_\_\_\_\_nt ruler                      *adj.* having unlimited power or authority; able to do anything or control everything
37. a sy\_\_\_\_\_ny orchestra                      *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
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39. crowded ne\_\_\_\_\_nd                      *n.* a small retail establishment where newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals are sold, often along with snacks, cigarettes, and other items
40. con\_\_\_\_\_ted leaving school                      *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

ANSWERS: 32. skyline, 33. fascination, 34. opaque, 35. translucence, 36. omnipotent, 37. symphony, 38. Renaissance, 39. newsstand, 40. contemplate

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42. spiral st\_\_\_\_\_se      *n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
43. before Ch\_\_\_\_t      *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
44. gl\_\_\_\_\_y violence      *v.* to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position
45. dull com\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the natural color, texture, and appearance of a person's skin, especially their face
46. beetle up the st\_\_\_\_\_se      *n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
47. re\_\_\_\_\_h photo      *v.* to touch up or make small changes to a photograph, painting, or other images using digital or manual tools
48. 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

ANSWERS: 41. stylize, 42. staircase, 43. Christ, 44. glorify, 45. complexion, 46. staircase, 47. retouch, 48. steppe

49. dr\_\_\_\_\_ze the dialogue      *v.* to present or portray something in a way that emphasizes its dramatic or emotional aspects; to make something into a drama or play
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67. di\_\_\_\_\_ce workers v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
68. the uni\_\_\_\_\_on of the wisdom n. the act of bringing together or joining into one
69. he\_\_\_\_\_en anxiety v. to increase or enhance the intensity, degree, or extent of something; to make something more pronounced or noticeable; to intensify or amplify
70. br\_\_\_\_\_n students' knowledge v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
71. ev\_\_e sympathy v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
72. di\_\_\_\_\_ce the explosive power v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
73. tu\_\_\_o jacket n. (also "tux") a formal suit of clothing for men, typically consisting of a black jacket with satin lapels and trousers with a stripe down the side, worn with a bow tie
74. ill\_\_\_\_\_te a dark hall v. to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

ANSWERS: 66. idealize, 67. displace, 68. unification, 69. heighten, 70. broaden, 71. evoke, 72. displace, 73. tuxedo, 74. illuminate

75. de\_\_\_e with false promises      *v.* to deceive or mislead someone; to give a false impression of something
76. tr\_\_\_\_\_nd limits      *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
77. omn\_\_\_\_\_nt being      *adj.* having complete or unlimited knowledge, awareness, or understanding
78. cross the pi\_\_\_t line      *n.* a pointed wooden or metal stake driven into the ground used as a support or for marking an area or boundary; a group of people, typically strikers or protestors, stationed or moving around in front of a workplace, government building, or other location, to demonstrate opposition or to pick up supporters
79. tra\_\_\_\_\_re a landscape      *v.* to change the appearance or form of something completely to make it appear more beautiful or magnificent
80. gy\_\_y culture      *n.* (the word "gypsy" is considered pejorative by many within the Romani community) the Romani people, an ethnic group originating from the Indian subcontinent, who migrated to Europe around the 14th century, known for their nomadic or semi-nomadic lifestyle and they have a rich cultural heritage including music, dance, and traditional crafts
81. sk\_\_\_\_\_e view      *n.* the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance

ANSWERS: 75. delude, 76. transcend, 77. omniscient, 78. picket, 79. transfigure, 80. gypsy, 81. skyline

82. de\_\_\_e the public                    *v.* to deceive or mislead someone; to give a false impression of something
83. ma\_\_\_\_\_y the danger            *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
84. perfect ut\_\_\_a                    *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
85. the rise of so\_\_\_\_\_sm            *n.* a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole
86. tot\_\_\_\_\_ian ideology            *adj.* of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power
87. appearances are de\_\_\_\_\_ve    *adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
88. co\_\_\_\_\_l my identity            *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
89. con\_\_\_\_\_te a marriage           *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

ANSWERS: 82. delude, 83. magnify, 84. utopia, 85. socialism, 86. totalitarian, 87. deceptive, 88. conceal, 89. contemplate

90. un\_\_\_l a monument *v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
91. gl\_\_\_\_\_us movie stars *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
92. inc\_\_\_\_\_ble scales *adj.* not able to be measured or compared because of a lack of common standard or unit of measurement; unable to be reasonably evaluated or judged against one another
93. str\_\_\_\_\_ne workflow *v.* to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps
94. 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
95. website bl\_\_b *n.* a short description or promotional piece of writing that provides a summary or highlights of a book, film, or other product; often included on the cover or promotional materials
96. for\_\_\_\_\_nd galaxy *n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
97. made a great ma\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
98. tra\_\_\_\_\_nt skin *adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent

ANSWERS: 90. unveil, 91. glamorous, 92. incommensurable, 93. streamline, 94. steppe, 95. blurb, 96. foreground, 97. maneuver, 98. translucent



99. feeling omn\_\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* having unlimited power or authority; able to do anything or control everything
100. co\_\_\_\_\_l a close relationship *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
101. a ut\_\_\_\_a for an engineer *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
102. accurately po\_\_\_\_\_y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
103. a beautiful sy\_\_\_\_\_ny *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
104. uni\_\_\_\_\_on process *n.* the act of bringing together or joining into one
105. fa\_\_\_\_\_y documents *v.* to alter or manipulate information, data, or evidence to deceive or mislead; to prove to be false or incorrect
106. pi\_\_\_\_t sign *n.* a pointed wooden or metal stake driven into the ground used as a support or for marking an area or boundary; a group of people, typically strikers or protestors, stationed or moving around in front of a workplace, government building, or other location, to demonstrate opposition or to pick up supporters
107. un\_\_\_\_l a comprehensive plan *v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time

ANSWERS: 99. omnipotent, 100. conceal, 101. utopia, 102. portray, 103. symphony, 104. unification, 105. falsify, 106. picket, 107. unveil

108. eff\_\_\_\_\_ss victory *adj.* requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish
109. up\_\_\_d the law *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
110. inc\_\_\_\_\_ble differences *adj.* not able to be measured or compared because of a lack of common standard or unit of measurement; unable to be reasonably evaluated or judged against one another
111. gl\_\_\_\_\_y god *v.* to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position
112. rapt in fas\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

ANSWERS: 108. effortless, 109. uphold, 110. incommensurable, 111. glorify, 112. fascination

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The dancer made her performance look \_\_\_\_\_ and graceful.  
*adj.* requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish
2. The curtains were made of \_\_\_\_\_ fabric that blocked out all light.  
*adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
3. The government plans to \_\_\_\_\_ the tax collection process to make it more efficient.  
*v.* to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps
4. She had her portrait \_\_\_\_\_ to remove blemishes.  
*v.* to touch up or make small changes to a photograph, painting, or other images using digital or manual tools
5. Looking out over the \_\_\_\_\_ lake, I felt at peace.  
*adj.* peaceful, calm, and free from disturbance or agitation; without stress or anxiety; serene or restful
6. 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
7. The artist used the \_\_\_\_\_ of the glass to create a beautiful stained-glass window.  
*n.* the quality of being translucent; the ability of a material to allow light to pass through but not clearly enough to distinguish objects on the other side

ANSWERS: 1. effortless, 2. opaque, 3. streamline, 4. retouched, 5. tranquil, 6. steppe, 7. translucence

8. The construction of the new dam will \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of families living downstream.
- v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ caravan traveled from town to town, never staying in one place for too long.
- n.* (the word "gypsy" is considered pejorative by many within the Romani community) the Romani people, an ethnic group originating from the Indian subcontinent, who migrated to Europe around the 14th century, known for their nomadic or semi-nomadic lifestyle and they have a rich cultural heritage including music, dance, and traditional crafts
10. I looked at the painting in \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
11. The politician's statements were found to be \_\_\_\_\_ and not based on fact.
- adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
12. The company's CEO was seen as \_\_\_\_\_ making all major decisions without consulting anyone.
- adj.* having unlimited power or authority; able to do anything or control everything
13. The magical spell was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the prince into a frog.
- v.* to change the appearance or form of something completely to make it appear more beautiful or magnificent
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ beauty of the Grand Canyon took his breath away.
- adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime

ANSWERS: 8. displace, 9. gypsy, 10. fascination, 11. deceptive, 12. omnipotent, 13. transfigure, 14. transcendent

15. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the country was a long and difficult process.  
*n.* the act of bringing together or joining into one
16. That biologist \_\_\_\_\_ the mechanism of heredity.  
*v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
17. The professor held a seminar on the principles of democratic \_\_\_\_\_ and its impact on modern European countries.  
*n.* a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole
18. The farmer built a \_\_\_\_\_ fence around his garden to keep the animals out.  
*n.* a pointed wooden or metal stake driven into the ground used as a support or for marking an area or boundary; a group of people, typically strikers or protestors, stationed or moving around in front of a workplace, government building, or other location, to demonstrate opposition or to pick up supporters
19. \_\_\_\_\_ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.  
*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the city was dotted with tall buildings.  
*n.* the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance
21. The company plans to \_\_\_\_\_ its new product at the trade show next week.  
*v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time

ANSWERS: 15. unification, 16. illuminated, 17. socialism, 18. picket, 19. Christmas, 20. skyline, 21. unveil

22. The sunlight shone through the \_\_\_\_\_ curtains, casting a warm glow in the room.  
*adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent
23. We often \_\_\_\_\_ political problems as religious issues.  
*v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
24. She walked urgently down the emergency \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
25. The company \_\_\_\_\_ its product line to include more customer options.  
*v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
26. The media tends to \_\_\_\_\_ news stories to attract more viewers.  
*v.* to present or portray something in a way that emphasizes its dramatic or emotional aspects; to make something into a drama or play
27. Despite the intense verbal abuse, she \_\_\_\_\_ her anger well.  
*v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
28. The daredevil attempted a dangerous \_\_\_\_\_ by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.  
*n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

ANSWERS: 22. translucent, 23. portray, 24. staircase, 25. broadened, 26. dramatize, 27. concealed, 28. stunt

29. The philosophical debate centered around the concept of \_\_\_\_\_ values.  
*adj.* not able to be measured or compared because of a lack of common standard or unit of measurement; unable to be reasonably evaluated or judged against one another
30. It is easy to \_\_\_\_\_ yourself into thinking everything is fine when it's not.  
*v.* to deceive or mislead someone; to give a false impression of something
31. An \_\_\_\_\_ narrator knows everything about the story and the characters.  
*adj.* having complete or unlimited knowledge, awareness, or understanding
32. The city's central square has a \_\_\_\_\_ kiosk that sells international newspapers and magazines.  
*n.* a small retail establishment where newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals are sold, often along with snacks, cigarettes, and other items
33. The government was criticized for having a \_\_\_\_\_ regime.  
*adj.* of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power
34. The frequent performances of the \_\_\_\_\_ prove its popularity.  
*n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
35. Folk music is now experiencing a \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
36. The scientist was caught attempting to \_\_\_\_\_ the results of the study.  
*v.* to alter or manipulate information, data, or evidence to deceive or mislead; to prove to be false or incorrect

ANSWERS: 29. incommensurable, 30. delude, 31. omniscient, 32. newsstand, 33. totalitarian, 34. symphony, 35. renaissance, 36. falsify

37. The judge may \_\_\_\_\_ the decision of the lower court.
- v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
38. The garden was infested with beetle \_\_\_\_\_ causing damage to the plant roots.
- n. the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously
39. Terrorists often attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ the economic impact of their acts of destruction.
- v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
40. This movie is likely to \_\_\_\_\_ strong emotions in the viewer.
- v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
41. The film \_\_\_\_\_ the victory of the war.
- v. to consider or represent something or somebody as perfect or better than in reality
42. The politician was accused of \_\_\_\_\_ for making false promises during his campaign.
- n. the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
43. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.
- adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
44. The use of bright colors in the painting \_\_\_\_\_ the overall sense of joy and vibrancy.
- v. to increase or enhance the intensity, degree, or extent of something; to make something more pronounced or noticeable; to intensify or amplify

ANSWERS: 37. uphold, 38. grubs, 39. magnify, 40. evoke, 41. idealizes, 42. deception, 43. industrious, 44. heightened



45. The concept of \_\_\_\_\_ is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.
- n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
46. In this class, we learn the basic \_\_\_\_\_ of the plane.
- n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
47. A happy group of friends occupies the \_\_\_\_\_ of the picture.
- n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
48. The south coast is less \_\_\_\_\_ yet has many clean and appealing hotels.
- adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
49. She wore a colorful-\_\_\_\_\_ scarf.
- v.* to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one
50. The \_\_\_\_\_ job was to advise the king on politics and diplomacy.
- n.* a person who is a member of a royal court, particularly one who has a close and influential role in the court's affairs; a person who seeks favor or recognition from those in positions of authority or power
51. The book jacket included a captivating \_\_\_\_\_ that instantly grabbing the reader's attention.
- n.* a short description or promotional piece of writing that provides a summary or highlights of a book, film, or other product; often included on the cover or promotional materials

ANSWERS: 45. utopia, 46. maneuver, 47. foreground, 48. glamorous, 49. stylized, 50. courtier's, 51. blurb

52. I recently \_\_\_\_\_ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.
- v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
53. Religious leaders often \_\_\_\_\_ their messengers to encourage people to follow their teachings.
- v. to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position
54. Her skincare routine paid off, as her \_\_\_\_\_ was glowing and healthy-looking.
- n. the natural color, texture, and appearance of a person's skin, especially their face
55. The music \_\_\_\_\_ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.
- v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
56. The waiter wore a freshly pressed \_\_\_\_\_ to serve at the upscale restaurant.
- n. (also "tux") a formal suit of clothing for men, typically consisting of a black jacket with satin lapels and trousers with a stripe down the side, worn with a bow tie

ANSWERS: 52. contemplated, 53. glorify, 54. complexion, 55. transcended, 56. tuxedo