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## Session 1: Word List

### havoc

*n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events

*synonym* : destruction, devastation, ruin

(1) cause **havoc**, (2) play **havoc** in the mind

The storm wreaked **havoc** on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.

### 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.

### meme

*n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

*synonym* : buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

## cosmos

*n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system

*synonym*: universe, macrocosm

(1) exploration of **cosmos**, (2) origin of the **cosmos**

Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the **cosmos**.

## secondly

*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

*synonym*: in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

## Darwinism

*n.* the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment

*synonym*: evolution, natural selection

(1) digital **Darwinism**, (2) economic **Darwinism**

The concept of Social **Darwinism** was often misused to justify socioeconomic inequalities.

## paraphrase

*v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning

*synonym*: rephrase, reword, reinterpret

(1) **paraphrase** a poem into prose, (2) **paraphrase** the meaning

He **paraphrased** the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.

## beak

*n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouth of a bird

*synonym*: nib, pecker, snout

(1) sharp **beak**, (2) a tip of the **beak**

The bird's **beak** evolves according to the type of prey it can take on the area.

## unrestricted

*adj.* not limited or confined in any way

*synonym* : open, available, free

(1) **unrestricted** access, (2) have **unrestricted** options  
Capitalism allows **unrestricted** property ownership for individuals.

## heredity

*n.* the passing of traits or characteristics from parents to their offspring through genetic information; the study of how traits are inherited and passed down through generations

*synonym* : inheritance, genetics, lineage

(1) **heredity** factors, (2) genetic **heredity**

We can't control the color of our eyes because it's determined by **heredity**.

## foresight

*n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come

*synonym* : prescience, prediction, clairvoyance

(1) strategic **foresight**, (2) **foresight** planning

With **foresight**, she made a plan to avoid any potential obstacles.

## extinct

*adj.* no longer in existence

*synonym* : dead, obsolete, abolished

(1) **extinct** by human activity, (2) long- **extinct** volcano

Many species have become **extinct** due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

## clumsy

*adj.* lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome

*synonym* : awkward, ungainly, inept

(1) **clumsy** at sports, (2) **clumsy** attempt

The **clumsy** waiter accidentally spilled a tray of drinks on a customer.

## primeval

*adj.* relating to or existing at the earliest ages; ancient, primitive, or prehistoric

*synonym* : ancient, primal, archaic

(1) **primeval** forests, (2) archaic **primeval** cultures

The cave paintings offer a glimpse into **primeval** human art.

## imitation

*n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something

*synonym* : fabrication, replica, fake

(1) **imitation** antique, (2) artificial **imitation**

Many individuals believe that children learn languages through **imitation**.

## mime

*n.* a form of acting or performance in which gestures, body movements, and facial expressions are used to convey meaning or tell a story without the use of spoken words; a performer who specializes in this art form

*synonym* : gesture, pantomimist, actor

(1) hilarious **mime** act, (2) **mime** artist

The **mime's** silent performance captivated the audience, leaving them in awe.

## imitate

*v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

*synonym* : mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds

He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

## abbreviate

*v.* to shorten a word or phrase by leaving out some of the letters or syllables; to make something shorter or more concise

*synonym* : shorten, truncate, condense

(1) **abbreviate** words, (2) **abbreviate** a long document

I will **abbreviate** the title of the article to save space.

## 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.

## **misunderstand**

*v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way  
*synonym*: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

## **earring**

*n.* a piece of jewelry, typically worn on the earlobe, consisting of a decorative item, often a gemstone or a metal design, attached to a post or a ring that passes through the earlobe

*synonym*: ear drop, stud, jewelry

(1) diamond **earring**, (2) gold **earring**

She bought a beautiful pair of pearl **earrings** for her sister's wedding.

## **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.

## **fest**

*n.* a festive celebration, often one that lasts for several days and involves music, food, and other forms of entertainment

*synonym*: celebration, carnival

(1) film **fest**, (2) beer **fest**

The music **fest** was a huge success, with thousands of people in attendance.

## **posh**

*adj.* elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper

classes or a high level of social status

*synonym* : elegant, fancy, luxurious

(1) **posh** district, (2) **posh** restaurant

The CEO's office was decorated in a **posh** and elegant style.

## **pardon**

*v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense

*synonym* : forgive, excuse, absolve

(1) **pardon** me, (2) supplicate for **pardon**

The governor decided to **pardon** the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.

## **inaudible**

*adj.* unable to be heard clearly or loud enough to be heard

*synonym* : unhearable, faint, unheard

(1) **inaudible** whisper, (2) **inaudible** sound

The speaker's voice was **inaudible** over the background noise.

## **opportune**

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym* : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## **germ**

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

*synonym* : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

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

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

## **invert**

*v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something

*synonym* : turn upside down, reverse, flip

(1) **invert** a glass, (2) **invert** position

He decided to **invert** his investment portfolio, shifting from stocks to bonds.

## shorthand

*n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

*synonym*: stenography, speedwriting, tachygraphy

(1) learn **shorthand**, (2) write in **shorthand**

The secretary's **shorthand** was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.

## ancestor

*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

*synonym*: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

## fir

*n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

*synonym*: pine, spruce, cedar

(1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest

The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

## parasite

*n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

*synonym*: hitchhiker, leech, saprophyte

(1) blood-sucking **parasite**, (2) **parasite** disease

Tapeworms are **parasites** that live in the intestines of humans and animals.

## symbiotic

*adj.* involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist

(1) **symbiotic** economy, (2) **symbiotic** bacteria  
We have a mutually **symbiotic** connection with them.

**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.

**cusp** *n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved  
*synonym*: point, apex, tip  
(1) **cusp** of change, (2) a single **cusp**  
The project was on the **cusp** of success and needed a little more funding.

**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.

**moth** *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light  
(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light  
The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

**agon** *n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others  
*synonym*: struggle, conflict, fight  
(1) emotional **agon**, (2) an **agon** of creativity  
The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from



different countries for an international **agon**.

## kitten

*n.* a young cat

*synonym* : catling, kitling, puss

(1) **kitten** formula, (2) newborn **kitten**

The **kitten's** fur was so fluffy that it looked like it was always moving.

## myelin

*n.* a white fatty substance that covers around nerves, helping them to send signals effectively

*synonym* : medulla

(1) **myelin** encasing the axons, (2) **myelin** protein

**Myelin** sheath allows electrical impulses to travel quickly and efficiently along the nerve cells.

## myelinated

*adj.* having a layer of myelin (= a fatty substance) around nerve fibers, which serves to insulate and speed up the transmission of nerve impulses

*synonym* : insulated, covered in myelin, nerve-coated

(1) **myelinated** white matter, (2) **myelinated** axons

**Myelinated** nerves conduct signals faster than unmyelinated nerves.

## replicate

*v.* to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results

*synonym* : duplicate, imitate, reproduce

(1) **replicate** the cell, (2) **replicate** data

The experiment was **replicated** several times to ensure accuracy.

## piggyback

*n.* a ride on someone's back or shoulders, or the act of carrying or supporting something on someone's back or shoulders; (verb) to carry or transport someone or something on one's back or shoulders, or to attach or mount one thing onto another thing for transportation or support

(1) **piggyback** on her success, (2) **piggyback** equipment

The little girl wanted a **piggyback** ride on her father's shoulders.

### **destabilize**

*v.* to cause something to become less stable or secure  
*synonym*: unsettle, disrupt, upset

(1) **destabilize** the market, (2) **destabilize** a good relationship

The political crisis **destabilized** the country and caused widespread turmoil.

### **squishy**

*adj.* soft and yielding to the touch; easily deformed  
*synonym*: soft, spongy, mushy

(1) **squishy** texture, (2) a **squishy** story

The **squishy** foam ball is perfect for squeezing to relieve stress.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. sq\_\_\_\_y texture *adj.* soft and yielding to the touch; easily deformed
2. newborn ki\_\_\_\_n *n.* a young cat
3. f\_r branch *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
4. abb\_\_\_\_\_te a long document *v.* to shorten a word or phrase by leaving out some of the letters or syllables; to make something shorter or more concise
5. mye\_\_\_\_\_ed white matter *adj.* having a layer of myelin (= a fatty substance) around nerve fibers, which serves to insulate and speed up the transmission of nerve impulses
6. 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
7. write in sh\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
8. archaic pr\_\_\_\_\_al cultures *adj.* relating to or existing at the earliest ages; ancient, primitive, or prehistoric

ANSWERS: 1. squishy, 2. kitten, 3. fir, 4. abbreviate, 5. myelinated, 6. malign, 7. shorthand, 8. primeval

9. des\_\_\_\_\_ze the market      *v.* to cause something to become less stable or secure
10. se\_\_\_\_\_ly, it is important      *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
11. an\_\_\_\_\_or language      *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
12. film f\_\_t      *n.* a festive celebration, often one that lasts for several days and involves music, food, and other forms of entertainment
13. he\_\_\_\_\_ty factors      *n.* the passing of traits or characteristics from parents to their offspring through genetic information; the study of how traits are inherited and passed down through generations
14. beer f\_\_t      *n.* a festive celebration, often one that lasts for several days and involves music, food, and other forms of entertainment
15. supplicate for pa\_\_\_\_n      *v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
16. in\_\_\_\_\_le sound      *adj.* unable to be heard clearly or loud enough to be heard
17. pronounce m\_\_e      *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

ANSWERS: 9. destabilize, 10. secondly, 11. ancestor, 12. fest, 13. heredity, 14. fest, 15. pardon, 16. inaudible, 17. meme

18. pa\_\_\_n me *v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
19. an a\_\_n of creativity *n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
20. long-ex\_\_\_\_\_t volcano *adj.* no longer in existence
21. pa\_\_\_\_\_te disease *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
22. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
23. 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
24. pa\_\_e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
25. p\_\_h district *adj.* elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper classes or a high level of social status
26. play ha\_\_c in the mind *n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events

ANSWERS: 18. pardon, 19. agon, 20. extinct, 21. parasite, 22. opportune, 23. malign, 24. passe, 25. posh, 26. havoc

27. p\_\_h restaurant *adj.* elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper classes or a high level of social status
28. ex\_\_\_\_t by human activity *adj.* no longer in existence
29. re\_\_\_\_\_te the cell *v.* to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results
30. issue a w\_\_t *n.* a written legal order or command
31. a tip of the b\_\_k *n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
32. religious m\_\_e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
33. have unr\_\_\_\_\_ted options *adj.* not limited or confined in any way
34. hilarious m\_\_e act *n.* a form of acting or performance in which gestures, body movements, and facial expressions are used to convey meaning or tell a story without the use of spoken words; a performer who specializes in this art form
35. in\_\_\_\_\_le whisper *adj.* unable to be heard clearly or loud enough to be heard

ANSWERS: 27. posh, 28. extinct, 29. replicate, 30. writ, 31. beak, 32. meme, 33. unrestricted, 34. mime, 35. inaudible

36. pa\_\_e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
37. cause ha\_\_c *n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
38. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
39. pi\_\_\_\_\_ck on her success *n.* a ride on someone's back or shoulders, or the act of carrying or supporting something on someone's back or shoulders; (verb) to carry or transport someone or something on one's back or shoulders, or to attach or mount one thing onto another thing for transportation or support
40. ki\_\_\_n formula *n.* a young cat
41. emotional a\_\_n *n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
42. diamond ea\_\_\_\_\_g *n.* a piece of jewelry, typically worn on the earlobe, consisting of a decorative item, often a gemstone or a metal design, attached to a post or a ring that passes through the earlobe
43. my\_\_\_n protein *n.* a white fatty substance that covers around nerves, helping them to send signals effectively

ANSWERS: 36. passe, 37. havoc, 38. opportune, 39. piggyback, 40. kitten, 41. agon, 42. earring, 43. myelin

44. artificial im\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
45. cl\_\_\_y attempt *adj.* lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome
46. pi\_\_\_\_\_ck equipment *n.* a ride on someone's back or shoulders, or the act of carrying or supporting something on someone's back or shoulders; (verb) to carry or transport someone or something on one's back or shoulders, or to attach or mount one thing onto another thing for transportation or support
47. des\_\_\_\_\_ze a good relationship *v.* to cause something to become less stable or secure
48. strategic fo\_\_\_\_\_ht *n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come
49. gold ea\_\_\_\_\_g *n.* a piece of jewelry, typically worn on the earlobe, consisting of a decorative item, often a gemstone or a metal design, attached to a post or a ring that passes through the earlobe
50. my\_\_\_n encasing the axons *n.* a white fatty substance that covers around nerves, helping them to send signals effectively
51. fo\_\_\_\_\_ht planning *n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come

ANSWERS: 44. imitation, 45. clumsy, 46. piggyback, 47. destabilize, 48. foresight, 49. earring, 50. myelin, 51. foresight



52. mis\_\_\_\_\_and entirely about her      *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
53. abb\_\_\_\_\_te words      *v.* to shorten a word or phrase by leaving out some of the letters or syllables; to make something shorter or more concise
54. exploration of co\_\_\_\_s      *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
55. im\_\_\_\_\_on antique      *n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
56. se\_\_\_\_\_ly connected      *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
57. genetic he\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the passing of traits or characteristics from parents to their offspring through genetic information; the study of how traits are inherited and passed down through generations
58. in\_\_\_\_t position      *v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
59. sharp b\_\_k      *n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
60. a single c\_\_p      *n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved
61. m\_\_h attracted to the light      *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

ANSWERS: 52. misunderstand, 53. abbreviate, 54. cosmos, 55. imitation, 56. secondly, 57. heredity, 58. invert, 59. beak, 60. cusp, 61. moth

62. 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
63. a g\_\_m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
64. economic Da\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment
65. re\_\_\_\_\_te data *v.* to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results
66. a sq\_\_\_\_\_y story *adj.* soft and yielding to the touch; easily deformed
67. hu\_\_\_\_\_g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
68. cl\_\_\_\_y at sports *adj.* lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome
69. m\_\_h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
70. sy\_\_\_\_\_ic economy *adj.* involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist
71. m\_\_e artist *n.* a form of acting or performance in which gestures, body movements, and facial expressions are used to convey meaning or tell a story without the use of spoken words; a performer who specializes in this art form

ANSWERS: 62. guise, 63. germ, 64. Darwinism, 65. replicate, 66. squishy, 67. humming, 68. clumsy, 69. moth, 70. symbiotic, 71. mime

72. hu\_\_\_\_g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
73. a w\_\_t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
74. blood-sucking pa\_\_\_\_te *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
75. f\_r forest *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
76. under the gu\_\_e of friendship *n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature
77. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
78. mye\_\_\_\_ed axons *adj.* having a layer of myelin (= a fatty substance) around nerve fibers, which serves to insulate and speed up the transmission of nerve impulses
79. in\_\_\_t a glass *v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
80. mis\_\_\_\_\_and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
81. c\_\_p of change *n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved

ANSWERS: 72. humming, 73. writ, 74. parasite, 75. fir, 76. guise, 77. germ, 78. myelinated, 79. invert, 80. misunderstand, 81. cusp

82. im\_\_\_\_\_e animal sounds      *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
83. unr\_\_\_\_\_ted access      *adj.* not limited or confined in any way
84. origin of the co\_\_\_\_s      *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
85. par\_\_\_\_\_se the meaning      *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
86. sy\_\_\_\_\_ic bacteria      *adj.* involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist
87. im\_\_\_\_\_e painting styles      *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
88. digital Da\_\_\_\_\_sm      *n.* the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment
89. learn sh\_\_\_\_\_nd      *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
90. earliest human an\_\_\_\_\_or      *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 82. imitate, 83. unrestricted, 84. cosmos, 85. paraphrase, 86. symbiotic, 87. imitate, 88. Darwinism, 89. shorthand, 90. ancestor

91. pr\_\_\_\_al forests

*adj.* relating to or existing at the earliest ages; ancient, primitive, or prehistoric

92. par\_\_\_\_\_se a poem into prose

*v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning

ANSWERS: 91. primeval, 92. paraphrase

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He decided to \_\_\_\_\_ his investment portfolio, shifting from stocks to bonds.  
*v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
2. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; \_\_\_\_\_ we will go over the schedule.  
*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a serious threat to the farm's output.  
*n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
4. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
5. 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
6. The political crisis \_\_\_\_\_ the country and caused widespread turmoil.  
*v.* to cause something to become less stable or secure
7. Tapeworms are \_\_\_\_\_ that live in the intestines of humans and animals.  
*n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

ANSWERS: 1. invert, 2. secondly, 3. moth, 4. opportune, 5. passe, 6. destabilized, 7. parasites

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ fur was so fluffy that it looked like it was always moving.  
*n.* a young cat
9. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ the meaning of freedom.  
*v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
10. With \_\_\_\_\_ she made a plan to avoid any potential obstacles.  
*n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.  
*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
12. The smell of fresh \_\_\_\_\_ trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.  
*n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
13. My remote \_\_\_\_\_ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.  
*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
14. 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
15. The music \_\_\_\_\_ was a huge success, with thousands of people in attendance.  
*n.* a festive celebration, often one that lasts for several days and involves music, food, and other forms of entertainment
16. The concept of Social \_\_\_\_\_ was often misused to justify socioeconomic inequalities.  
*n.* the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment

ANSWERS: 8. kitten's, 9. misunderstand, 10. foresight, 11. germ, 12. fir, 13. ancestor, 14. humming, 15. fest, 16. Darwinism

17. He \_\_\_\_\_ the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.
- v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
18. The speaker's voice was \_\_\_\_\_ over the background noise.
- adj.* unable to be heard clearly or loud enough to be heard
19. The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
20. The storm wreaked \_\_\_\_\_ on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.
- n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
21. \_\_\_\_\_ nerves conduct signals faster than unmyelinated nerves.
- adj.* having a layer of myelin (= a fatty substance) around nerve fibers, which serves to insulate and speed up the transmission of nerve impulses
22. \_\_\_\_\_ sheath allows electrical impulses to travel quickly and efficiently along the nerve cells.
- n.* a white fatty substance that covers around nerves, helping them to send signals effectively
23. The experiment was \_\_\_\_\_ several times to ensure accuracy.
- v.* to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results

ANSWERS: 17. paraphrased, 18. inaudible, 19. agon, 20. havoc, 21. Myelinated, 22. Myelin, 23. replicated



24. We can't control the color of our eyes because it's determined by \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the passing of traits or characteristics from parents to their offspring through genetic information; the study of how traits are inherited and passed down through generations
25. The governor decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.
- v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
26. 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
27. Many individuals believe that children learn languages through \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
28. Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
29. He was served with a \_\_\_\_\_ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n.* a written legal order or command
30. 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

ANSWERS: 24. heredity, 25. pardon, 26. guise, 27. imitation, 28. cosmos, 29. writ, 30. maligned

31. I will \_\_\_\_\_ the title of the article to save space.

- v.* to shorten a word or phrase by leaving out some of the letters or syllables; to make something shorter or more concise

32. The \_\_\_\_\_ waiter accidentally spilled a tray of drinks on a customer.

- adj.* lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome

33. The \_\_\_\_\_ foam ball is perfect for squeezing to relieve stress.

- adj.* soft and yielding to the touch; easily deformed

34. The CEO's office was decorated in a \_\_\_\_\_ and elegant style.

- adj.* elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper classes or a high level of social status

35. The cave paintings offer a glimpse into \_\_\_\_\_ human art.

- adj.* relating to or existing at the earliest ages; ancient, primitive, or prehistoric

36. We have a mutually \_\_\_\_\_ connection with them.

- adj.* involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist

37. The \_\_\_\_\_ silent performance captivated the audience, leaving them in awe.

- n.* a form of acting or performance in which gestures, body movements, and facial expressions are used to convey meaning or tell a story without the use of spoken words; a performer who specializes in this art form

38. The project was on the \_\_\_\_\_ of success and needed a little more funding.

- n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved

ANSWERS: 31. abbreviate, 32. clumsy, 33. squishy, 34. posh, 35. primeval, 36. symbiotic, 37. mime's, 38. cusp

39. Capitalism allows \_\_\_\_\_ property ownership for individuals.  
*adj.* not limited or confined in any way
40. He \_\_\_\_\_ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.  
*v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
41. She bought a beautiful pair of pearl \_\_\_\_\_ for her sister's wedding.  
*n.* a piece of jewelry, typically worn on the earlobe, consisting of a decorative item, often a gemstone or a metal design, attached to a post or a ring that passes through the earlobe
42. Many species have become \_\_\_\_\_ due to habitat destruction and other human activities.  
*adj.* no longer in existence
43. The little girl wanted a \_\_\_\_\_ ride on her father's shoulders.  
*n.* a ride on someone's back or shoulders, or the act of carrying or supporting something on someone's back or shoulders; (verb) to carry or transport someone or something on one's back or shoulders, or to attach or mount one thing onto another thing for transportation or support
44. This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
45. The secretary's \_\_\_\_\_ was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.  
*n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

ANSWERS: 39. unrestricted, 40. imitated, 41. earrings, 42. extinct, 43. piggyback, 44. meme, 45. shorthand

46. The bird's \_\_\_\_\_ evolves according to the type of prey it can take on the area.

*n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouth of a bird

ANSWERS: 46. beak