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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### headlight

*n.* a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead

*synonym*: headlamp, beam, lamp

(1) **headlight** adjustment, (2) **headlight** switch

My car's **headlight** must be replaced before I drive again at night.

### viol

*n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

*synonym*: viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

### commandment

*n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority

*synonym*: law, edict, precept

(1) violate a **commandment**, (2) a religious **commandment**

He was punished because he contravened a **commandment** of God.

### motto

*n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

*synonym*: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**  
The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

## upheaval

*n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation

*synonym*: disturbance, turmoil, convulsion

(1) **upheaval** of society, (2) the big **upheaval** of my life  
The recent political **upheaval** has left the country in a state of chaos.

## awaken

*v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

*synonym*: rouse, arouse, revive

(1) **awaken** at daybreak, (2) **awaken** a child

The friend's death **awakens** them.

## idealist

*n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

*synonym*: dreamer, idealizer, visionary

(1) **idealist** at heart, (2) an **idealist** perspective

As a dedicated **idealist**, she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.

## creditor

*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

## inaction

*n.* the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is needed

*synonym*: idleness, passivity, inertia

(1) excuse for **inaction**, (2) consequences of **inaction**

**Inaction** in response to climate change poses a dire threat to

our future.

## monumental

*adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity;  
massive

*synonym* : massive, awesome, enormous

(1) **monumental** task, (2) **monumental** sculpture

Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's **monumental** contributions to physics.

## stimming

*n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

*synonym* : self-stimulation, repetitive behaviors

(1) autistic **stimming**, (2) **stimming** therapy

Autistic children may engage in **stimming** behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

## impetus

*n.* a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change

*synonym* : stimulus, momentum, drive

(1) political **impetus**, (2) technological **impetus**

Getting a raise at work was the **impetus** to start looking for a new place to live.

## 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.

## starve

*v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

*synonym* : famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

## confrontation

*n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement

*synonym*: face-off, conflict, competition

(1) violent **confrontation**, (2) verbal **confrontation**

The **confrontation** between the two nations escalated into a full-blown war.

## engulf

*v.* to swallow up; to surround and cover completely

*synonym*: swallow, submerge, inundate

(1) **engulf** the politician, (2) **engulf** in water

The fire quickly **engulfed** the entire building.

## straddle

*v.* to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests

*synonym*: straddle, sit astride, span

(1) **straddle** a fence, (2) **straddle** a motorcycle

We had to **straddle** the fallen tree to cross the river.

## oligarchy

*n.* a form of government in which power is held by a small group of people, often for their benefit; a society or organization that is dominated by a small group of people

*synonym*: aristocracy, dictatorship, autocracy

(1) the rulers in an **oligarchy**, (2) political **oligarchy**

The small group of wealthy elites formed an **oligarchy** that controlled the government.

## scorch

*v.* to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame

*synonym*: char, burn, singe

(1) **scorch** your clothes, (2) careful not to **scorch**

The sun **scorched** the desert, making it uninhabitable.

## rebellion

*n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

*synonym*: insurrection, uprising, revolt

(1) **rebellion** leader, (2) excite **rebellion**

The antigovernment **rebellion** was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

## conquest

*n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

*synonym*: subjugation, domination, mastery

(1) imperial **conquest**, (2) make a **conquest**

He continued to grow his empire through **conquest**.

## guerrilla

*n.* a member of small, independent soldiers or fighters who engage in irregular, often surprise attacks against enemy forces

*synonym*: partisan, rebel, insurgent

(1) an urban **guerrilla**, (2) **guerrilla** warfare

The government's efforts to suppress the **guerrilla** movement were met with resistance from local communities.

## intifada

*n.* an Arabic term meaning "uprising" or "shaking off," specifically referring to a Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation in the late 20th century, marked by civil disobedience, protests, and acts of violence

*synonym*: uprising, rebellion, revolt

(1) **intifada** protests, (2) ongoing **intifada**

Over the past decades, the region has experienced several **intifadas**, leading to widespread violence and unrest.

## uprising

*n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority

*synonym*: revolt, rebellion, insurgency

(1) stage an **uprising**, (2) violent **uprising**

The anti-government **uprising** was successful in overthrowing the regime.

## escalate

v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

*synonym*: increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to

## escalate

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

## tactic

n. a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective

*synonym*: strategy, approach, method

(1) an imprudent **tactic**, (2) alternative **tactic**

The coach implemented a new **tactic** to win the game.

## vengeance

n. the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done

*synonym*: retaliation, retribution, revenge

(1) **vengeance** justice, (2) wreak **vengeance**

He sought **vengeance** for the wrongs done to him.

## perpetuate

v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time

*synonym*: eternalize, preserve, maintain

(1) **perpetuate** a myth, (2) **perpetuate** chronic pain

That work **perpetuates** his fame.

## breakup

n. the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections

*synonym*: breakdown, divorce, separation

(1) a **breakup** hug, (2) air **breakup**

He got over the big **breakup** with his wife.

## intimacy

n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

*synonym*: closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of **intimacy**, (2) build **intimacy**

They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and

wanted to be close to each other.

## conceive

*v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

*synonym*: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

## mosque

*n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

## artillery

*n.* large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces

*synonym*: guns, cannons, ordnance

(1) **artillery** fire, (2) coastal **artillery**

The army brought in heavier **artillery** to break through the enemy defenses.

## makeshift

*adj.* serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised

*synonym*: improvised, temporary, ad-hoc

(1) **makeshift** shelter, (2) a **makeshift** solution

The team set up a **makeshift** tent for shelter during the storm.

## morgue

*n.* a place where dead bodies are kept, particularly in preparation for burial or identification by their relatives or authorities

*synonym*: mortuary, funeral home, charnel house

(1) clinical **morgue**, (2) overcrowded **morgue**

The attendant at the **morgue** was responsible for cataloging the bodies and their respective information.

## barter

*n.* the exchange of goods or services without the use of money; a system of trade in which individuals exchange goods or services directly

*synonym*: trade, exchange, swap

(1) **barter** system, (2) a **barter** economy

The farmers engaged in **barter** to trade their crops with other farmers in the community.

## liberate

*v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

*synonym*: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

## apartheid

*n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors

*synonym*: segregation, discrimination, oppression

(1) **apartheid** system, (2) **apartheid** policies

The South African government enforced **apartheid** laws that segregated people based on race.

## rite

*n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice

*synonym*: ceremony, ritual, practice

(1) perform the **rite**, (2) **rite** of passage into adulthood

The bishop performed the **rite** of consecration for the new church.

## aft

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

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

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



## trampoline

*n.* a strong fabric sheet attached by springs to a frame, used for bouncing on

*synonym*: rebounder, bouncer, springboard

(1) **trampoline** park, (2) **trampoline** jump

I love jumping on the **trampoline** in my backyard.

## famine

*n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

*synonym*: hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

## starvation

*n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

*synonym*: hunger, malnutrition, emaciation

(1) die of **starvation**, (2) **starvation** wages

The drought led to widespread **starvation** in the region.

## exterminate

*v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds

*synonym*: eradicate, eliminate, wipe out

(1) **exterminate** pests, (2) **exterminate** communism

The government **exterminated** the invasive species to protect native plants and animals.

## troop

*n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

*synonym*: group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

## censor

*n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

*synonym*: suppressor, scrutineer, examiner

(1) **cancel** a book, (2) **cancel** a TV program

The newspaper editor decided to **cancel** the controversial headline to avoid backlash.

## eloquent

*adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively

*synonym*: persuasive, fluent, well-spoken

(1) an **eloquent** speaker, (2) **eloquent** writing

She gave an **eloquent** speech at the graduation ceremony.

## summon

*v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

*synonym*: call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

## inauguration

*n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event

*synonym*: swearing-in, investiture, initiation

(1) **inauguration** ceremony, (2) presidential **inauguration**

The **inauguration** of the new station was a great success.

## uplift

*n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

*synonym*: upthrust, upheaval, (verb) raise

(1) **uplift** mountains, (2) **uplift** my spirit

The **uplift** in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

## exemplify

*v.* to serve as a typical example of something

*synonym*: illustrate, show, demonstrate

(1) **exemplify** the importance, (2) **exemplify** the solution

The example of a successful startup serves to **exemplify** the potential of the industry.

## scar

*n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

*synonym* : blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

## confuse

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym* : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## discotheque

*n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

*synonym* : nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

## countryman

*n.* (considered non-inclusive) a person who lives in the country or a rural area; a compatriot or fellow citizen

*synonym* : rural, peasant, farmer

(1) **countryman** lifestyle, (2) traditional **countryman**

The local **countryman** is known for his hospitality and warmth towards visitors.

## forcibly

*adv.* done by physical power or violence; against someone's will

*synonym* : violently, roughly, aggressively

(1) **forcibly** remove, (2) **forcibly** taken into a car

The police officer **forcibly** removed the protesters from the public park.

## deport

*v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime

*synonym* : expel, banish, repatriate

(1) **deport** a refugee, (2) **deport** dissidents from the party

The government has decided to **deport** illegal immigrants back to their home countries.

## imprint

- v. to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

*synonym* : impress, stamp, engrave

(1) DNA **imprint**, (2) **imprint** a memory

He wanted to **imprint** his brand logo on the product.

## bombard

- v. to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

*synonym* : bomb, shoot, blitz

(1) **bombard** him with questions, (2) **bombard** a fort with heavy shells

Overprotective parents often **bombard** their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.

## orphanage

- n. an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)

*synonym* : home for orphans, children's home, foster home

(1) build an **orphanage**, (2) **orphanage** director

He grew up in a Christian **orphanage** and never knew his biological parents.

## gulag

- n. (an acronym for the Russian term "Main Directorate of Camps") a system of forced labor camps and prisons in the Soviet Union, particularly during Joseph Stalin's regime, used for political repression and punishment, often subjecting prisoners to harsh conditions and extensive physical labor

*synonym* : prison camp, labor camp, detention center

(1) **gulag** survivor, (2) **gulag** labor

Thousands of political prisoners were held in the **gulag** during the Soviet era.

## orphan

*n.* a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them

*synonym*: waif, stray, fatherless child

(1) **orphan** care, (2) asylum for **orphan** children

The little girl was a war **orphan** and lived in a group home.

## incurable

*adj.* not able to be cured, healed, or remedied; beyond recovery or redemption

*synonym*: unrecoverable, irreparable, hopeless

(1) **incurable** patient, (2) **incurable** romantic

The patient was diagnosed with an **incurable** disease and given only a few months to live.

## confine

*v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something

*synonym*: restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

## inhuman

*adj.* lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity

*synonym*: brutal, hardhanded, cruel

(1) **inhuman** act, (2) **inhuman** conditions

Prisoners were subjected to **inhuman** treatment in an overcrowded jail.

## carcinogenic

*adj.* capable of causing cancer or promoting tumor growth; cancer-causing

*synonym*: cancer-causing, cancerous, malignant

(1) **carcinogenic** chemicals, (2) **carcinogenic** air pollution

Long-term exposure to **carcinogenic** materials can result in serious health problems.

## modernize

*v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system

*synonym* : develop, update, upgrade

(1) **modernize** infrastructure, (2) **modernize** agriculture

The company plans to **modernize** its outdated technology and software to improve efficiency.

## embankment

*n.* a raised structure or wall, often constructed of earth or stone, built to prevent flooding or to support a road or railway

*synonym* : mound, levee, dike

(1) **embankment** erosion, (2) flood **embankment**

The cyclists rode along the canal's **embankment**, enjoying the scenic views.

## generosity

*n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

*synonym* : goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

## beggar

*n.* a person who asks for money or food from others, particularly as a means of survival due to poverty or homelessness

*synonym* : pauper, mendicant, panhandler

(1) homeless **beggar**, (2) give alms to a **beggar**

The **beggar's** rags barely covered his body as he shivered in the cold.

## addict

*n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

*synonym* : devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

## detoxification

*n.* (also detox) the process of removing harmful or toxic substances from the body; the process of eliminating or reducing the harmful effects of something

*synonym* : cleansing, purification, detox

(1) **detoxification** process, (2) natural **detoxification**

**Detoxification** programs can help eliminate harmful substances and improve overall health.

## defoliate

*v.* to remove or shed the leaves from a plant, either intentionally or unintentionally; to cause leaves to fall off, typically with a herbicide or other chemical substance

*synonym* : strip, clear-cut, denude

(1) **defoliate** trees, (2) **defoliate** the field

The herbicide used to **defoliate** the plants also killed many of the surrounding flowers and trees.

## dioxin

*n.* a highly toxic chemical compound that is a byproduct of industrial processes, including waste incineration and certain industrial chemical reactions, which are persistent environmental pollutants that can have harmful effects on human health and the environment

*synonym* : toxin, pollutant, contaminant

(1) **dioxin** levels, (2) **dioxin** exposure

**Dioxin** contamination in the soil posed a serious health risk to the nearby community.

## 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.

## caregiving

*n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

*synonym* : nurturing, caring, assisting

(1) **caregiving** process, (2) **caregiving** responsibilities

She devoted her life to **caregiving**, looking after her aging parents.

## malnourished

*adj.* not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong

*synonym* : undernourished, underfed

(1) premature **malnourished** infant, (2) **malnourished** population

**Malnourished** children are at risk of developmental delays and chronic health problems.

## 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.

## pun

*n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

*synonym* : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

## handcuff

*n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process

*synonym* : shackle, bind, restraint

(1) **handcuff** his wrists, (2) break free from **handcuffs**

The police officer put **handcuffs** on the suspect before placing them in the squad car.



## midday

*n.* noon; twelve o'clock in the middle of the day

*synonym* : noon, meridian, noontime

(1) **midday** meal, (2) **midday** glare of the sun

We usually have a lunch meeting at **midday**.

## 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.

## wreckage

*n.* the remains of something that has been destroyed, ruined, severely damaged, or crashed, usually referring to vehicles, buildings, or machinery

*synonym* : debris, remains, demolition

(1) **wreckage** recovery, (2) ship **wreckage**

The **wreckage** of the plane was scattered across the field after the crash.

## manifestation

*n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

*synonym* : expression, embodiment, presentation

(1) **manifestation** of a deeper problem, (2) **manifestation** of psychological stress

The **manifestation** of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.

## rehabilitate

*v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

*synonym* : reform, restore, renovate

(1) **rehabilitate** prisoners, (2) **rehabilitate** wildlife

The organization works to **rehabilitate** drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

## leftover

*adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something

*synonym* : extra, residual, unused

(1) **leftover** from a party, (2) **leftover** goods  
The chef will make soup with the **leftover** ham bone.

## oppress

*v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

*synonym*: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force  
Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

## mortar

*n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances

*synonym*: howitzer, cement mixer, masonry tool

(1) **mortar** joints, (2) apply **mortar**

The bricklayer started on the second course of bricks, laying them in fresh **mortar**.

## pilgrim

*n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

*synonym*: traveler, wayfarer, sojourner

(1) shrine for **pilgrims**, (2) **pilgrim** site

The group of **pilgrims** walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.

## amaze

*v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

*synonym*: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

## fervent

*adj.* characterized by intense or passionate emotion or enthusiasm; showing great warmth or devotion

*synonym*: ardent, passionate, enthusiastic

(1) **fervent** supporter, (2) **fervent** belief

She had a **fervent** desire to pursue her passion and make a

difference in the world.

## reckon

*v.* to think or believe something

*synonym*: regard, imagine, suppose

(1) hard to **reckon**, (2) **reckon** the company as a rival

He **reckons** that corruption was rampant in the regime.

## medic

*n.* a person trained to provide medical care, especially in an emergency

*synonym*: paramedic, medical professional

(1) **medic** unit, (2) military **medic**

The army **medic** arrived on the scene to provide medical assistance.

## medicinal

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

*synonym*: curative, therapeutic, healing

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

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

## grueling

*adj.* extremely tiring or demanding great effort, especially with long duration or intensity

*synonym*: exhausting, draining, demanding

(1) **grueling** process, (2) a **grueling** campaign

The marathon was a **grueling** test of endurance.

## catastrophic

*adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

*synonym*: fatal, disastrous, destructive

(1) victim of **catastrophic** injuries, (2) **catastrophic** climate change

The extinction rate of aquatic animals was **catastrophic**.

## instinct

*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

*synonym*: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**  
When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct**  
was to flee.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. alternative ta\_\_\_c *n.* a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective
2. mi\_\_\_y meal *n.* noon; twelve o'clock in the middle of the day
3. in\_\_\_\_\_le romantic *adj.* not able to be cured, healed, or remedied; beyond recovery or redemption
4. in\_\_\_\_\_n conditions *adj.* lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity
5. ce\_\_\_r a book *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
6. traditional cou\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* (considered non-inclusive) a person who lives in the country or a rural area; a compatriot or fellow citizen
7. a\_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
8. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
9. bo\_\_\_\_\_d him with questions *v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

ANSWERS: 1. tactic, 2. midday, 3. incurable, 4. inhuman, 5. censor, 6. countryman, 7. aft, 8. opportune, 9. bombard

10. boundless gen\_\_\_\_\_ty                      *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
11. di\_\_\_\_n levels                                      *n.* a highly toxic chemical compound that is a byproduct of industrial processes, including waste incineration and certain industrial chemical reactions, which are persistent environmental pollutants that can have harmful effects on human health and the environment
12. perform the r\_\_e                                      *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
13. ar\_\_\_\_\_ry fire                                      *n.* large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces
14. consequences of in\_\_\_\_\_on                      *n.* the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is needed
15. ex\_\_\_\_\_fy the solution                              *v.* to serve as a typical example of something
16. car\_\_\_\_\_ng process                                      *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
17. in\_\_\_\_\_da protests                                      *n.* an Arabic term meaning "uprising" or "shaking off," specifically referring to a Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation in the late 20th century, marked by civil disobedience, protests, and acts of violence

ANSWERS: 10. generosity, 11. dioxin, 12. rite, 13. artillery, 14. inaction, 15. exemplify, 16. caregiving, 17. intifada

18. apply mo\_\_\_r *n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances
19. witty p\_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
20. clinical mo\_\_\_e *n.* a place where dead bodies are kept, particularly in preparation for burial or identification by their relatives or authorities
21. op\_\_\_\_\_s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
22. the rulers in an ol\_\_\_\_\_hy *n.* a form of government in which power is held by a small group of people, often for their benefit; a society or organization that is dominated by a small group of people
23. mal\_\_\_\_\_hed population *adj.* not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong
24. cou\_\_\_\_\_an lifestyle *n.* (considered non-inclusive) a person who lives in the country or a rural area; a compatriot or fellow citizen
25. coastal ar\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces

ANSWERS: 18. mortar, 19. pun, 20. morgue, 21. oppress, 22. oligarchy, 23. malnourished, 24. countryman, 25. artillery

26. man\_\_\_\_\_ion of psychological stress  
*n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
27. premature mal\_\_\_\_\_hed infant  
*adj.* not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong
28. me\_\_\_\_\_al chemistry  
*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
29. ext\_\_\_\_\_te communism  
*v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds
30. im\_\_\_\_\_t a memory  
*v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something;  
(noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone
31. a br\_\_\_\_\_p hug  
*n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections
32. di\_\_\_\_\_n exposure  
*n.* a highly toxic chemical compound that is a byproduct of industrial processes, including waste incineration and certain industrial chemical reactions, which are persistent environmental pollutants that can have harmful effects on human health and the environment
33. build in\_\_\_\_\_cy  
*n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

ANSWERS: 26. manifestation, 27. malnourished, 28. medicinal, 29. exterminate, 30. imprint, 31. breakup, 32. dioxin, 33. intimacy



34. 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
35. political im\_\_\_\_\_s      *n.* a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change
36. overcrowded mo\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a place where dead bodies are kept, particularly in preparation for burial or identification by their relatives or authorities
37. or\_\_\_\_\_n care      *n.* a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them
38. su\_\_\_\_\_n a city council      *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
39. homeless be\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a person who asks for money or food from others, particularly as a means of survival due to poverty or homelessness
40. ba\_\_\_\_\_r system      *n.* the exchange of goods or services without the use of money; a system of trade in which individuals exchange goods or services directly
41. mon\_\_\_\_\_al task      *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
42. traditional me\_\_\_\_\_al      *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 34. displace, 35. impetus, 36. morgue, 37. orphan, 38. summon, 39. beggar, 40. barter, 41. monumental, 42. medicinal

43. flood emb\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a raised structure or wall, often constructed of earth or stone, built to prevent flooding or to support a road or railway
44. emb\_\_\_\_\_nt erosion *n.* a raised structure or wall, often constructed of earth or stone, built to prevent flooding or to support a road or railway
45. up\_\_\_\_t mountains *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
46. mo\_\_\_\_r joints *n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances
47. asylum for or\_\_\_\_n children *n.* a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them
48. re\_\_\_\_n the company as a rival *v.* to think or believe something
49. dis\_\_\_\_\_ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
50. gr\_\_\_\_\_ng process *adj.* extremely tiring or demanding great effort, especially with long duration or intensity
51. stage an up\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
52. gu\_\_g survivor *n.* (an acronym for the Russian term "Main Directorate of Camps") a system of forced labor camps and prisons in the Soviet Union, particularly during Joseph Stalin's regime, used for political repression and punishment, often subjecting prisoners to harsh conditions and extensive physical labor

ANSWERS: 43. embankment, 44. embankment, 45. uplift, 46. mortar, 47. orphan, 48. reckon, 49. discotheque, 50. grueling, 51. uprising, 52. gulag

53. co\_\_\_\_\_e the scope of use *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
54. fa\_\_\_e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
55. ina\_\_\_\_\_ion ceremony *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
56. domed mo\_\_\_e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
57. in\_\_\_\_\_ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
58. imperial co\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
59. the sacred mo\_\_\_e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
60. on terms of in\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
61. a\_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
62. political ol\_\_\_\_\_hy *n.* a form of government in which power is held by a small group of people, often for their benefit; a society or organization that is dominated by a small group of people

ANSWERS: 53. confine, 54. famine, 55. inauguration, 56. mosque, 57. instinct, 58. conquest, 59. mosque, 60. intimacy, 61. aft, 62. oligarchy

63. per\_\_\_\_\_te a myth *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
64. ship wr\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* the remains of something that has been destroyed, ruined, severely damaged, or crashed, usually referring to vehicles, buildings, or machinery
65. carry a s\_\_r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
66. per\_\_\_\_\_te chronic pain *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
67. up\_\_\_\_t my spirit *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
68. air br\_\_\_\_\_p *n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections
69. v\_\_l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
70. fo\_\_\_\_\_ly taken into a car *adv.* done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
71. a ma\_\_\_\_\_ft solution *adj.* serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised
72. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
73. en\_\_\_\_f the politician *v.* to swallow up; to surround and cover completely
74. li\_\_\_\_\_te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

ANSWERS: 63. perpetuate, 64. wreckage, 65. scar, 66. perpetuate, 67. uplift, 68. breakup, 69. viol, 70. forcibly, 71. makeshift, 72. industrious, 73. engulf, 74. liberate

75. a tr\_\_p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
76. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
77. ve\_\_\_\_\_ce justice *n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done
78. mo\_\_\_\_\_ze infrastructure *v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system
79. bo\_\_\_\_\_d a fort with heavy shells *v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
80. pa\_\_e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
81. car\_\_\_\_\_nic air pollution *adj.* capable of causing cancer or promoting tumor growth; cancer-causing
82. fe\_\_\_\_\_t supporter *adj.* characterized by intense or passionate emotion or enthusiasm; showing great warmth or devotion
83. in\_\_\_\_\_le patient *adj.* not able to be cured, healed, or remedied; beyond recovery or redemption
84. in\_\_\_\_\_n act *adj.* lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity

ANSWERS: 75. troop, 76. industrious, 77. vengeance, 78. modernize, 79. bombard, 80. passe, 81. carcinogenic, 82. fervent, 83. incurable, 84. inhuman

85. r\_\_e of passage into adulthood *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
86. det\_\_\_\_\_ion process *n.* (also detox) the process of removing harmful or toxic substances from the body; the process of eliminating or reducing the harmful effects of something
87. pi\_\_\_\_\_m site *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
88. en\_\_\_f in water *v.* to swallow up; to surround and cover completely
89. aggressive in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
90. re\_\_\_\_\_on leader *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
91. st\_\_\_e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
92. to es\_\_\_\_\_te *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
93. DNA im\_\_\_\_\_t *v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

ANSWERS: 85. rite, 86. detoxification, 87. pilgrim, 88. engulf, 89. instinct, 90.

rebellion, 91. starve, 92. escalate, 93. imprint

94. le\_\_\_\_\_er goods *adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something
95. Internet ad\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
96. li\_\_\_\_\_te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
97. excuse for in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is needed
98. verbal con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
99. an urban gu\_\_\_\_\_la *n.* a member of small, independent soldiers or fighters who engage in irregular, often surprise attacks against enemy forces
100. reh\_\_\_\_\_ate prisoners *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
101. silly p\_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
102. st\_\_\_\_\_le a fence *v.* to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests

ANSWERS: 94. leftover, 95. addict, 96. liberate, 97. inaction, 98. confrontation, 99. guerrilla, 100. rehabilitate, 101. pun, 102. straddle



103. company mo\_\_o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
104. ongoing in\_\_\_\_da *n.* an Arabic term meaning "uprising" or "shaking off," specifically referring to a Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation in the late 20th century, marked by civil disobedience, protests, and acts of violence
105. tra\_\_\_\_\_ne park *n.* a strong fabric sheet attached by springs to a frame, used for bouncing on
106. co\_\_\_\_\_ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
107. gu\_\_g labor *n.* (an acronym for the Russian term "Main Directorate of Camps") a system of forced labor camps and prisons in the Soviet Union, particularly during Joseph Stalin's regime, used for political repression and punishment, often subjecting prisoners to harsh conditions and extensive physical labor
108. st\_\_\_\_\_ng therapy *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
109. car\_\_\_\_\_nic chemicals *adj.* capable of causing cancer or promoting tumor growth; cancer-causing
110. mon\_\_\_\_\_al sculpture *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

ANSWERS: 103. motto, 104. intifada, 105. trampoline, 106. conceive, 107. gulag, 108. stimming, 109. carcinogenic, 110. monumental

111. 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
112. military me\_\_c *n.* a person trained to provide medical care, especially in an emergency
113. fe\_\_\_\_t belief *adj.* characterized by intense or passionate emotion or enthusiasm; showing great warmth or devotion
114. violate a com\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority
115. an imprudent ta\_\_\_\_c *n.* a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective
116. co\_\_\_\_e themselves solely *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
117. or\_\_\_\_\_ge director *n.* an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)
118. careful not to sc\_\_\_\_h *v.* to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
119. ma\_\_\_\_\_ft shelter *adj.* serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised
120. technological im\_\_\_\_s *n.* a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change
121. the cr\_\_\_\_or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 111. displace, 112. medic, 113. fervent, 114. commandment, 115. tactic, 116. confine, 117. orphanage, 118. scorch, 119. makeshift, 120. impetus, 121. creditor

122. me\_\_c unit *n.* a person trained to provide medical care, especially in an emergency
123. sc\_\_\_h your clothes *v.* to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
124. autistic st\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
125. up\_\_\_\_\_al of society *n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation
126. ha\_\_\_\_\_ff his wrists *n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process
127. a drug ad\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
128. act of gen\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
129. a religious com\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority

ANSWERS: 122. medic, 123. scorch, 124. stimming, 125. upheaval, 126. handcuff, 127. addict, 128. generosity, 129. commandment

130. a ba\_\_\_r economy *n.* the exchange of goods or services without the use of money; a system of trade in which individuals exchange goods or services directly
131. he\_\_\_\_\_ht adjustment *n.* a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead
132. excite re\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
133. victim of cat\_\_\_\_\_hic injuries *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
134. co\_\_\_\_\_ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
135. aw\_\_\_n at daybreak *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
136. op\_\_\_\_\_s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
137. hard to re\_\_\_n *v.* to think or believe something
138. reh\_\_\_\_\_ate wildlife *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
139. violent up\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
140. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 130. barter, 131. headlight, 132. rebellion, 133. catastrophic, 134. conceive, 135. awaken, 136. oppress, 137. reckon, 138. rehabilitate, 139. uprising, 140. opportune

141. wreak ve\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done
142. ce\_\_\_r a TV program *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
143. pa\_\_e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
144. su\_\_\_n a lawyer *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
145. sta\_\_\_\_\_on wages *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
146. aw\_\_\_n a child *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
147. mi\_\_\_y glare of the sun *n.* noon; twelve o'clock in the middle of the day
148. natural det\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* (also detox) the process of removing harmful or toxic substances from the body; the process of eliminating or reducing the harmful effects of something
149. ap\_\_\_\_\_id policies *n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors

ANSWERS: 141. vengeance, 142. censor, 143. passe, 144. summon, 145. starvation, 146. awaken, 147. midday, 148. detoxification, 149. apartheid

150. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener      *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
151. build an or\_\_\_\_\_ge      *n.* an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)
152. es\_\_\_\_\_te into a major international incident      *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
153. ext\_\_\_\_\_te pests      *v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds
154. st\_\_\_\_\_le a motorcycle      *v.* to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests
155. el\_\_\_\_\_nt writing      *adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively
156. co\_\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality      *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
157. man\_\_\_\_\_ion of a deeper problem      *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
158. make a co\_\_\_\_\_st      *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
159. de\_\_\_\_t a refugee      *v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime
160. car\_\_\_\_\_ng responsibilities      *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

ANSWERS: 150. confuse, 151. orphanage, 152. escalate, 153. exterminate, 154. straddle, 155. eloquent, 156. confuse, 157. manifestation, 158. conquest, 159. deport, 160. caregiving

161. st\_\_\_e to death      *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
162. am\_\_\_e everyone      *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
163. a gr\_\_\_\_\_ng campaign      *adj.* extremely tiring or demanding great effort, especially with long duration or intensity
164. ex\_\_\_\_\_fy the importance      *v.* to serve as a typical example of something
165. an el\_\_\_\_\_nt speaker      *adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively
166. the mo\_\_\_o for safe traffic      *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
167. an id\_\_\_\_\_st perspective      *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
168. the members of a military tr\_\_\_p      *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
169. mo\_\_\_\_\_ze agriculture      *v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system

ANSWERS: 161. starve, 162. amaze, 163. grueling, 164. exemplify, 165. eloquent, 166. motto, 167. idealist, 168. troop, 169. modernize

170. am\_\_e and entertain visitors      *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
171. shrine for pi\_\_\_\_\_ms      *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
172. de\_\_\_\_\_te the field      *v.* to remove or shed the leaves from a plant, either intentionally or unintentionally; to cause leaves to fall off, typically with a herbicide or other chemical substance
173. break free from ha\_\_\_\_\_fs      *n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process
174. the big up\_\_\_\_\_al of my life      *n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation
175. de\_\_\_t dissidents from the party      *v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime
176. he\_\_\_\_\_ht switch      *n.* a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead
177. id\_\_\_\_\_st at heart      *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

ANSWERS: 170. amaze, 171. pilgrim, 172. defoliate, 173. handcuff, 174. upheaval, 175. deport, 176. headlight, 177. idealist



178. coal fa\_\_\_e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
179. burn s\_\_r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
180. bankrupt cr\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
181. violent con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
182. tra\_\_\_\_\_ne jump *n.* a strong fabric sheet attached by springs to a frame, used for bouncing on
183. wr\_\_\_\_\_ge recovery *n.* the remains of something that has been destroyed, ruined, severely damaged, or crashed, usually referring to vehicles, buildings, or machinery
184. give alms to a be\_\_\_r *n.* a person who asks for money or food from others, particularly as a means of survival due to poverty or homelessness
185. de\_\_\_\_\_te trees *v.* to remove or shed the leaves from a plant, either intentionally or unintentionally; to cause leaves to fall off, typically with a herbicide or other chemical substance
186. dis\_\_\_\_\_ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

ANSWERS: 178. famine, 179. scar, 180. creditor, 181. confrontation, 182. trampoline, 183. wreckage, 184. beggar, 185. defoliate, 186. discotheque

187. ap\_\_\_\_\_id system *n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
188. fo\_\_\_\_\_ly remove *adv.* done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
189. cat\_\_\_\_\_hic climate change *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
190. le\_\_\_\_\_er from a party *adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something
191. v\_\_l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
192. die of sta\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
193. presidential ina\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
194. gu\_\_\_\_\_la warfare *n.* a member of small, independent soldiers or fighters who engage in irregular, often surprise attacks against enemy forces

ANSWERS: 187. apartheid, 188. forcibly, 189. catastrophic, 190. leftover, 191. viol, 192. starvation, 193. inauguration, 194. guerrilla

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The bishop performed the \_\_\_\_\_ of consecration for the new church.  
*n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
  
2. Overprotective parents often \_\_\_\_\_ their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.  
*v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
  
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.  
*n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
  
4. She had a \_\_\_\_\_ desire to pursue her passion and make a difference in the world.  
*adj.* characterized by intense or passionate emotion or enthusiasm; showing great warmth or devotion
  
5. If you don't eat soon, you're going to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
  
6. The South African government enforced \_\_\_\_\_ laws that segregated people based on race.  
*n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors

ANSWERS: 1. rite, 2. bombard, 3. viol, 4. fervent, 5. starve, 6. apartheid

7. Over the past decades, the region has experienced several \_\_\_\_\_ leading to widespread violence and unrest.
- n.* an Arabic term meaning "uprising" or "shaking off," specifically referring to a Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation in the late 20th century, marked by civil disobedience, protests, and acts of violence
8. He grew up in a Christian \_\_\_\_\_ and never knew his biological parents.
- n.* an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)
9. We had to \_\_\_\_\_ the fallen tree to cross the river.
- v.* to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests
10. The friend's death \_\_\_\_\_ them.
- v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
11. \_\_\_\_\_ programs can help eliminate harmful substances and improve overall health.
- n.* (also detox) the process of removing harmful or toxic substances from the body; the process of eliminating or reducing the harmful effects of something
12. \_\_\_\_\_ in response to climate change poses a dire threat to our future.
- n.* the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is needed
13. The prisoners were \_\_\_\_\_ after the war ended.
- v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
14. The newspaper editor decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the controversial headline to avoid backlash.
- n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

ANSWERS: 7. intifadas, 8. orphanage, 9. straddle, 10. awakens, 11. Detoxification,

12. Inaction, 13. liberated, 14. censor

15. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the new station was a great success.
- n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
16. The patient was diagnosed with an \_\_\_\_\_ disease and given only a few months to live.
- adj.* not able to be cured, healed, or remedied; beyond recovery or redemption
17. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.
- v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
18. The bricklayer started on the second course of bricks, laying them in fresh \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances
19. The chairperson was responsible for \_\_\_\_\_ committees.
- v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
20. Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's \_\_\_\_\_ contributions to physics.
- adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
21. The example of a successful startup serves to \_\_\_\_\_ the potential of the industry.
- v.* to serve as a typical example of something
22. Autistic children may engage in \_\_\_\_\_ behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.
- n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

ANSWERS: 15. inauguration, 16. incurable, 17. confused, 18. mortar, 19.

summoning, 20. monumental, 21. exemplify, 22. stimming

23. The magician's tricks \_\_\_\_\_ the audience.
- v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
24. The organization works to \_\_\_\_\_ drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.
- v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
25. As a dedicated \_\_\_\_\_ she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.
- n. a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
26. The herbicide used to \_\_\_\_\_ the plants also killed many of the surrounding flowers and trees.
- v. to remove or shed the leaves from a plant, either intentionally or unintentionally; to cause leaves to fall off, typically with a herbicide or other chemical substance
27. The army brought in heavier \_\_\_\_\_ to break through the enemy defenses.
- n. large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces
28. The \_\_\_\_\_ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.
- n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
29. The government \_\_\_\_\_ the invasive species to protect native plants and animals.
- v. to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds

ANSWERS: 23. amazed, 24. rehabilitate, 25. idealist, 26. defoliate, 27. artillery, 28. troop, 29. exterminated



30. The farmers engaged in \_\_\_\_\_ to trade their crops with other farmers in the community.
- n.* the exchange of goods or services without the use of money; a system of trade in which individuals exchange goods or services directly
31. He sought \_\_\_\_\_ for the wrongs done to him.
- n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done
32. 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
33. Prisoners were subjected to \_\_\_\_\_ treatment in an overcrowded jail.
- adj.* lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity
34. The severe \_\_\_\_\_ caused by the drought has left many people without food.
- n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.
- n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
36. That work \_\_\_\_\_ his fame.
- v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
37. Long-term exposure to \_\_\_\_\_ materials can result in serious health problems.
- adj.* capable of causing cancer or promoting tumor growth; cancer-causing

ANSWERS: 30. barter, 31. vengeance, 32. displace, 33. inhuman, 34. famine, 35. manifestation, 36. perpetuates, 37. carcinogenic

38. We have become TV \_\_\_\_\_ due to video streaming services.  
*n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
39. He was punished because he contravened a \_\_\_\_\_ of God.  
*n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority
40. The group of \_\_\_\_\_ walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.  
*n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
41. The local \_\_\_\_\_ is known for his hospitality and warmth towards visitors.  
*n.* (considered non-inclusive) a person who lives in the country or a rural area; a compatriot or fellow citizen
42. Thousands of political prisoners were held in the \_\_\_\_\_ during the Soviet era.  
*n.* (an acronym for the Russian term "Main Directorate of Camps") a system of forced labor camps and prisons in the Soviet Union, particularly during Joseph Stalin's regime, used for political repression and punishment, often subjecting prisoners to harsh conditions and extensive physical labor
43. Even after the wound has healed, a \_\_\_\_\_ remains.  
*n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
44. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two nations escalated into a full-blown war.  
*n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
45. We usually have a lunch meeting at \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* noon; twelve o'clock in the middle of the day

ANSWERS: 38. addicts, 39. commandment, 40. pilgrims, 41. countryman, 42. gulag, 43. scar, 44. confrontation, 45. midday

46. He \_\_\_\_\_ that corruption was rampant in the regime.

*v.* to think or believe something

47. The police officer put \_\_\_\_\_ on the suspect before placing them in the squad car.

*n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process

48. The coach implemented a new \_\_\_\_\_ to win the game.

*n.* a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective

49. 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

50. The army \_\_\_\_\_ arrived on the scene to provide medical assistance.

*n.* a person trained to provide medical care, especially in an emergency

51. The recent political \_\_\_\_\_ has left the country in a state of chaos.

*n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation

52. I can't \_\_\_\_\_ he'd want to harm us.

*v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

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

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

ANSWERS: 46. reckons, 47. handcuffs, 48. tactic, 49. passe, 50. medic, 51. upheaval, 52. conceive, 53. aft

54. I asked the lawyer to initiate \_\_\_\_\_ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.  
*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
55. The comedian's \_\_\_\_ had the audience laughing out loud.  
*n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
56. The extinction rate of aquatic animals was \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
57. Getting a raise at work was the \_\_\_\_\_ to start looking for a new place to live.  
*n.* a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change
58. The antigovernment \_\_\_\_\_ was put down quickly by the government's military forces.  
*n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
59. The marathon was a \_\_\_\_\_ test of endurance.  
*adj.* extremely tiring or demanding great effort, especially with long duration or intensity
60. He got over the big \_\_\_\_\_ with his wife.  
*n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections
61. The \_\_\_\_\_ rags barely covered his body as he shivered in the cold.  
*n.* a person who asks for money or food from others, particularly as a means of survival due to poverty or homelessness

ANSWERS: 54. creditor, 55. pun, 56. catastrophic, 57. impetus, 58. rebellion, 59. grueling, 60. breakup, 61. beggar's

62. The little girl was a war \_\_\_\_\_ and lived in a group home.  
*n.* a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them
63. The government's efforts to suppress the \_\_\_\_\_ movement were met with resistance from local communities.  
*n.* a member of small, independent soldiers or fighters who engage in irregular, often surprise attacks against enemy forces
64. The cyclists rode along the canal's \_\_\_\_\_ enjoying the scenic views.  
*n.* a raised structure or wall, often constructed of earth or stone, built to prevent flooding or to support a road or railway
65. The government has decided to \_\_\_\_\_ illegal immigrants back to their home countries.  
*v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime
66. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial \_\_\_\_\_ was to flee.  
*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
67. He couldn't wait to hit the \_\_\_\_\_ and dance the night away.  
*n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
68. \_\_\_\_\_ contamination in the soil posed a serious health risk to the nearby community.  
*n.* a highly toxic chemical compound that is a byproduct of industrial processes, including waste incineration and certain industrial chemical reactions, which are persistent environmental pollutants that can have harmful effects on human health and the environment

ANSWERS: 62. orphan, 63. guerrilla, 64. embankment, 65. deport, 66. instinct, 67. discotheque, 68. Dioxin

69. The team set up a \_\_\_\_\_ tent for shelter during the storm.

*adj.* serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised

70. The drought led to widespread \_\_\_\_\_ in the region.

*n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

71. My car's \_\_\_\_\_ must be replaced before I drive again at night.

*n.* a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead

72. The sun \_\_\_\_\_ the desert, making it uninhabitable.

*v.* to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame

73. The chef will make soup with the \_\_\_\_\_ ham bone.

*adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something

74. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

*n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

75. Jumeirah \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

*n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

76. The \_\_\_\_\_ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

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

ANSWERS: 69. makeshift, 70. starvation, 71. headlight, 72. scorched, 73. leftover, 74. uplift, 75. Mosque, 76. medicinal

77. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

*n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

78. \_\_\_\_\_ children are at risk of developmental delays and chronic health problems.

*adj.* not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong

79. He wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ his brand logo on the product.

*v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

80. The small group of wealthy elites formed an \_\_\_\_\_ that controlled the government.

*n.* a form of government in which power is held by a small group of people, often for their benefit; a society or organization that is dominated by a small group of people

81. The police officer \_\_\_\_\_ removed the protesters from the public park.

*adv.* done by physical power or violence; against someone's will

82. She devoted her life to \_\_\_\_\_ looking after her aging parents.

*n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

83. He is remembered for his \_\_\_\_\_ and civilization.

*n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

ANSWERS: 77. motto, 78. Malnourished, 79. imprint, 80. oligarchy, 81. forcibly, 82. caregiving, 83. generosity

84. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

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

85. They were looking for \_\_\_\_\_ in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

*n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

86. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the plane was scattered across the field after the crash.

*n.* the remains of something that has been destroyed, ruined, severely damaged, or crashed, usually referring to vehicles, buildings, or machinery

87. She gave an \_\_\_\_\_ speech at the graduation ceremony.

*adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively

88. He continued to grow his empire through \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

89. The situation quickly \_\_\_\_\_ and turned violent.

*v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

90. The attendant at the \_\_\_\_\_ was responsible for cataloging the bodies and their respective information.

*n.* a place where dead bodies are kept, particularly in preparation for burial or identification by their relatives or authorities

91. I love jumping on the \_\_\_\_\_ in my backyard.

*n.* a strong fabric sheet attached by springs to a frame, used for bouncing on

ANSWERS: 84. opportune, 85. intimacy, 86. wreckage, 87. eloquent, 88. conquest, 89. escalated, 90. morgue, 91. trampoline



92. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
93. The anti-government \_\_\_\_\_ was successful in overthrowing the regime.  
*n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
94. Historically, many countries have often \_\_\_\_\_ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.  
*v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
95. The company plans to \_\_\_\_\_ its outdated technology and software to improve efficiency.  
*v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system
96. The animal was \_\_\_\_\_ in a small cage.  
*v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
97. The fire quickly \_\_\_\_\_ the entire building.  
*v.* to swallow up; to surround and cover completely

ANSWERS: 92. industrious, 93. uprising, 94. oppressed, 95. modernize, 96. confined, 97. engulfed