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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### superstitious

*adj.* believing in or influenced by superstitions, which are usually based on irrational or supernatural beliefs; showing excessive reverence for traditional or cultural beliefs that lack a rational basis

*synonym*: irrational, unfounded, mystical

(1) **superstitious** fear, (2) **superstitious** behavior

Some people are **superstitious** and believe in good luck charms and omens.

### landing

*n.* the act of coming to rest on the ground or another surface after being in flight or jumping; a platform or area of ground where a plane or spacecraft can come to rest

*synonym*: touchdown, arrival, descent

(1) **landing** gear, (2) emergency **landing**

The plane made a rough **landing**, and everyone clapped once we came to a stop.

### smack

*v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

*synonym*: hit, slap, strike

(1) **smack** on the lips, (2) **smack** his knee

The baseball player **smacked** the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

## negative

*adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

*synonym* : minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

## miserable

*adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

*synonym* : unhappy, wretched, cheerless

(1) **miserable** weather, (2) **miserable** experience

She felt **miserable** after her dog passed away.

## billboard

*n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads

*synonym* : hoarding, signboard, advertisement

(1) **billboard** advertising, (2) digital **billboard**

The new **billboard** on the highway promotes a popular vacation destination.

## packed

*adj.* extremely full of people; very crowded

*synonym* : jammed, crowded, consolidated

(1) **packed** audience, (2) a romance- **packed** movie

The drama is fascinating and action- **packed**.

## superstition

*n.* a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion

*synonym* : belief, folklore, myth

(1) **superstition** in religion, (2) believe in **superstition**

There is a surviving **superstition** that black cats are a symbol of bad luck.

## confer

*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym* : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

## brochure

*n.* a small book or pamphlet advertising a product, service, or place of interest

*synonym* : pamphlet, leaflet, booklet

(1) company **brochure**, (2) informative **brochure**

The travel agency provided us with a **brochure** outlining the city's attractions.

## refer

*v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

*synonym* : cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

## breath

*n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

*synonym* : air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

## incredibly

*adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

*synonym* : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

## boring

*adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

*synonym* : dull, tedious, monotonous

(1) **boring** work, (2) **boring** day

The lecture was so **boring** that many people fell asleep.

## standpoint

*n.* a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter

*synonym*: viewpoint, perspective, opinion

(1) **standpoint** theory, (2) moral **standpoint**

From a marketing **standpoint**, this product may need to be more effective.

## eliminate

*v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something

*synonym*: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

## surprisingly

*adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder

*synonym*: exceptionally, notably, unusually

(1) **surprisingly** advanced culture, (2) have **surprisingly** little effect

The exam was **surprisingly** tricky for everyone.

## possibility

*n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

*synonym*: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

## consume

*v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

*synonym*: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

## motorcycle

*n.* a two-wheeled vehicle that is driven by an engine and has no pedals

*synonym*: bike, motor

(1) **motorcycle** gangster, (2) electric **motorcycle**

He had his **motorcycle** license revoked for drunken driving.

## synchronicity

*n.* the simultaneous occurrence of seemingly unrelated events that are connected in a meaningful way, suggesting the presence of a deeper, more significant pattern or purpose

*synonym*: coincidence, simultaneity, concurrence

(1) **synchronicity** theory, (2) **synchronicity** effect

The occurrence of events in **synchronicity** is often taken as a sign of divine intervention.

## cassette

*n.* a small, rectangular plastic case containing magnetic tape used to record and playback audio or data on devices such as tape players or recorders; a pre-recorded tape containing music, speech, or other sound recordings

*synonym*: tape, cartridge, recording

(1) **cassette** tape, (2) **cassette** player

I found an old **cassette** with my favorite songs from the 80s.

## release

*v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

*synonym*: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

## helmet

*n.* a protective covering for the head, worn for safety or as part of a uniform or ceremonial dress

*synonym*: headgear, head protector, safety hat

(1) **helmet** size, (2) safety **helmet**

The worker survived the impact because they were wearing sturdy **helmets**.

## hometown

*n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up

*synonym*: birthplace, home, native place

(1) **hometown** celebrity, (2) **hometown** memory

I always look forward to going back to my **hometown** during

the holidays.

## blast

*n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise

*synonym*: blow, burst, explosion

(1) a **blast** of wind, (2) an icy **blast**

The **blast** shattered the laboratory equipment.

## relate

*v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

*synonym*: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

## combination

*n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

*synonym*: blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

## incident

*n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

*synonym*: event, occurrence, accident

(1) traffic **incident**, (2) security **incident**

The **incident** at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

## definitely

*adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

*synonym*: absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

## situ

*adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

*synonym*: situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control  
Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

## delight

*n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness  
*synonym*: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

## bliss

*n.* extreme happiness or joy  
*synonym*: delight, euphoria, happiness

(1) ignorance is **bliss**, (2) ultimate **bliss**

The first two years of her marriage were sheer **bliss**.

## monograph

*n.* a detailed and comprehensive written study or essay on a specific subject or topic, typically written by a single author or a small group of experts  
*synonym*: study, treatise, dissertation

(1) **monograph** publication, (2) **monograph** on economics

The scientific **monograph** presents new findings on the effects of climate change on coral reefs.

## skyscraper

*n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city  
*synonym*: high-rise, tower

(1) **skyscraper** apartment house, (2) steel-framed **skyscraper**

The 50-floor **skyscraper** loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.

## inaugurate

*v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony  
*synonym*: initiate, launch, commence

(1) **inaugurate** an enterprise, (2) **inaugurate** a new policy

The president will **inaugurate** the new embassy building next week.

## exhibit

*v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

*synonym* : display, expose, show

(1) **exhibit** a bad attitude, (2) **exhibit** a great talent

Other technology industries **exhibit** similarly explosive growth.

## eager

*adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

*synonym* : keen, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **eager** anticipation, (2) with **eager** eyes

The children were **eager** to start the treasure hunt.

## sect

*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

*synonym* : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

## label

*n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

*synonym* : tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

## nirvana

*n.* a state of perfect happiness, peace, and enlightenment in Hinduism and Buddhism

*synonym* : paradise, heaven, bliss

(1) **nirvana** state, (2) spiritual **nirvana**

He finally achieved **nirvana** after many years of meditation



and spiritual practice.

## constable

*n.* a law enforcement officer, typically of lower rank than a police officer, who is responsible for community policing and maintaining order and safety; in historical contexts, a person charged with various duties related to the administration of a particular area or estate

*synonym* : police officer, officer, cop

(1) local **constable**, (2) traffic **constable**

The **constable's** duty was to maintain law and order in his assigned jurisdiction.

## abstract

*adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

*synonym* : conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science

The invention of the camera triggered the development of **abstract** painting.

## represent

*v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

*synonym* : depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

## involve

*v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

*synonym* : implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

## desire

*n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

*synonym* : ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

**silk** *n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

*synonym*: satin, taffeta, velvet

(1) **silk** road, (2) **silk** fabric

She wore a **silk** dress to the party.

**harmony** *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

*synonym*: balance, accord, congruence

(1) a **harmony** of colors, (2) break a **harmony**

We worked in perfect **harmony**.

**mandala** *n.* a geometric pattern representing the universe or a microcosm of it used in Hindu and Buddhist religious practices as a focus for meditation and contemplation

*synonym*: sacred circle, geometric pattern

(1) **mandala** tattoo, (2) **mandala** meditation

The **mandala** design on the temple floor is used for meditation and spiritual contemplation.

**exception** *n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others

*synonym*: anomaly, rarity, exemption

(1) make an **exception**, (2) without **exception**

She was the **exception** to the rule, as she managed to graduate college in only two years.

**visualize** *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

*synonym*: imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space  
She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

## cheat

*v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

*synonym*: deceive, swindle, defraud

(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game

Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

## studio

*n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

*synonym*: workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

## aggressive

*adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

*synonym*: assertive, combative, threatening

(1) an **aggressive** war, (2) an **aggressive** tumor

An **aggressive** tide wrecked the ship.

## jazz

*n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression

*synonym*: swing, blues, bebop

(1) **jazz** club, (2) a school **jazz** band

He listened to **jazz** music to relax after a long day at work.

## poster

*n.* a large sheet or picture that is placed either on a public space to promote or announce something or on a wall to decorate it

*synonym*: banner, billboard, sign

(1) eye-catching **posters**, (2) a wanted **poster**

We noticed a **poster** advertising a bargain.

## accomplish

*v.* to finish or achieve something successfully

*synonym*: achieve, complete, execute

(1) **accomplish** a goal, (2) **accomplish** military operations

Humankind took centuries to **accomplish** true democracy.

## advertise

*v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

*synonym*: publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media

We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

## 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.

## reputation

*n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

*synonym*: fame, standing, esteem

(1) **reputation** risk, (2) cloud his **reputation**

She has a good **reputation** for being one of the best chefs in the city.

## authentic

*adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

*synonym*: genuine, bona fide, original

(1) an **authentic** signature, (2) the sets were meticulously **authentic**

The stages of the play were meticulously **authentic**

## cynical

*adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

*synonym*: skeptical, mistrustful, doubtful

(1) **cynical** remarks, (2) **cynical** worldview

He was very **cynical** and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

## visual

*adj.* relating to seeing or sight

*synonym* : optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

## evoke

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

*synonym* : arouse, raise, inspire

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

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

## subway

*n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city

*synonym* : underground, metro, tube

(1) **subway** train, (2) rapid transit **subway**

He took the **subway** to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.

## divide

*v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

*synonym* : separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

## bore

*v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources

*synonym* : bear, tire, weary

(1) **bore** diameter, (2) **bore** him with his stories

The lecture on quantum physics **bored** me to tears.

## stare

*v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious

manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look

*synonym* : gaze, look, gawk

(1) **stare** blankly, (2) give a menacing **stare**

He couldn't help but **stare** at the beautiful sunset over the ocean.

## normally

*adv.* usually; under normal conditions

*synonym* : commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

## humanitarian

*adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare

*synonym* : philanthropic, compassionate, caring

(1) **humanitarian** crisis, (2) a truly **humanitarian** act

The organization is dedicated to providing **humanitarian** aid to disaster-stricken areas worldwide.

## arrest

*v.* to take into custody

*synonym* : capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress

A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

## supple

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

*synonym* : flexible, pliable, bendable

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

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

## fake

*adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

*synonym* : affected, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **fake** police officer, (2) spread of **fake** news

The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and **faked** it

## volunteer

*n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

*synonym* : unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

## pretension

*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

*synonym* : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

## fin

*n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

*synonym* : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

## metropolitan

*adj.* of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country

*synonym* : urban, city, municipal

(1) major **metropolitan** area, (2) **metropolitan** city

The city is a true **metropolitan**, with a diverse population and bustling streets.

## transit

*n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation

*synonym* : transportation, passage, transfer

(1) a **transit** visa, (2) mass **transit**

Public **transit** is an essential service for many cities.

## sculpture

*n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

*synonym* : statuary, carving, modeling

(1) create **sculpture**, (2) abstract **sculpture**

The ancient Greek **sculptures** are known for their realism and attention to detail.

## retract

*v.* to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made

*synonym*: withdraw, take back, revoke

(1) **retract** a promise, (2) **retract** a lawsuit

I need to **retract** my statement because I realized it was incorrect.

## ceiling

*n.* a room's top interior surface

*synonym*: canopy, awning, shelter

(1) **ceiling** board, (2) **ceiling** light

There was a crack in the **ceiling** that I found.

## dusk

*n.* the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight

*synonym*: twilight, gloaming, sundown

(1) **dusk** sky, (2) **dusk** falls

The sky turned a beautiful orange hue at **dusk**.

## dawn

*n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

*synonym*: daybreak, sunrise, advent

(1) the wan light of **dawn**, (2) crack of **dawn**

Missile assaults on the capital continued around **dawn**.

## horizon

*n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

*synonym*: skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**

As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.



## incredible

*adj.* unbelievable; enormous

*synonym* : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

## subtle

*adj.* not readily apparent or visible

*synonym* : slight, nuanced, exquisite

(1) **subtle** changes, (2) a **subtle** poison

A famous artist painted the room in a **subtle** pink hue.

## demeanor

*n.* a person's behavior, attitude, or mannerisms, particularly about how others perceive them; the outward expression of one's personality or character

*synonym* : behavior, conduct, manner

(1) **demeanor** towards customers, (2) calm **demeanor**

The lawyer's professional **demeanor** helped him win over the jury.

## observe

*v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

*synonym* : watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

## origin

*n.* the first existence or beginning of something

*synonym* : root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

## bubble

*n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

*synonym* : blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**  
Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

## stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

*synonym*: pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

## 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.

## concerned

adj. feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention

*synonym*: worried, caring, involved

(1) persons **concerned**, (2) **concerned** citizen

I am **concerned** about the safety of the children playing in the park.

## recoup

v. to regain or recover something, particularly losses, costs, or expenses, often through compensation, reimbursement, or making up for previous setbacks

*synonym*: recover, regain, retrieve

(1) **recoup** losses, (2) **recoup** expenses

I hope to **recoup** the money I invested in the stock market by selling at a higher price.

## advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

*synonym*: progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

## contract

*n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

*synonym*: agreement, deal, arrangement

(1) employment **contract**, (2) **contract** law

The company signed a **contract** with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

## cancel

*v.* to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place

*synonym*: abort, invalidate, annul

(1) **cancel** a class, (2) **cancel** a free subscription trial

When customers **cancel** their reservations, they lose the deposit they made.

## environment

*n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

*synonym*: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

## concentration

*n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

*synonym*: attention, engagement, assiduity

(1) **concentration** of armaments, (2) his research area of **concentration**

This exam requires excellent **concentration** to pass.

## frazzle

*v.* to exhaust or wear out someone or something to the point of being completely worn or frayed; (noun) a state of extreme exhaustion or depletion, often caused by

stress or overwork

*synonym*: exhaust, wear out, (noun) fatigue

(1) **frazzle** my nerves, (2) **frazzle-free** hair

The long hours of studying for the exam **frazzled** my brain.

## immerse

*v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

*synonym*: dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

## chapter

*n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

*synonym*: section, phase, episode

(1) an introductory **chapter**, (2) **chapter** of a political party

The final **chapter** provides a summary of the discussion.

## photograph

*n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

*synonym*: photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

## gutsy

*adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

*synonym*: courageous, brave, daring

(1) **gutsy** move, (2) **gutsy** performance

It was **gutsy** to quit her job and start her own business.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. br\_\_\_h of wind *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
2. with de\_\_\_\_t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
3. in\_\_\_\_e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
4. sm\_\_k on the lips *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
5. give a menacing st\_\_e *v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look
6. chaotic env\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
7. re\_\_\_p losses *v.* to regain or recover something, particularly losses, costs, or expenses, often through compensation, reimbursement, or making up for previous setbacks
8. cy\_\_\_\_l remarks *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

ANSWERS: 1. breath, 2. delight, 3. involve, 4. smack, 5. stare, 6. environment, 7. recoup, 8. cynical





26. co\_\_\_\_ct law *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
27. b\_\_e diameter *v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; *(noun)* a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources
28. complete no\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
29. mo\_\_\_\_ph on economics *n.* a detailed and comprehensive written study or essay on a specific subject or topic, typically written by a single author or a small group of experts
30. sta\_\_\_\_nt theory *n.* a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter
31. his research area of  
con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
32. music st\_\_\_o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
33. la\_\_\_\_g gear *n.* the act of coming to rest on the ground or another surface after being in flight or jumping; a platform or area of ground where a plane or spacecraft can come to rest

ANSWERS: 26. contract, 27. bore, 28. normally, 29. monograph, 30. standpoint, 31. concentration, 32. studio, 33. landing



34. back f\_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
35. sm\_\_k his knee *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
36. secret s\_\_t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
37. bu\_\_\_e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
38. env\_\_\_\_\_nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
39. ch\_\_t in a game *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
40. baseless pre\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
41. ch\_\_t on my taxes *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

ANSWERS: 34. fin, 35. smack, 36. sect, 37. bubble, 38. environment, 39. cheat, 40. pretension, 41. cheat

42. employment co\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
43. sup\_\_\_\_\_ous behavior *adj.* believing in or influenced by superstitions, which are usually based on irrational or supernatural beliefs; showing excessive reverence for traditional or cultural beliefs that lack a rational basis
44. a ne\_\_\_\_\_ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
45. at inc\_\_\_\_\_le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
46. co\_\_\_\_r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
47. an au\_\_\_\_\_ic signature *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
48. ex\_\_\_\_\_t a bad attitude *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
49. racial or\_\_\_\_n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
50. inc\_\_\_\_\_ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
51. abstract sc\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

ANSWERS: 42. contract, 43. superstitious, 44. negative, 45. incredible, 46. confer, 47. authentic, 48. exhibit, 49. origin, 50. incredibly, 51. sculpture

52. mot\_\_\_\_\_le gangster *n.* a two-wheeled vehicle that is driven by an engine and has no pedals
53. vi\_\_\_l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
54. fire st\_\_k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
55. unsatisfied de\_\_\_e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
56. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
57. ex\_\_\_\_\_t a great talent *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
58. business ho\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
59. re\_\_\_\_\_e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
60. gu\_\_y performance *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
61. re\_\_r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

ANSWERS: 52. motorcycle, 53. visual, 54. stick, 55. desire, 56. industrious, 57. exhibit, 58. horizon, 59. release, 60. gutsy, 61. refer

62. di\_\_\_e the cake into two pieces      *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
63. an agg\_\_\_\_\_ve tumor      *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
64. an agg\_\_\_\_\_ve war      *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
65. ad\_\_\_\_\_e the technology      *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
66. ma\_\_\_\_\_a tattoo      *n.* a geometric pattern representing the universe or a microcosm of it used in Hindu and Buddhist religious practices as a focus for meditation and contemplation
67. spiritual ni\_\_\_\_\_a      *n.* a state of perfect happiness, peace, and enlightenment in Hinduism and Buddhism
68. emergency la\_\_\_\_\_g      *n.* the act of coming to rest on the ground or another surface after being in flight or jumping; a platform or area of ground where a plane or spacecraft can come to rest
69. di\_\_\_e money equally      *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
70. a truly hum\_\_\_\_\_ian act      *adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare
71. pho\_\_\_\_\_ph memories      *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

ANSWERS: 62. divide, 63. aggressive, 64. aggressive, 65. advance, 66. mandala, 67. nirvana, 68. landing, 69. divide, 70. humanitarian, 71. photograph

72. ex-s\_\_u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
73. ch\_\_\_\_r of a political party *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
74. fleshly de\_\_\_e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
75. ad\_\_\_\_e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
76. la\_\_l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
77. el\_\_\_\_te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
78. create sc\_\_\_\_re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
79. bo\_\_\_g day *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
80. have a ne\_\_\_\_ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
81. su\_\_\_e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
82. cy\_\_\_\_l worldview *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

ANSWERS: 72. situ, 73. chapter, 74. desire, 75. advance, 76. label, 77. eliminate, 78. sculpture, 79. boring, 80. negative, 81. supple, 82. cynical

83. mo\_\_\_\_\_ph publication *n.* a detailed and comprehensive written study or essay on a specific subject or topic, typically written by a single author or a small group of experts
84. gu\_\_y move *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
85. ni\_\_\_\_\_a state *n.* a state of perfect happiness, peace, and enlightenment in Hinduism and Buddhism
86. a bl\_\_t of wind *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
87. pos\_\_\_\_\_ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
88. ca\_\_\_\_\_te tape *n.* a small, rectangular plastic case containing magnetic tape used to record and playback audio or data on devices such as tape players or recorders; a pre-recorded tape containing music, speech, or other sound recordings
89. issue a w\_\_t *n.* a written legal order or command
90. digital bi\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
91. ho\_\_\_\_\_wn celebrity *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up

ANSWERS: 83. monograph, 84. gutsy, 85. nirvana, 86. blast, 87. possibility, 88. cassette, 89. writ, 90. billboard, 91. hometown

92. de\_\_\_\_\_or towards customers *n.* a person's behavior, attitude, or mannerisms, particularly about how others perceive them; the outward expression of one's personality or character
93. calm de\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person's behavior, attitude, or mannerisms, particularly about how others perceive them; the outward expression of one's personality or character
94. ab\_\_\_\_\_ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
95. say def\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
96. have sur\_\_\_\_\_gly little effect *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
97. f\_\_e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
98. crack of d\_\_n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
99. re\_\_\_e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
100. or\_\_\_n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
101. economic bu\_\_\_e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

ANSWERS: 92. demeanor, 93. demeanor, 94. abstract, 95. definitely, 96. surprisingly, 97. fake, 98. dawn, 99. relate, 100. origin, 101. bubble

102. co\_\_\_\_\_e a large of alcohol      *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
103. local co\_\_\_\_\_le      *n.* a law enforcement officer, typically of lower rank than a police officer, who is responsible for community policing and maintaining order and safety; in historical contexts, a person charged with various duties related to the administration of a particular area or estate
104. hold your br\_\_\_\_h      *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
105. re\_\_r to a map      *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
106. el\_\_\_\_\_te contestants      *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
107. s\_\_k road      *n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric
108. def\_\_\_\_\_ly become a problem      *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
109. sur\_\_\_\_\_gly advanced culture      *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
110. ob\_\_\_\_\_e a tradition      *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

ANSWERS: 102. consume, 103. constable, 104. breath, 105. refer, 106. eliminate, 107. silk, 108. definitely, 109. surprisingly, 110. observe



111. mass tr\_\_\_\_t *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
112. the characters that re\_\_\_\_nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
113. ho\_\_\_\_wn memory *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
114. ina\_\_\_\_te an enterprise *v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
115. sup\_\_\_\_ion in religion *n.* a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion
116. get inc\_\_\_\_ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
117. break a ha\_\_\_\_y *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
118. mi\_\_\_\_le experience *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
119. inc\_\_\_\_le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
120. re\_\_\_\_e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
121. an ab\_\_\_\_ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

ANSWERS: 111. transit, 112. represent, 113. hometown, 114. inaugurate, 115. superstition, 116. incredibly, 117. harmony, 118. miserable, 119. incredible, 120. release, 121. abstract

122. a ha\_\_\_\_y of colors *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
123. traffic co\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a law enforcement officer, typically of lower rank than a police officer, who is responsible for community policing and maintaining order and safety; in historical contexts, a person charged with various duties related to the administration of a particular area or estate
124. ad\_\_\_\_\_se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
125. pho\_\_\_\_\_ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
126. with ea\_\_r eyes *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
127. ca\_\_\_l a class *v.* to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place
128. ce\_\_\_\_\_g light *n.* a room's top interior surface
129. without ex\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others

ANSWERS: 122. harmony, 123. constable, 124. advertise, 125. photograph, 126. eager, 127. cancel, 128. ceiling, 129. exception

130. st\_\_e blankly *v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look
131. a tr\_\_\_\_t visa *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
132. a w\_\_t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
133. in-s\_\_u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
134. ignorance is bl\_\_s *n.* extreme happiness or joy
135. im\_\_\_\_e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
136. seek vo\_\_\_\_\_ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
137. ca\_\_\_l a free subscription trial *v.* to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place
138. ultimate bl\_\_s *n.* extreme happiness or joy
139. co\_\_\_r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
140. vi\_\_\_\_\_ze flying through space *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
141. s\_\_k fabric *n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

ANSWERS: 130. stare, 131. transit, 132. writ, 133. situ, 134. bliss, 135. immerse, 136. volunteer, 137. cancel, 138. bliss, 139. confer, 140. visualize, 141. silk

142. rapid transit su\_\_\_y *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
143. ma\_\_\_\_\_a meditation *n.* a geometric pattern representing the universe or a microcosm of it used in Hindu and Buddhist religious practices as a focus for meditation and contemplation
144. ea\_\_r anticipation *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
145. sup\_\_\_\_\_ous fear *adj.* believing in or influenced by superstitions, which are usually based on irrational or supernatural beliefs; showing excessive reverence for traditional or cultural beliefs that lack a rational basis
146. met\_\_\_\_\_tan city *adj.* of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country
147. pos\_\_\_\_\_ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
148. a photo st\_\_\_o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
149. genic com\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
150. safety he\_\_\_t *n.* a protective covering for the head, worn for safety or as part of a uniform or ceremonial dress

ANSWERS: 142. subway, 143. mandala, 144. eager, 145. superstitious, 146. metropolitan, 147. possibility, 148. studio, 149. combination, 150. helmet

151. eye-catching po\_\_\_rs *n.* a large sheet or picture that is placed either on a public space to promote or announce something or on a wall to decorate it
152. d\_\_k sky *n.* the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight
153. major met\_\_\_\_\_tan area *adj.* of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country
154. a school j\_\_z band *n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
155. he\_\_\_t size *n.* a protective covering for the head, worn for safety or as part of a uniform or ceremonial dress
156. the event ho\_\_\_\_\_n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
157. electric mot\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a two-wheeled vehicle that is driven by an engine and has no pedals
158. ar\_\_\_t the progress *v.* to take into custody
159. bi\_\_\_\_\_rd advertising *n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads

ANSWERS: 151. poster, 152. dusk, 153. metropolitan, 154. jazz, 155. helmet, 156. horizon, 157. motorcycle, 158. arrest, 159. billboard

160. ev\_\_e a sense of awe *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
161. con\_\_\_\_\_ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
162. informative br\_\_\_\_re *n.* a small book or pamphlet advertising a product, service, or place of interest
163. moral sta\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter
164. pre\_\_\_\_\_on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
165. d\_\_k falls *n.* the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight
166. company br\_\_\_\_re *n.* a small book or pamphlet advertising a product, service, or place of interest
167. su\_\_\_y train *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
168. sky\_\_\_\_\_er apartment house *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
169. st\_\_k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 160. evoke, 161. concentration, 162. brochure, 163. standpoint, 164. pretension, 165. dusk, 166. brochure, 167. subway, 168. skyscraper, 169. stick

170. my vo\_\_\_\_\_er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
171. an introductory ch\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
172. mi\_\_\_\_\_le weather *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
173. fr\_\_\_\_\_e-free hair *v.* to exhaust or wear out someone or something to the point of being completely worn or frayed; (noun) a state of extreme exhaustion or depletion, often caused by stress or overwork
174. syn\_\_\_\_\_ity effect *n.* the simultaneous occurrence of seemingly unrelated events that are connected in a meaningful way, suggesting the presence of a deeper, more significant pattern or purpose
175. cloud his rep\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
176. field of vi\_\_\_l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
177. rep\_\_\_\_\_on risk *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
178. a f\_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 170. volunteer, 171. chapter, 172. miserable, 173. frazzle, 174. synchronicity, 175. reputation, 176. visual, 177. reputation, 178. fin

179. a tremor of de_____t	<i>n.</i>	a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
180. com_____on number	<i>n.</i>	a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
181. ina_____te a new policy	<i>v.</i>	to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
182. the wan light of d__n	<i>n.</i>	the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
183. completely im_____e the ingredient	<i>v.</i>	to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
184. syn_____ity theory	<i>n.</i>	the simultaneous occurrence of seemingly unrelated events that are connected in a meaningful way, suggesting the presence of a deeper, more significant pattern or purpose
185. acc_____sh military operations	<i>v.</i>	to finish or achieve something successfully
186. persons co_____ed	<i>adj.</i>	feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
187. in_____e a lot of paperwork	<i>v.</i>	to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
188. not no_____ly drink much	<i>adv.</i>	usually; under normal conditions
189. a su___e poison	<i>adj.</i>	not readily apparent or visible

ANSWERS: 179. delight, 180. combination, 181. inaugurate, 182. dawn, 183. immerse, 184. synchronicity, 185. accomplish, 186. concerned, 187. involve, 188. normally, 189. subtle



190. re\_\_\_\_\_t a promise      *v.* to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made
191. su\_\_\_\_\_e leather      *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
192. ca\_\_\_\_\_te player      *n.* a small, rectangular plastic case containing magnetic tape used to record and playback audio or data on devices such as tape players or recorders; a pre-recorded tape containing music, speech, or other sound recordings
193. traffic in\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
194. spread of f\_\_e news      *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
195. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
196. pa\_\_\_\_\_d audience      *adj.* extremely full of people; very crowded
197. s\_\_t beliefs      *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
198. ad\_\_\_\_\_se on social media      *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

ANSWERS: 190. retract, 191. supple, 192. cassette, 193. incident, 194. fake, 195. industrious, 196. packed, 197. sect, 198. advertise

199. re\_\_\_\_\_t a lawsuit  
*v.* to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made
200. steel-framed sky\_\_\_\_\_er  
*n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
201. a romance-pa\_\_\_\_d movie  
*adj.* extremely full of people; very crowded
202. hum\_\_\_\_\_ian crisis  
*adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare
203. the sets were meticulously  
au\_\_\_\_\_ic  
*adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
204. ob\_\_\_\_\_e wildlife  
*v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
205. make an ex\_\_\_\_\_on  
*n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
206. ev\_\_e sympathy  
*v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
207. bo\_\_\_\_g work  
*adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
208. acc\_\_\_\_\_sh a goal  
*v.* to finish or achieve something successfully

ANSWERS: 199. retract, 200. skyscraper, 201. packed, 202. humanitarian, 203. authentic, 204. observe, 205. exception, 206. evoke, 207. boring, 208. accomplish

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The lawyer's professional \_\_\_\_\_ helped him win over the jury.  
*n.* a person's behavior, attitude, or mannerisms, particularly about how others perceive them; the outward expression of one's personality or character
2. I always look forward to going back to my \_\_\_\_\_ during the holidays.  
*n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
3. The 50-floor \_\_\_\_\_ loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.  
*n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
4. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.  
*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
5. We elected him to \_\_\_\_\_ us at the international conference.  
*v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
6. The organization is dedicated to providing \_\_\_\_\_ aid to disaster-stricken areas worldwide.  
*adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ duty was to maintain law and order in his assigned jurisdiction.  
*n.* a law enforcement officer, typically of lower rank than a police officer, who is responsible for community policing and maintaining order and safety; in historical contexts, a person charged with various duties related to the administration of a particular area or estate

ANSWERS: 1. demeanor, 2. hometown, 3. skyscraper, 4. confer, 5. represent, 6. humanitarian, 7. constable's

8. Even though he knew it was wrong, he \_\_\_\_\_ on the exam.  
*v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
9. I am \_\_\_\_\_ about the safety of the children playing in the park.  
*adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
10. A police officer has the authority to \_\_\_\_\_ a criminal.  
*v.* to take into custody
11. Missile assaults on the capital continued around \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
12. Public \_\_\_\_\_ is an essential service for many cities.  
*n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the safe was a secret.  
*n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.  
*n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
15. The city is a true \_\_\_\_\_ with a diverse population and bustling streets.  
*adj.* of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country
16. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 8. cheated, 9. concerned, 10. arrest, 11. dawn, 12. transit, 13. combination, 14. delight, 15. metropolitan, 16. industrious

17. I found an old \_\_\_\_\_ with my favorite songs from the 80s.  
*n.* a small, rectangular plastic case containing magnetic tape used to record and playback audio or data on devices such as tape players or recorders; a pre-recorded tape containing music, speech, or other sound recordings
18. The children were \_\_\_\_\_ to start the treasure hunt.  
*adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
19. The stages of the play were meticulously \_\_\_\_\_  
*adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
20. He was very \_\_\_\_\_ and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.  
*adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
21. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and \_\_\_\_\_ it  
*adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
22. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself in his research.  
*v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
23. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ take a vacation in the middle of summer.  
*adv.* usually; under normal conditions
24. The scientific \_\_\_\_\_ presents new findings on the effects of climate change on coral reefs.  
*n.* a detailed and comprehensive written study or essay on a specific subject or topic, typically written by a single author or a small group of experts

ANSWERS: 17. cassette, 18. eager, 19. authentic, 20. cynical, 21. faked, 22. immersed, 23. normally, 24. monograph

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

*n.* a written legal order or command

26. The paper is \_\_\_\_\_ worth reading thoroughly.

*adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

27. The new \_\_\_\_\_ on the highway promotes a popular vacation destination.

*n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads

28. The invention of the camera triggered the development of \_\_\_\_\_ painting.

*adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

29. It is important to \_\_\_\_\_ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

*v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

30. The plane made a rough \_\_\_\_\_ and everyone clapped once we came to a stop.

*n.* the act of coming to rest on the ground or another surface after being in flight or jumping; a platform or area of ground where a plane or spacecraft can come to rest

31. From a marketing \_\_\_\_\_ this product may need to be more effective.

*n.* a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter

ANSWERS: 25. writ, 26. definitely, 27. billboard, 28. abstract, 29. observe, 30. landing, 31. standpoint,

32. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my statement because I realized it was incorrect.  
*v.* to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made
33. She felt \_\_\_\_\_ after her dog passed away.  
*adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
34. There was a crack in the \_\_\_\_\_ that I found.  
*n.* a room's top interior surface
35. She works at a recording \_\_\_\_\_ in Los Angeles.  
*n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
36. The building makes a remarkable \_\_\_\_\_ impact.  
*adj.* relating to seeing or sight
37. The animal rights group worked to \_\_\_\_\_ the dolphins back into the wild.  
*v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
38. He listened to \_\_\_\_\_ music to relax after a long day at work.  
*n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
39. The investigation \_\_\_\_\_ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.  
*v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 32. retract, 33. miserable, 34. ceiling, 35. studio, 36. visual, 37. release, 38. jazz, 39. involves

40. The president will \_\_\_\_\_ the new embassy building next week.
- v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
41. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a \_\_\_\_\_ that could burst soon.
- n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
42. He finally achieved \_\_\_\_\_ after many years of meditation and spiritual practice.
- n.* a state of perfect happiness, peace, and enlightenment in Hinduism and Buddhism
43. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
- n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
44. He took the \_\_\_\_\_ to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.
- n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
45. The minority \_\_\_\_\_ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
- n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
46. He couldn't help but \_\_\_\_\_ at the beautiful sunset over the ocean.
- v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look

ANSWERS: 40. inaugurate, 41. bubble, 42. nirvana, 43. label, 44. subway, 45. sect, 46. stare



47. The long hours of studying for the exam \_\_\_\_\_ my brain.
- v.* to exhaust or wear out someone or something to the point of being completely worn or frayed; (noun) a state of extreme exhaustion or depletion, often caused by stress or overwork
48. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the airport caused a delay in my flight.
- n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
49. She wore a \_\_\_\_\_ dress to the party.
- n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric
50. He had his \_\_\_\_\_ license revoked for drunken driving.
- n.* a two-wheeled vehicle that is driven by an engine and has no pedals
51. Scientific knowledge will \_\_\_\_\_ significantly with the power of AI.
- v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
52. The final \_\_\_\_\_ provides a summary of the discussion.
- n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
53. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
54. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ 123321 by eleven?
- v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

ANSWERS: 47. frazzled, 48. incident, 49. silk, 50. motorcycle, 51. advance, 52. chapter, 53. environment, 54. divide

55. Humankind took centuries to \_\_\_\_\_ true democracy.  
*v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
56. Please \_\_\_\_\_ to the instruction manual for further assistance.  
*v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
57. Some people are \_\_\_\_\_ and believe in good luck charms and omens.  
*adj.* believing in or influenced by superstitions, which are usually based on irrational or supernatural beliefs; showing excessive reverence for traditional or cultural beliefs that lack a rational basis
58. His \_\_\_\_\_ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.  
*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
59. This movie is likely to \_\_\_\_\_ strong emotions in the viewer.  
*v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
60. When customers \_\_\_\_\_ their reservations, they lose the deposit they made.  
*v.* to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place
61. The \_\_\_\_\_ design on the temple floor is used for meditation and spiritual contemplation.  
*n.* a geometric pattern representing the universe or a microcosm of it used in Hindu and Buddhist religious practices as a focus for meditation and contemplation
62. The exam was \_\_\_\_\_ tricky for everyone.  
*adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder

ANSWERS: 55. accomplish, 56. refer, 57. superstitious, 58. pretensions, 59. evoke, 60. cancel, 61. mandala, 62. surprisingly

63. This exam requires excellent \_\_\_\_\_ to pass.

- n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

64. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

- v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

65. There is a surviving \_\_\_\_\_ that black cats are a symbol of bad luck.

- n.* a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion

66. An \_\_\_\_\_ tide wrecked the ship.

- adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

67. The lecture on quantum physics \_\_\_\_\_ me to tears.

- v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources

68. The sky turned a beautiful orange hue at \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight

69. The movie has received almost universally \_\_\_\_\_ criticism.

- adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

ANSWERS: 63. concentration, 64. relate, 65. superstition, 66. aggressive, 67. bored, 68. dusk, 69. negative

70. Other technology industries \_\_\_\_\_ similarly explosive growth.
- v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
71. Melanoma in \_\_\_\_\_ is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.
- adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
72. Low sexual \_\_\_\_\_ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
- n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
73. There are various hypotheses concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.
- n.* the first existence or beginning of something
74. Her response revealed \_\_\_\_\_ idiocy.
- adj.* unbelievable; enormous
75. The first two years of her marriage were sheer \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* extreme happiness or joy
76. The baseball player \_\_\_\_\_ the ball out of the park, securing a home run.
- v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
77. The ancient Greek \_\_\_\_\_ are known for their realism and attention to detail.
- n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

ANSWERS: 70. exhibit, 71. situ, 72. desire, 73. origin, 74. incredible, 75. bliss, 76. smacked, 77. sculptures

78. We worked in perfect \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

79. The shark's powerful \_\_\_\_\_ allowed it to swim at high speeds.

- n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

80. The company signed a \_\_\_\_\_ with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

- n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

81. The \_\_\_\_\_ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

- n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

82. It was \_\_\_\_\_ to quit her job and start her own business.

- adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

83. The drama is fascinating and action-\_\_\_\_\_.

- adj.* extremely full of people; very crowded

84. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ our company through your media.

- v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

85. The teachers make full use of \_\_\_\_\_ assistance.

- n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

ANSWERS: 78. harmony, 79. fins, 80. contract, 81. possibility, 82. gutsy, 83. packed, 84. advertise, 85. volunteer

86. The \_\_\_\_\_ shattered the laboratory equipment.
- n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
87. We can \_\_\_\_\_ this possibility from those consumptions.
- v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
88. She was the \_\_\_\_\_ to the rule, as she managed to graduate college in only two years.
- n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
89. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the layout of the new house in her mind.
- v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
90. You \_\_\_\_\_ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
91. He bated his \_\_\_\_\_ when talking about this affair.
- n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
92. I found an old \_\_\_\_\_ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
- n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
93. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the \_\_\_\_\_ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.
- n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

ANSWERS: 86. blast, 87. eliminate, 88. exception, 89. visualize, 90. stick, 91. breath, 92. photograph, 93. horizon,

94. A famous artist painted the room in a \_\_\_\_\_ pink hue.

*adj.* not readily apparent or visible

95. She has a good \_\_\_\_\_ for being one of the best chefs in the city.

*n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

96. I hope to \_\_\_\_\_ the money I invested in the stock market by selling at a higher price.

*v.* to regain or recover something, particularly losses, costs, or expenses, often through compensation, reimbursement, or making up for previous setbacks

97. The occurrence of events in \_\_\_\_\_ is often taken as a sign of divine intervention.

*n.* the simultaneous occurrence of seemingly unrelated events that are connected in a meaningful way, suggesting the presence of a deeper, more significant pattern or purpose

98. Several cities are experiencing \_\_\_\_\_ high unemployment rates.

*adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

99. A smaller car will \_\_\_\_\_ less fuel.

*v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

100. The worker survived the impact because they were wearing sturdy \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a protective covering for the head, worn for safety or as part of a uniform or ceremonial dress

101. The lecture was so \_\_\_\_\_ that many people fell asleep.

*adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

ANSWERS: 94. subtle, 95. reputation, 96. recoup, 97. synchronicity, 98. incredibly, 99. consume, 100. helmets, 101. boring

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

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

103. The travel agency provided us with a \_\_\_\_\_ outlining the city's attractions.

*n.* a small book or pamphlet advertising a product, service, or place of interest

104. We noticed a \_\_\_\_\_ advertising a bargain.

*n.* a large sheet or picture that is placed either on a public space to promote or announce something or on a wall to decorate it

ANSWERS: 102. supple, 103. brochure, 104. poster