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Session 1: Word List

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.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym: stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

pellet

n. a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic

synonym: bead, ball, bullet

(1) the form of a small **pellet**, (2) **pellet** stove

The **pellet** gun was used to shoot small metal balls.

sludge

n. a thick, wet mixture of liquid and solid matter, typically one that is unpleasant or harmful

synonym: muck, ooze, mire

(1) **sludge** treatment, (2) **sludge** removal

The **sludge** at the bottom of the river was a toxic hazard for marine life.

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.

jog

v. to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose

synonym : run, sprint, trot

(1) **jog** in place, (2) **jog** my memory

She decided to **jog** around the park to clear her head.

revitalization

n. the process of giving new life or energy to something

synonym : renewal, reactivation, rejuvenation

(1) **revitalization** project, (2) **revitalization** of humanity

The **revitalization** of the downtown area brought new life to the community.

garner

v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

synonym : acquire, collect, obtain

(1) **garner** good reviews, (2) **garner** attention

He used his charm and charisma to **garner** support for his campaign.

vow

v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

synonym : promise, pledge, swear

(1) **vow** allegiance to the new king, (2) **vow** never to give up

They **vowed** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

whistle

v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

synonym: sound, honk, tweet

(1) **whistle** a tune, (2) **whistle** for help

The employee decided to **whistle-blow** on the company's illegal activities.

brisk

adj. lively and energetic

synonym: energetic, lively, fast-moving

(1) **brisk** argument, (2) **brisk** autumn weather

She walked with a **brisk** pace, eager to reach her destination.

hospitalize

v. to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment

synonym: admit, place in hospital

(1) **hospitalize** patient, (2) **hospitalize** child

She had to be **hospitalized** due to her injuries.

odious

adj. arousing intense dislike or disgust

synonym: loathsome, repugnant, revolting

(1) **odious** task, (2) **odious** character

The **odious** smell of rotting garbage filled the alley.

imprison

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

synonym: incarcerate, detain, confine

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

He was **imprisoned** for embezzlement.

untold

adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

synonym: countless, immeasurable, innumerable

(1) **untold** riches, (2) an **untold** number of people

The **untold** stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to

understand the impact fully.

untapped

adj. not yet used or exploited

synonym: unexplored, untouched, untried

(1) **untapped** market, (2) **untapped** potential

The forest held many **untapped** resources that could be used for commercial purposes.

unhealthy

adj. not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being

synonym: unwholesome, detrimental, insalubrious

(1) **unhealthy** diet, (2) **unhealthy** habit

Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered **unhealthy**.

wherein

adv. in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that

(1) progress to a level **wherein**, (2) **wherein** he is mistaken

The court ruled in favor of the plaintiff, **wherein** they were awarded damages for the defendant's negligence.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

off-limits

adj. not allowed to be entered or used

synonym: prohibited, restricted, forbidden

(1) **off-limits** to development, (2) **off-limits** topic

The restricted area was **off-limits** to visitors.

torch

n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

synonym: flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

spearhead

v. to lead or initiate an effort or campaign

synonym: lead, initiate, begin

(1) **spearhead** campaign, (2) **spearhead** movement

The CEO decided to **spearhead** the new project to ensure its success.

raze

v. to tear down or demolish completely

synonym: destroy, demolish, erase

(1) **raze** a forest, (2) **raze** a city to the ground

The old building was **razed** to make way for a new one.

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.

pimp

n. a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker

synonym: pandar, procurer, hustler

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

The lazy **pimp** controlled and exploited the women working for him.

prostitute

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

synonym: hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**

She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

worthless

adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
synonym : valueless, useless, pointless

(1) **worthless** stock, (2) **worthless** coin

The product was found to be **worthless** as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.

beget

v. to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of

synonym : be father, procreate, reproduce

(1) **beget** children, (2) **beget** fear

His irresponsible behavior may **beget** many problems for him in the future.

disinvestment

n. the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector

synonym : divestment, withdrawal, pullout

(1) **disinvestment** strategy, (2) **disinvestment** plan

The company's decision to engage in **disinvestment** led to a reduction in its overall portfolio.

antiquated

adj. outdated or old-fashioned

synonym : old-fashioned, outdated, obsolete

(1) **antiquated** system, (2) have an **antiquated** custom

The factory was forced to shut down due to its **antiquated** equipment.

pollute

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

synonym : contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

esplanade

n. a wide, open area, typically by the sea or a river, used for recreational activities or public events

synonym : promenade, walkway, boardwalk

(1) the **esplanade** along the lake, (2) **esplanade** park
The lovely seaside **esplanade** provided a beautiful view of the ocean and a popular spot for evening walks.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

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.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

steward

n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

synonym: caretaker, manager, custodian

(1) **steward** duties, (2) **steward** service

The **steward** on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

underutilized

adj. not used as much as is possible or necessary

synonym: underused, neglected, unappreciated

(1) **underutilized** resources, (2) **underutilized** space

The factory has been **underutilized** for years and requires renovation.

relic

n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value

synonym: whiff, vestige, antique

(1) historical **relic**, (2) holy **relics**

This bronze sword is a **relic** of ancient times.

envision

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

synonym: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

parkland

n. an area of open land designated for public use as a park or recreation area

synonym: public park, green space, nature reserve

(1) **parkland** area, (2) **parkland** trail

The **parkland** surrounding the lake was a popular spot for picnics and outdoor activities.

degrade

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

synonym: demean, disgrace, impair

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

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

incidentally

adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing

synonym: by chance, by accident, inadvertently

(1) **incidentally** discovered, (2) **incidentally** mentioned

Incidentally, I know the answer to that question.

springboard

n. a board or device used for jumping or diving into the water or for launching oneself into the air for gymnastics or other acrobatic movements

synonym: diving board, launching pad, jumping-off point

(1) **springboard** dive, (2) **springboard** launch

The project's success became a **springboard** for the team to pursue bigger and more ambitious goals.

hotbed

n. a place or situation where something, such as a particular activity or problem, is developing or becoming more intense

synonym: breeding ground, center, focus

(1) a **hotbed** of vice, (2) a **hotbed** of the drug trade

The city was a **hotbed** of political activism.

malign

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

synonym: defame, vilify, (adjective) evil

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

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

negligent

adj. not being careful or giving enough attention to important matters

synonym: careless, reckless, inattentive

(1) **negligent** behavior, (2) sit in a **negligent** posture

The **negligent** driver caused the accident by failing to stop at the red light.

pernicious

adj. causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way

synonym: harmful, malicious, destructive

(1) **pernicious** effect, (2) **pernicious** disease

The **pernicious** influence of the corrupt officials had a detrimental effect on the town.

lax *adj.* not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient
synonym : loose, slack, relaxed
(1) **lax** border controls, (2) **lax** attitude
The **lax** security measures allowed the thief to enter the building easily.

blight *v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
synonym : devastate, ruin, decimate
(1) **blight** his life, (2) **blight** a crop
The abandoned factory was **blighted** by vandalism and graffiti.

gulf *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
synonym : chasm, divide, abyss
(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream
The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

languish *v.* (of a person, animal, or plant) to lose vigor, health, or flesh; to be forced to exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation or place, often for a long time
synonym : flag, wane, wither
(1) **languish** for lack of funding, (2) **languish** under illness
He continues to **languish** in prison.

homegrown *adj.* grown or produced locally rather than imported from another area
synonym : indigenous, local, native
(1) **homegrown** talent, (2) **homegrown** produce
The restaurant prides itself on its **homegrown** ingredients sourced from local farms.

scant *adj.* barely sufficient or adequate; lacking in quantity or amount

synonym : minimal, scanty, sparse

(1) **scant** resources, (2) **scant** century

There was a **scant** amount of food left in the fridge.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

visionary

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

synonym : prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas

The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

thoroughfare

n. a main road, street, or avenue

synonym : street, road, highway

(1) no **thoroughfare**, (2) two-lane **thoroughfare**

The main **thoroughfare** was clogged with rush hour traffic.

outlaw

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

synonym : ban, prohibit, (noun) bandit

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

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

walkway

n. a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden

synonym : pathway, footpath, trail

(1) install a **walkway**, (2) **walkway** bridge

The **walkway** through the park was a popular spot for joggers

and walkers.

plaza

n. a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries

synonym: park, square, center

(1) main **plaza**, (2) memorial **plaza**

Three young men were busking in the shopping **plaza**.

impeach

v. to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office

synonym: charge, accuse, claim

(1) **impeach** him with an error, (2) **impeach** official

The House of Representatives **impeached** the president for abuse of power.

resurgence

n. the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance

synonym: revival, recovery, rejuvenation

(1) **resurgence** in popularity, (2) **resurgence** of exports

After years of decline, the city is experiencing a **resurgence** in economic growth.

gore

v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death;
(noun) coagulated blood from a wound

synonym: pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene

The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

audacity

n. boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless

synonym: boldness, daring, temerity

(1) **audacity** of hope, (2) act of **audacity**

His **audacity** in stealing the painting matched his foolishness in getting caught.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
2. ma___n influence
v. to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
3. ind_____us student
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
4. po_____e the thread
v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
5. a male pro_____te
n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
6. wo_____ss stock
adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
7. de_____e his public image
v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
8. od___s character
adj. arousing intense dislike or disgust

ANSWERS: 1. sect, 2. malign, 3. industrious, 4. pollute, 5. prostitute, 6. worthless, 7. degrade, 8. odious

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| 9. turn out to be all s__m | <i>n.</i> something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not |
| 10. dis_____ent plan | <i>n.</i> the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector |
| 11. the to__h of learning | <i>n.</i> a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle |
| 12. sc__t resources | <i>adj.</i> barely sufficient or adequate; lacking in quantity or amount |
| 13. d__m wrong or inappropriate | <i>v.</i> to consider or decide something in a particular way |
| 14. pe___t stove | <i>n.</i> a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic |
| 15. un_____ed market | <i>adj.</i> not yet used or exploited |
| 16. de_____e environmental quality | <i>v.</i> to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others |
| 17. spr_____rd dive | <i>n.</i> a board or device used for jumping or diving into the water or for launching oneself into the air for gymnastics or other acrobatic movements |
| 18. rev_____ion of humanity | <i>n.</i> the process of giving new life or energy to something |
| 19. ma___n the politician in the media | <i>v.</i> to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence |

ANSWERS: 9. sham, 10. disinvestment, 11. torch, 12. scant, 13. deem, 14. pellet, 15. untapped, 16. degrade, 17. springboard, 18. revitalization, 19. malign

20. j_g in place *v.* to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose
21. 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
22. sl___e treatment *n.* a thick, wet mixture of liquid and solid matter, typically one that is unpleasant or harmful
23. inc_____lly mentioned *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
24. p__p lifestyle *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
25. an un___d number of people *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
26. vi_____ry business *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
27. per_____us disease *adj.* causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way
28. be__t fear *v.* to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of
29. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
30. en_____on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

ANSWERS: 20. jog, 21. displace, 22. sludge, 23. incidentally, 24. pimp, 25. untold, 26. visionary, 27. pernicious, 28. beget, 29. confer, 30. envision

31. g__e scene *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
32. a ho___d of the drug trade *n.* a place or situation where something, such as a particular activity or problem, is developing or becoming more intense
33. po_____e the air *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
34. od___s task *adj.* arousing intense dislike or disgust
35. l_x attitude *adj.* not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient
36. br__k autumn weather *adj.* lively and energetic
37. g__e him with a weapon *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
38. st_____d service *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
39. vi_____ry ideas *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
40. to__h song *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

ANSWERS: 31. gore, 32. hotbed, 33. pollute, 34. odious, 35. lax, 36. brisk, 37. gore, 38. steward, 39. visionary, 40. torch

41. j_g my memory *v.* to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose
42. progress to a level wh____n *adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that
43. ou___w cloning of human cells *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
44. wh____n he is mistaken *adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that
45. au____ty of hope *n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
46. en____on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
47. install a wa____y *n.* a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden
48. l_x border controls *adj.* not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient
49. ga___r good reviews *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
50. main pl__a *n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
51. sp____ad campaign *v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
52. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
53. be__t children *v.* to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of

ANSWERS: 41. jog, 42. wherein, 43. outlaw, 44. wherein, 45. audacity, 46. envision, 47. walkway, 48. lax, 49. garner, 50. plaza, 51. spearhead, 52. confer, 53. beget

54. dis_____ent strategy *n.* the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector
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56. off_____ts to development *adj.* not allowed to be entered or used
57. pa_____nd area *n.* an area of open land designated for public use as a park or recreation area
58. ant_____ed system *adj.* outdated or old-fashioned
59. im_____h official *v.* to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office
60. wo_____ss coin *adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
61. un___d riches *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
62. hos_____ze child *v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
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ANSWERS: 54. disinvestment, 55. sham, 56. off-limits, 57. parkland, 58. antiquated, 59. impeach, 60. worthless, 61. untold, 62. hospitalize, 63. impeach, 64. homegrown, 65. displace, 66. nurture

67. res_____ce of exports *n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
68. es_____de park *n.* a wide, open area, typically by the sea or a river, used for recreational activities or public events
69. r__e a city to the ground *v.* to tear down or demolish completely
70. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
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73. off_____ts topic *adj.* not allowed to be entered or used
74. v_w never to give up *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
75. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
76. holy re__cs *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
77. no tho_____are *n.* a main road, street, or avenue
78. wh_____e a tune *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

ANSWERS: 67. resurgence, 68. esplanade, 69. raze, 70. opportune, 71. raze, 72. whistle, 73. off-limits, 74. vow, 75. sew, 76. relic, 77. thoroughfare, 78. whistle

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87. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
88. bl____t his life *v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting

ANSWERS: 79. underutilized, 80. scant, 81. springboard, 82. languish, 83. dedicate, 84. spearhead, 85. sect, 86. gulf, 87. sew, 88. blight

89. a ho___d of vice *n.* a place or situation where something, such as a particular activity or problem, is developing or becoming more intense
90. sl___e removal *n.* a thick, wet mixture of liquid and solid matter, typically one that is unpleasant or harmful
91. v_w allegiance to the new king *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
92. the es_____de along the lake *n.* a wide, open area, typically by the sea or a river, used for recreational activities or public events
93. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
94. und_____zed space *adj.* not used as much as is possible or necessary
95. un_____hy habit *adj.* not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
96. im_____on illegal immigrant *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
97. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
98. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
99. inc_____lly discovered *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing

ANSWERS: 89. hotbed, 90. sludge, 91. vow, 92. esplanade, 93. dedicate, 94. underutilized, 95. unhealthy, 96. imprison, 97. industrious, 98. nurture, 99. incidentally

100. ou___w racial discrimination *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
101. ga___r attention *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
102. memorial pl__a *n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
103. have an ant_____ed custom *adj.* outdated or old-fashioned
104. bl___t a crop *v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
105. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
106. sit in a ne_____nt posture *adj.* not being careful or giving enough attention to important matters
107. un_____hy diet *adj.* not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
108. historical re__c *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
109. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
110. ho_____wn produce *adj.* grown or produced locally rather than imported from another area

ANSWERS: 100. outlaw, 101. garner, 102. plaza, 103. antiquated, 104. blight, 105. gulf, 106. negligent, 107. unhealthy, 108. relic, 109. opportune, 110. homegrown

111. act of au____ty	<i>n.</i> boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
112. d__m socially responsible	<i>v.</i> to consider or decide something in a particular way
113. la____sh under illness	<i>v.</i> (of a person, animal, or plant) to lose vigor, health, or flesh; to be forced to exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation or place, often for a long time
114. im____on myself within the room	<i>v.</i> to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
115. br__k argument	<i>adj.</i> lively and energetic
116. ne_____nt behavior	<i>adj.</i> not being careful or giving enough attention to important matters
117. res_____ce in popularity	<i>n.</i> the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
118. hos_____ze patient	<i>v.</i> to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
119. the form of a small pe____t	<i>n.</i> a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic
120. p__p culture	<i>n.</i> a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
121. st____d duties	<i>n.</i> a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 111. audacity, 112. deem, 113. languish, 114. imprison, 115. brisk, 116. negligent, 117. resurgence, 118. hospitalize, 119. pellet, 120. pimp, 121. steward

122. per_____us effect *adj.* causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way
123. wa_____y bridge *n.* a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden
124. pro_____te street *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
125. un_____ed potential *adj.* not yet used or exploited
126. two-lane tho_____are *n.* a main road, street, or avenue
127. rev_____ion project *n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
128. pa_____nd trail *n.* an area of open land designated for public use as a park or recreation area

ANSWERS: 122. pernicious, 123. walkway, 124. prostitute, 125. untapped, 126. thoroughfare, 127. revitalization, 128. parkland

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ influence of the corrupt officials had a detrimental effect on the town.
adj. causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way
2. She turned to _____ to make ends meet.
n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
3. The abandoned factory was _____ by vandalism and graffiti.
v. to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
4. The _____ driver caused the accident by failing to stop at the red light.
adj. not being careful or giving enough attention to important matters
5. The project's success became a _____ for the team to pursue bigger and more ambitious goals.
n. a board or device used for jumping or diving into the water or for launching oneself into the air for gymnastics or other acrobatic movements
6. We should do our best not to _____ the environment.
v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
7. She walked with a _____ pace, eager to reach her destination.
adj. lively and energetic

ANSWERS: 1. pernicious, 2. prostitute, 3. blighted, 4. negligent, 5. springboard, 6. pollute, 7. brisk

8. The _____ surrounding the lake was a popular spot for picnics and outdoor activities.
n. an area of open land designated for public use as a park or recreation area
9. The article _____ the company's reputation with false accusations.
v. to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way;
(adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
10. The hunter _____ the deer with an arrow.
v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
11. My mother taught me how to _____.
v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
12. _____ I know the answer to that question.
adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing
13. This bronze sword is a _____ of ancient times.
n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
14. The _____ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.
adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
15. 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

ANSWERS: 8. parkland, 9. maligned, 10. gored, 11. sew, 12. Incidentally, 13. relic, 14. visionary, 15. sect

16. 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
17. The restricted area was _____ to visitors.
- adj.* not allowed to be entered or used
18. The lovely seaside _____ provided a beautiful view of the ocean and a popular spot for evening walks.
- n.* a wide, open area, typically by the sea or a river, used for recreational activities or public events
19. The _____ gun was used to shoot small metal balls.
- n.* a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic
20. The forest held many _____ resources that could be used for commercial purposes.
- adj.* not yet used or exploited
21. 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
22. She decided to _____ around the park to clear her head.
- v.* to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose
23. The restaurant prides itself on its _____ ingredients sourced from local farms.
- adj.* grown or produced locally rather than imported from another area

ANSWERS: 16. displace, 17. off-limits, 18. esplanade, 19. pellet, 20. untapped, 21. confer, 22. jog, 23. homegrown

24. The factory was forced to shut down due to its _____ equipment.
adj. outdated or old-fashioned
25. Three young men were busking in the shopping _____.
n. a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
26. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.
v. to consider or decide something in a particular way
27. The company's decision to engage in _____ led to a reduction in its overall portfolio.
n. the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector
28. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.
v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
29. The _____ on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.
n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
30. The _____ stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.
adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
31. The _____ at the bottom of the river was a toxic hazard for marine life.
n. a thick, wet mixture of liquid and solid matter, typically one that is unpleasant or harmful

ANSWERS: 24. antiquated, 25. plaza, 26. deemed, 27. disinvestment, 28. nurture, 29. steward, 30. untold, 31. sludge

32. The factory has been _____ for years and requires renovation.

adj. not used as much as is possible or necessary

33. He continues to _____ in prison.

v. (of a person, animal, or plant) to lose vigor, health, or flesh; to be forced to exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation or place, often for a long time

34. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.

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

35. The lazy _____ controlled and exploited the women working for him.

n. a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker

36. The _____ through the park was a popular spot for joggers and walkers.

n. a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden

37. After years of decline, the city is experiencing a _____ in economic growth.

n. the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance

38. The _____ of the downtown area brought new life to the community.

n. the process of giving new life or energy to something

39. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

ANSWERS: 32. underutilized, 33. languish, 34. degrade, 35. pimp, 36. walkway, 37. resurgence, 38. revitalization, 39. opportune

40. The House of Representatives _____ the president for abuse of power.
v. to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office
41. The city was a _____ of political activism.
n. a place or situation where something, such as a particular activity or problem, is developing or becoming more intense
42. His irresponsible behavior may _____ many problems for him in the future.
v. to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of
43. He was _____ for embezzlement.
v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
44. His _____ in stealing the painting matched his foolishness in getting caught.
n. boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
45. The _____ smell of rotting garbage filled the alley.
adj. arousing intense dislike or disgust
46. The old building was _____ to make way for a new one.
v. to tear down or demolish completely
47. The CEO decided to _____ the new project to ensure its success.
v. to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
48. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 40. impeached, 41. hotbed, 42. beget, 43. imprisoned, 44. audacity, 45. odious, 46. razed, 47. spearhead, 48. industrious

49. He used his charm and charisma to _____ support for his campaign.
v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
50. She used an electric _____ to light her way through the dark cave.
n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
51. Some communities began to _____ alcohol consumption.
v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
52. The employee decided to _____ on the company's illegal activities.
v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
53. We cannot _____ her as President.
v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
54. There was a _____ amount of food left in the fridge.
adj. barely sufficient or adequate; lacking in quantity or amount
55. The main _____ was clogged with rush hour traffic.
n. a main road, street, or avenue
56. The product was found to be _____ as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.
adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

ANSWERS: 49. garner, 50. torch, 51. outlaw, 52. whistle-blow, 53. envision, 54. scant, 55. thoroughfare, 56. worthless

57. The data he prepared was completely _____.

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

58. The ____ security measures allowed the thief to enter the building easily.

adj. not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient

59. Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered _____.

adj. not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being

60. The ____ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

61. The court ruled in favor of the plaintiff, _____ they were awarded damages for the defendant's negligence.

adv. in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that

62. She had to be _____ due to her injuries.

v. to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment

63. They _____ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

64. He _____ his life to helping others.

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

ANSWERS: 57. sham, 58. lax, 59. unhealthy, 60. Gulf, 61. wherein, 62. hospitalized, 63. vowed, 64. dedicated