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Session 1: Word List

retiring

adj. withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved

synonym : shy, leaving, quitting

(1) near **retiring** age, (2) a **retiring** pension

The **retiring** CEO passed on the reins to his successor.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

misinterpretation

n. a mistake or error in understanding or explaining something; the act of interpreting incorrectly; an incorrect interpretation

synonym : misunderstanding, mistake, misreading

(1) **misinterpretation** of data, (2) **misinterpretation** of signals

The news article's **misinterpretation** of the study's findings confused readers

fulminate

v. to criticize, condemn, or protest vehemently and loudly; to explode or detonate suddenly and violently

synonym : explode, thunder, denounce

(1) **fulminate** against government, (2) **fulminate** against injustice

The politician decided to **fulminate** against the proposed changes to the healthcare system.

vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

synonym : immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

confuse

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

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

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

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

bivalent

adj. having two parts or aspects, especially when they are in opposition or contrast to each other

synonym : double, twofold, dual

(1) **bivalent** vaccine, (2) **bivalent** antigen

The drug has a **bivalent** action on the nervous system, affecting neurotransmitters and receptors.

mRNA

n. (an abbreviation for messenger RNA) a single-stranded molecule of RNA that corresponds to the genetic sequence of a gene, and is read by a ribosome in the process of synthesizing a protein

(1) **mRNA** translation, (2) nuclear **mRNA**

The **mRNA** vaccine can expedite many approval processes because it does not contain a virus.

booster

n. something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something

synonym : promoter, supporter, advocate

(1) metabolism **booster**, (2) morale **booster**

The energy drink is marketed as a **booster** to help athletes perform better.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym : pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

precaution

n. a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness

synonym : safeguard, measure, provision

(1) airborne **precaution**, (2) take extra **precautions**

As a **precaution**, the company locked all of its doors after a threat was made.

congregate

v. to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area

synonym : assemble, converge, gather

(1) **congregate** at the park, (2) **congregate** in a mosque

The protesters plan to **congregate** in front of the city hall to raise awareness for their cause.

prolong

v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

synonym : extend, lengthen, stretch

(1) **prolong** the agony, (2) measures to **prolong** the lifespan

We need to **prolong** the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

monkeypox

n. a viral disease that causes fever, rash, and swelling of lymph nodes and can be spread from animals to humans

synonym : viral rash, pox, infection

(1) **monkeypox** outbreak, (2) **monkeypox** virus

A person infected with **monkeypox** requires immediate medical attention.

intrude

v. to enter or to be present in a place or situation where one is not wanted or allowed; to interrupt or disturb someone or something

synonym : impose, obtrude, interlope

(1) **intrude** on his personal space, (2) **intrude** on other people's conversations

The loud music from the party next door **intruded** into my peaceful evening at home.

uninhabited

adj. not able to be lived in by humans or animals; devoid of human or animal life

synonym : deserted, abandoned, vacant

(1) **uninhabited** region, (2) **uninhabited** house

The remote island is **uninhabited** and has no permanent residents.

fowl

n. birds that are kept for their meat or eggs, particularly domesticated birds, including chickens, ducks, and turkeys

synonym : poultry, bird, chicken

(1) chicken **fowl**, (2) **fowl** farm

We had roasted **fowl** for dinner, and it was delicious.

swine

n. a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat

synonym : pig, hog, porker

(1) **swine** flu, (2) **swine** industry

The farmer raises **swine** on his farm for the market.

pathogen

n. a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease

synonym : germ, microbe, bacterium

(1) plant **pathogen**, (2) the **pathogen** in the air
mRNA vaccines are approved faster because they do not contain inactivated **pathogens**.

aerosol

n. a substance enclosed under pressure and released as a fine spray, typically one used for medical purposes or cosmetic application

synonym: spray, mist, fog

(1) **aerosol** container, (2) **aerosol** can

She waited a few seconds after spraying the **aerosol** insecticide before entering the room.

droplet

n. a small drop of liquid

synonym: bead, drip, dewdrop

(1) **droplet** size, (2) **droplet** formation

A single **droplet** of water can reflect the entire world upside down.

hoard

v. to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly;
(noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use

synonym: stockpile, accumulation, stash

(1) **hoard** my possessions, (2) plutonium **hoard**

They **hoarded** a common secret instead of sharing it.

detectable

adj. capable of being discovered or identified

synonym: perceptible, noticeable, observable

(1) a barely **detectable** change, (2) **detectable** by the human ear

The object is **detectable** at ultraviolet wavelengths.

reluctance

n. a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking

synonym: hesitation, resistance, unwillingness

(1) overcoming **reluctance**, (2) **reluctance** in buying

The company's **reluctance** to invest in new technology kept

them from competing with other businesses.

societal

adj. relating to society or social relationships

synonym: social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

unprepared

adj. not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready

synonym: inexperienced, caught off-guard, ill-equipped

(1) **unprepared** speech, (2) **unprepared** for the exam

The **unprepared** student struggled on the test and received a low grade.

divisiveness

n. the quality or state of causing separation or division, typically by promoting conflict or disagreement between groups of people

synonym: discord, disunity, division

(1) political **divisiveness**, (2) ethnic **divisiveness**

The **divisiveness** in the community was apparent during the town hall meeting.

countermeasure

n. an action taken to counter or offset another action

synonym: response, remedy, antidote

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

The government implemented several **countermeasures** to combat the spread of the virus.

quarantine

n. a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease

synonym: isolation, confinement, restriction

(1) out of **quarantine**, (2) mandatory **quarantine**

Due to the outbreak, the government imposed a two-week **quarantine** for all travelers.

demography

n. the study of the statistics of human populations, such as size, growth, density, distribution, and vital statistics

synonym: population statistics, human ecology

(1) **demography** study, (2) the city's **demography** report
The **demography** of the country is changing rapidly due to migration and the aging population

medicinal

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

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**
The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

synonym: pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism
She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

ascribe

v. to attribute something to a particular cause or source

synonym: attribute, credit, assign

(1) **ascribe** everything to nature, (2) **ascribe** my failure to bad luck

The project's success was **ascribed** to the team's hard work.

upbringing

n. the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development

synonym: childhood, background, nurturing

(1) Catholic **upbringing**, (2) family **upbringing**
His strict **upbringing** instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym: shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

unwind

v. to relax and release tension, often by engaging in leisure activities or by simply resting; to reverse the winding or twisting of something

synonym: relax, de-stress, unroll

(1) **unwind** after work, (2) **unwind** on vacation

I like to **unwind** with a good book after a long day at work.

preposterous

adj. absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense

synonym: ridiculous, absurd, nonsensical

(1) **preposterous** claim, (2) **preposterous** price

The idea that aliens built the pyramids is **preposterous**.

diffuse

adj. spread out widely; not concentrated in one place

synonym: spread, scatter

(1) **diffuse** bleeding, (2) **diffuse** cloud

Direct lighting is preferable to **diffuse** lighting when reading.

rewire

v. to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns

synonym: rewire, renovate, upgrade

(1) **rewire** a house, (2) **rewire** a program

I need to **rewire** the faulty electrical system in my house to prevent a fire.

distracted

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

synonym: preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

disinformation

n. false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion

synonym: misinformation, propaganda, falsehood

(1) **disinformation** campaign, (2) **disinformation** warfare

The government is being criticized for spreading **disinformation** about the pandemic.

misinformation

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

synonym: falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

curator

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

synonym: conservator, custodian, administrator

(1) **curator** of a library, (2) interim **curator**

The museum **curator** conserved the ancient manuscripts.

pivot

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

synonym: center point, fulcrum, heart

(1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point

The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.

phenomenal

adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding

synonym: extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth

The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

unimaginable

adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

synonym : unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym : positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

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.

limitless

adj. without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

synonym : boundless, infinite, unrestricted

(1) for a **limitless** time, (2) **limitless** potential

The possibilities for scientific discovery are **limitless**.

antedate

v. to precede in time; to assign an earlier date to something than when it actually occurred; to predate

synonym : precede, forgo, predate

(1) **antedate** decisions, (2) **antedate** the widespread use of the Internet

The ancient civilization was believed to **antedate** the one previously known.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill

qualification criteria

synonym: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

astound

v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

synonym: amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer

The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

mangle

v. to damage or alter something by twisting, crushing, or pressing it out of shape

synonym: crush, deform, disfigure

(1) **mangle** my foot, (2) **mangled** their favorite toy

The machine **mangled** the sheet of metal beyond repair.

spreader

n. a person or thing that spreads something, such as a disease, rumor, or substance

synonym: distributor, carrier, transmitter

(1) fertilizer **spreader**, (2) **spreader** of germs

The person who attended the party while having COVID-19 became a virus **spreader**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a re_____ng pension | <i>adj.</i> withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved |
| 2. co_____e fantasy with reality | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 3. the pa_____en in the air | <i>n.</i> a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease |
| 4. cou_____ure strategy | <i>n.</i> an action taken to counter or offset another action |
| 5. dem_____hy study | <i>n.</i> the study of the statistics of human populations, such as size, growth, density, distribution, and vital statistics |
| 6. bi_____nt antigen | <i>adj.</i> having two parts or aspects, especially when they are in opposition or contrast to each other |
| 7. as_____e everything to nature | <i>v.</i> to attribute something to a particular cause or source |
| 8. un_____d on vacation | <i>v.</i> to relax and release tension, often by engaging in leisure activities or by simply resting; to reverse the winding or twisting of something |
| 9. airborne pre_____on | <i>n.</i> a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness |
| 10. in____t other animal species | <i>v.</i> to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism |
| 11. mo_____ox virus | <i>n.</i> a viral disease that causes fever, rash, and swelling of lymph nodes and can be spread from animals to humans |

ANSWERS: 1. retiring, 2. confuse, 3. pathogen, 4. countermeasure, 5. demography, 6. bivalent, 7. ascribe, 8. unwind, 9. precaution, 10. infect, 11. monkeypox

12. family upb_____ng *n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
13. di_____e cloud *adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place
14. unpre_____ed speech *adj.* not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready
15. the city's dem_____hy report *n.* the study of the statistics of human populations, such as size, growth, density, distribution, and vital statistics
16. get dis_____ed by an urgent matter *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
17. ha_____s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
18. for a li_____ss time *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
19. ae_____l container *n.* a substance enclosed under pressure and released as a fine spray, typically one used for medical purposes or cosmetic application
20. ae_____l can *n.* a substance enclosed under pressure and released as a fine spray, typically one used for medical purposes or cosmetic application
21. an_____te decisions *v.* to precede in time; to assign an earlier date to something than when it actually occurred; to predate

ANSWERS: 12. upbringing, 13. diffuse, 14. unprepared, 15. demography, 16. distracted, 17. harass, 18. limitless, 19. aerosol, 20. aerosol, 21. antedate

22. dis_____ed by a conversation *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
23. fu_____te against injustice *v.* to criticize, condemn, or protest vehemently and loudly; to explode or detonate suddenly and violently
24. in_____e on his personal space *v.* to enter or to be present in a place or situation where one is not wanted or allowed; to interrupt or disturb someone or something
25. measures to pr_____g the lifespan *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
26. out of qua_____ne *n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease
27. det_____le by the human ear *adj.* capable of being discovered or identified
28. con_____te in a mosque *v.* to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area
29. mandatory qua_____ne *n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease
30. mis_____ion of signals *n.* a mistake or error in understanding or explaining something; the act of interpreting incorrectly; an incorrect interpretation

ANSWERS: 22. distracted, 23. fulminate, 24. intrude, 25. prolong, 26. quarantine, 27. detectable, 28. congregate, 29. quarantine, 30. misinterpretation

31. di____e bleeding *adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place
32. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
33. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
34. center-pi__t irrigation *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
35. so_____al norms *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
36. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
37. pr_____g the agony *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
38. dr_____t formation *n.* a small drop of liquid
39. f__l farm *n.* birds that are kept for their meat or eggs, particularly domesticated birds, including chickens, ducks, and turkeys
40. va_____te against scarlet fever *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

ANSWERS: 31. diffuse, 32. medicinal, 33. opportune, 34. pivot, 35. societal, 36. intern, 37. prolong, 38. droplet, 39. fowl, 40. vaccinate

41. pre_____ous claim *adj.* absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense
42. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
43. bi_____nt vaccine *adj.* having two parts or aspects, especially when they are in opposition or contrast to each other
44. pre_____ous price *adj.* absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense
45. a barely det_____le change *adj.* capable of being discovered or identified
46. li_____ss potential *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
47. cou_____ure plan *n.* an action taken to counter or offset another action
48. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
49. ho_____y victims *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
50. so_____al expectations *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
51. m__A translation *n.* (an abbreviation for messenger RNA) a single-stranded molecule of RNA that corresponds to the genetic sequence of a gene, and is read by a ribosome in the process of synthesizing a protein
52. in_____e on other people's conversations *v.* to enter or to be present in a place or situation where one is not wanted or allowed; to interrupt or disturb someone or something

ANSWERS: 41. preposterous, 42. pandemic, 43. bivalent, 44. preposterous, 45. detectable, 46. limitless, 47. countermeasure, 48. optimism, 49. horrify, 50. societal, 51. mRNA, 52. intrude

53. phe_____al growth *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
54. dis_____ion warfare *n.* false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion
55. phe_____al success *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
56. cu_____r of a library *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
57. ho_____y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
58. Catholic upb_____ng *n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
59. morale bo_____r *n.* something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something
60. con_____te at the park *v.* to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area
61. pi__t point *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
62. uni_____ble depths *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

ANSWERS: 53. phenomenal, 54. disinformation, 55. phenomenal, 56. curator, 57. horrify, 58. upbringing, 59. booster, 60. congregate, 61. pivot, 62. unimaginable

63. as_____e my failure to bad luck *v.* to attribute something to a particular cause or source
64. an_____te the widespread use of the Internet *v.* to precede in time; to assign an earlier date to something than when it actually occurred; to predate
65. near re_____ng age *adj.* withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved
66. un_____d after work *v.* to relax and release tension, often by engaging in leisure activities or by simply resting; to reverse the winding or twisting of something
67. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
68. mis_____ion of data *n.* a mistake or error in understanding or explaining something; the act of interpreting incorrectly; an incorrect interpretation
69. as_____d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
70. in_____t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
71. fu_____te against government *v.* to criticize, condemn, or protest vehemently and loudly; to explode or detonate suddenly and violently
72. sense of op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
73. re_____e a house *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns

ANSWERS: 63. ascribe, 64. antedate, 65. retiring, 66. unwind, 67. medicinal, 68. misinterpretation, 69. astound, 70. infect, 71. fulminate, 72. optimism, 73. rewire

74. fertilizer sp_____er *n.* a person or thing that spreads something, such as a disease, rumor, or substance
75. political div_____ess *n.* the quality or state of causing separation or division, typically by promoting conflict or disagreement between groups of people
76. medical in____n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
77. plant pa_____en *n.* a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
78. ma____e my foot *v.* to damage or alter something by twisting, crushing, or pressing it out of shape
79. re____e a program *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
80. dr_____t size *n.* a small drop of liquid
81. sp_____er of germs *n.* a person or thing that spreads something, such as a disease, rumor, or substance
82. unp_____ed for the exam *adj.* not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready
83. ha____s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

ANSWERS: 74. spreader, 75. divisiveness, 76. intern, 77. pathogen, 78. mangle, 79. rewire, 80. droplet, 81. spreader, 82. unprepared, 83. harass

84. ethnic div_____ess *n.* the quality or state of causing separation or division, typically by promoting conflict or disagreement between groups of people
85. plutonium ho__d *v.* to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use
86. sw__e flu *n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat
87. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
88. uni_____ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
89. interim cu_____r *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
90. ho__d my possessions *v.* to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use
91. take extra pre_____ons *n.* a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness
92. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
93. mis_____ion about a vaccine *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

ANSWERS: 84. divisiveness, 85. hoard, 86. swine, 87. explode, 88. unimaginable, 89. curator, 90. hoard, 91. precaution, 92. confuse, 93. misinformation

94. ma___ed their favorite toy *v.* to damage or alter something by twisting, crushing, or pressing it out of shape
95. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
96. chicken f___l *n.* birds that are kept for their meat or eggs, particularly domesticated birds, including chickens, ducks, and turkeys
97. va_____te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
98. as_____d the viewer *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
99. rel_____ce in buying *n.* a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking
100. nuclear m__A *n.* (an abbreviation for messenger RNA) a single-stranded molecule of RNA that corresponds to the genetic sequence of a gene, and is read by a ribosome in the process of synthesizing a protein
101. dis_____ion campaign *n.* false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion
102. overcoming rel_____ce *n.* a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking

ANSWERS: 94. mangle, 95. opportune, 96. fowl, 97. vaccinate, 98. astound, 99. reluctance, 100. mRNA, 101. disinformation, 102. reluctance

103. sw__e industry *n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat
104. uni_____ed region *adj.* not able to be lived in by humans or animals; devoid of human or animal life
105. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
106. combat mis_____ion on social media *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
107. metabolism bo_____r *n.* something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something
108. uni_____ed house *adj.* not able to be lived in by humans or animals; devoid of human or animal life
109. mo_____ox outbreak *n.* a viral disease that causes fever, rash, and swelling of lymph nodes and can be spread from animals to humans
110. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

ANSWERS: 103. swine, 104. uninhabited, 105. explode, 106. misinformation, 107. booster, 108. uninhabited, 109. monkeypox, 110. pandemic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
2. The possibilities for scientific discovery are _____.
adj. without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
3. The company's _____ to invest in new technology kept them from competing with other businesses.
n. a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking
4. The loud music from the party next door _____ into my peaceful evening at home.
v. to enter or to be present in a place or situation where one is not wanted or allowed; to interrupt or disturb someone or something
5. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
6. The government is being criticized for spreading _____ about the pandemic.
n. false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion
7. We need to _____ the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.
v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

ANSWERS: 1. pandemic, 2. limitless, 3. reluctance, 4. intruded, 5. exploded, 6. disinformation, 7. prolong

8. The government called for caution against pseudoscientific _____ about vaccines.
n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
9. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.
v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
10. The remote island is _____ and has no permanent residents.
adj. not able to be lived in by humans or animals; devoid of human or animal life
11. The project's success was _____ to the team's hard work.
v. to attribute something to a particular cause or source
12. The _____ of the country is changing rapidly due to migration and the aging population
n. the study of the statistics of human populations, such as size, growth, density, distribution, and vital statistics
13. The _____ student struggled on the test and received a low grade.
adj. not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready
14. The final result was nothing short of _____.
v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
15. His strict _____ instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.
n. the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development

ANSWERS: 8. misinformation, 9. infect, 10. uninhabited, 11. ascribed, 12. demography, 13. unprepared, 14. astounding, 15. upbringing

16. The politician decided to _____ against the proposed changes to the healthcare system.
- v. to criticize, condemn, or protest vehemently and loudly; to explode or detonate suddenly and violently
17. The series of terrorist attacks _____ the entire nation.
- v. to shock or disgust greatly
18. Due to the outbreak, the government imposed a two-week _____ for all travelers.
- n. a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease
19. Direct lighting is preferable to _____ lighting when reading.
- adj. spread out widely; not concentrated in one place
20. The ancient civilization was believed to _____ the one previously known.
- v. to precede in time; to assign an earlier date to something than when it actually occurred; to predate
21. I like to _____ with a good book after a long day at work.
- v. to relax and release tension, often by engaging in leisure activities or by simply resting; to reverse the winding or twisting of something
22. The protesters plan to _____ in front of the city hall to raise awareness for their cause.
- v. to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area
23. The machine _____ the sheet of metal beyond repair.
- v. to damage or alter something by twisting, crushing, or pressing it out of shape

ANSWERS: 16. fulminate, 17. horrify, 18. quarantine, 19. diffuse, 20. antedate, 21. unwind, 22. congregate, 23. mangled

24. I need to _____ the faulty electrical system in my house to prevent a fire.
- v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
25. She waited a few seconds after spraying the _____ insecticide before entering the room.
- n.* a substance enclosed under pressure and released as a fine spray, typically one used for medical purposes or cosmetic application
26. As a _____ the company locked all of its doors after a threat was made.
- n.* a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness
27. The team needed to come up with a _____ strategy to turn things around.
- n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
28. The drug has a _____ action on the nervous system, affecting neurotransmitters and receptors.
- adj.* having two parts or aspects, especially when they are in opposition or contrast to each other
29. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
30. The idea that aliens built the pyramids is _____.
- adj.* absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense
31. The _____ pressure to conform is strong in this community.
- adj.* relating to society or social relationships

ANSWERS: 24. rewire, 25. aerosol, 26. precaution, 27. pivot, 28. bivalent, 29. medicinal, 30. preposterous, 31. societal

32. I was so _____ by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.
adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
33. We had roasted _____ for dinner, and it was delicious.
n. birds that are kept for their meat or eggs, particularly domesticated birds, including chickens, ducks, and turkeys
34. The news article's _____ of the study's findings confused readers
n. a mistake or error in understanding or explaining something; the act of interpreting incorrectly; an incorrect interpretation
35. They _____ a common secret instead of sharing it.
v. to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use
36. The _____ in the community was apparent during the town hall meeting.
n. the quality or state of causing separation or division, typically by promoting conflict or disagreement between groups of people
37. A person infected with _____ requires immediate medical attention.
n. a viral disease that causes fever, rash, and swelling of lymph nodes and can be spread from animals to humans
38. She was constantly _____ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.
v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

ANSWERS: 32. distracted, 33. fowl, 34. misinterpretation, 35. hoarded, 36. divisiveness, 37. monkeypox, 38. harassed

39. The government implemented several _____ to combat the spread of the virus.

n. an action taken to counter or offset another action

40. The person who attended the party while having COVID-19 became a virus _____.

n. a person or thing that spreads something, such as a disease, rumor, or substance

41. The _____ CEO passed on the reins to his successor.

adj. withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved

42. The nurse _____ the children in the school.

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

43. A single _____ of water can reflect the entire world upside down.

n. a small drop of liquid

44. The museum _____ conserved the ancient manuscripts.

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

45. Her remarks _____ the debate.

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

46. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

ANSWERS: 39. countermeasures, 40. spreader, 41. retiring, 42. vaccinated, 43. droplet, 44. curator, 45. confused, 46. optimism

47. mRNA vaccines are approved faster because they do not contain inactivated _____.
- n.* a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
48. The object is _____ at ultraviolet wavelengths.
- adj.* capable of being discovered or identified
49. The _____ vaccine can expedite many approval processes because it does not contain a virus.
- n.* (an abbreviation for messenger RNA) a single-stranded molecule of RNA that corresponds to the genetic sequence of a gene, and is read by a ribosome in the process of synthesizing a protein
50. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
- v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
51. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
52. The complexity of scientific theories was _____ for most people.
- adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
53. The farmer raises _____ on his farm for the market.
- n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat
54. The athlete's _____ performance broke all previous records.
- adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding

ANSWERS: 47. pathogens, 48. detectable, 49. mRNA, 50. interned, 51. opportune, 52. unimaginable, 53. swine, 54. phenomenal

55. The energy drink is marketed as a _____ to help athletes perform better.

- n.* something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something

ANSWERS: 55. booster