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Session 1: Word List

frugal

adj. characterized by being sparing or economical about money or resources; avoiding waste or luxury

synonym : economical, thrifty, sparing

(1) live a **frugal** lifestyle, (2) a **frugal** meal

My grandparents were always **frugal** with their money, even when they had plenty of it.

videotape

n. a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape

synonym : videocassette, tape, recording

(1) **videotape** evidence, (2) rewind **videotape**

We watched a **videotape** of our family vacation from years ago.

mystique

n. an air of secrecy, intrigue, or mystery surrounding something or someone; a sense of fascination or aura of inexplicable attraction

synonym : aura, charm, enchantment

(1) **mystique** surrounding, (2) celebrity **mystique**

The actress had a **mystique** about her that drew people to her.

touchstone

n. a standard or criterion by which something is judged or evaluated; a fine-grained dark stone, such as jasper or basalt, used to test the purity of gold or silver in alloys by observing how much the color changes when rubbed against it

synonym: benchmark, standard, criterion

(1) artistic **touchstone**, (2) the **touchstone** of truth

The **touchstone** for our company's success has always been our commitment to customer satisfaction.

levee

n. an artificial embankment or wall built to prevent a river or low-lying land from flooding

synonym: dike, embankment, floodwall

(1) **levee** protection, (2) **levee** breach

The concrete **levee** protects from the rising river during floods.

insidious

adj. tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

synonym: sly, cunning, subtle

(1) **insidious** plot, (2) **insidious** behavior

The disease has an **insidious** onset, making it difficult to diagnose.

sprawl

v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

synonym: drape, spread out

(1) **sprawl** out luxuriously on the sofa, (2) **sprawl** for acres

The lush vegetation **sprawls** across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.

lockdown

n. an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19

(1) go on **lockdown**, (2) **lockdown** area

The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide **lockdown** measure.

devastation

n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

synonym: destruction, ruin, havoc

(1) financial **devastation**, (2) **devastation** to life

The economic recession caused **devastation** in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

barber

n. a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered

synonym: hairdresser, stylist, shaver

(1) favorite **barber**, (2) **barber** pole

The **barber** shop was closed on Monday, much to the disappointment of many customers.

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

synonym: teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program

The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

freeway

n. a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways

synonym: highway, expressway, motorway

(1) **freeway** exit, (2) expanded **freeway**

We got stuck in a traffic jam on the **freeway** for over an hour.

faucet

n. a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe

synonym: tap, spigot, valve

(1) a water **faucet**, (2) **faucet** handle

I turned on the **faucet** to wash my hands.

hunch

v. to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof

synonym: crouch, guess, speculate

(1) **hunch** against the rain, (2) **hunch** up the shoulders

I **hunch** over my computer all day, and my back aches after a while.

morph

v. to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

synonym: alter, modify, transform

(1) **morph** into a different shape, (2) **morph** into something entirely different

This company **morphed** into an enterprise company.

souvenir

n. an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake

synonym: memento, keepsake, token

(1) city **souvenir**, (2) **souvenir** shop

I bought my sister a miniature Eiffel Tower **souvenir** when I visited Paris.

shave

v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

synonym: trim, cut down, prune

(1) **shave** my head, (2) **shave** cheese

That supermarket tried to **shave** certain costs by saving electricity.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

cutout

n. a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing

synonym: silhouette, shape, form

(1) **cutout** from magazines, (2) **cutout** of flowers

The artist used a star **cutout** to make a unique art piece.

filmmaker

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession

synonym: director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

comeback

n. a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult

synonym: return, resurgence, revival

(1) political **comeback**, (2) career **comeback**

The musician made an impressive **comeback** with their latest album.

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.

demise

n. death or the end of something

synonym: death, passing, end

(1) **demise** of bureaucracy, (2) meet their **demise**

The sudden **demise** of the king was a shock to everyone and threw the kingdom into chaos.

groundbreaking

adj. producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

synonym: innovative, revolutionary

(1) **groundbreaking** concept, (2) **groundbreaking** settlement

He has produced **groundbreaking** research on the subject.

ancestor

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

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

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

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

infuse

v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

synonym: instill, fill, permeate

(1) **infuse** with spirit, (2) **infuse** life with meaning

She **infused** fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

grit

n. very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

synonym: determination, fortitude, courage

(1) **grit** determination, (2) **grit** washer

She has a lot of **grit** and determination to succeed.

sandstone

n. a type of rock composed mainly of sand-sized grains of mineral or rock fragments

synonym:

arenite

(1) lithic **sandstone**, (2) **sandstone** building

The **sandstone** cliffs along the coast are a natural wonder.

quarry

n. a place where a stone or other materials are extracted from the ground; an animal or a person that is the target of hunting

synonym: stone pit, prey, target

(1) **quarry** operation, (2) **quarry** site

The hunter tracked down his **quarry** in the woods.

devise

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

synonym: create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot

They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

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.

summon

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

synonym: call for, muster, assemble

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

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

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items

without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

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.

exodus

n. a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time

synonym: emigration, evacuation, departure

(1) mass **exodus**, (2) the Oriental **exodus** from America

The rural **exodus** may cause long-term population loss.

blizzard

n. a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions

synonym: snowstorm, whiteout, bluster

(1) **blizzard** warning, (2) heavy **blizzard**

The city declared a snow emergency and warned residents to stay off the streets during the **blizzard**.

punchline

n. the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax

synonym: joke, climax, comedic ending

(1) have no **punchline**, (2) the final **punchline**

The **punchline** of the joke was hilarious.

reframe

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

synonym: redefine, restructure, reposition

(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem

The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.

recount

v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story

synonym: narrate, tell, report

(1) **recount** the adventure, (2) **recount** a conversation with him

They **recount** events that have already occurred.

squander

v. to spend or use something wastefully; to waste by spending or using too freely

synonym: waste, fritter away, dissipate

(1) **squander** money, (2) **squander** a chance

He **squandered** his inheritance on frivolous purchases.

rediscover

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

synonym: recover, get back, revive

(1) **rediscover** a value, (2) **rediscover** an old truth

The painting was **rediscovered** in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym: judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

destine

v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

synonym: ordain, doom, predestine

(1) **destine** us to meet again, (2) be **destined** to become a great artist

Some people believe that we are all **destined** for greatness.

setback

n. an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress

synonym: obstacle, hindrance, difficulty

(1) major **setback**, (2) suffer a **setback**

The team experienced a **setback** when their star player was injured during the game.

embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

synonym: enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

apathy

n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm

synonym: affectlessness, dispassion, indifference

(1) **apathy** in the election, (2) political **apathy**

The global economic crisis has led to pervasive **apathy** and powerlessness.

rekindle

v. to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling

synonym: revitalize, reignite, revive

(1) **rekindle** love, (2) **rekindle** hope

The couple tried to **rekindle** their relationship by spending more time together.

campfire

n. an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

synonym: bonfire, blaze, fire pit

(1) **campfire** story, (2) roast marshmallows around the **campfire**

We sat around the **campfire** and told stories late into the night.

flickering

adj. shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame

synonym: shining, flashing, twinkling

(1) **flickering** flames, (2) **flickering** hope

The **flickering** candlelight added a cozy ambiance to the room.

hush

v. to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential

synonym: clam up, quieten, settle down

(1) **hush** for a while, (2) **hush** up a case

Please **hush** your voice so that the baby can sleep.

chronicle

n. a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation

synonym: record, history, annals

(1) **chronicle** of the war, (2) heroic **chronicle**

The **chronicle** of the kingdom's history was passed down through generations of royalty.

mural

adj. a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface

synonym: wall painting, fresco, wall art

(1) **mural** painting, (2) a **mural** decoration

The **mural** on the wall depicted the history of the city.

decorate

v. to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc

synonym: adorn, embellish, beautify

(1) **decorate** a wall, (2) **decorate** for Christmas

They **decorated** the room with balloons and streamers for the birthday party.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure

stags.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. de_____e us to meet again | v. | to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome |
| 2. sp____l for acres | v. | to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out |
| 3. de_____te a wall | v. | to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc |
| 4. mo__h into a different shape | v. | to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another |
| 5. su____n a city council | v. | to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally |
| 6. live a fr____l lifestyle | <i>adj.</i> | characterized by being sparing or economical about money or resources; avoiding waste or luxury |
| 7. re_____t the adventure | v. | to describe what happened or to narrate a story |
| 8. fa____t handle | <i>n.</i> | a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe |
| 9. flu pa_____ic | <i>n.</i> | an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area |

ANSWERS: 1. destine, 2. sprawl, 3. decorate, 4. morph, 5. summon, 6. frugal, 7. recount, 8. faucet, 9. pandemic

10. qu___y operation *n.* a place where a stone or other materials are extracted from the ground; an animal or a person that is the target of hunting
11. ap___y in the election *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
12. favorite ba___r *n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
13. gro_____ing settlement *adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
14. gro_____ing concept *adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
15. sq_____er money *v.* to spend or use something wastefully; to waste by spending or using too freely
16. a mu___l decoration *adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface
17. cu___t of flowers *n.* a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing
18. the Oriental ex___s from America *n.* a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time
19. hu___h against the rain *v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof

ANSWERS: 10. quarry, 11. apathy, 12. barber, 13. groundbreaking, 14. groundbreaking, 15. squander, 16. mural, 17. cutout, 18. exodus, 19. hunch

20. the na____or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
21. be de____ed to become a great artist *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
22. financial dev____on *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
23. cu____t from magazines *n.* a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing
24. political co____ck *n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
25. rev____ion project *n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
26. the tou____ne of truth *n.* a standard or criterion by which something is judged or evaluated; a fine-grained dark stone, such as jasper or basalt, used to test the purity of gold or silver in alloys by observing how much the color changes when rubbed against it

ANSWERS: 20. narrator, 21. destine, 22. devastation, 23. cutout, 24. comeback, 25. revitalization, 26. touchstone

27. re_____e resource allocation *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
28. heavy bl_____rd *n.* a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions
29. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
30. cy_____l remarks *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
31. le__e breach *n.* an artificial embankment or wall built to prevent a river or low-lying land from flooding
32. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
33. g__t determination *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
34. political ap____y *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
35. de____e a plan *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
36. sa_____ne building *n.* a type of rock composed mainly of sand-sized grains of mineral or rock fragments

ANSWERS: 27. reframe, 28. blizzard, 29. empower, 30. cynical, 31. levee, 32. firsthand, 33. grit, 34. apathy, 35. devise, 36. sandstone

37. have no pu_____ne
n. the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax
38. vi_____pe evidence
n. a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape
39. in_____us behavior
adj. tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
40. dev_____on to life
n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
41. fr_____y exit
n. a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
42. fli_____ng hope
adj. shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame
43. hu__h up the shoulders
v. to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
44. a water fa____t
n. a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe
45. lo_____wn area
n. an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19

ANSWERS: 37. punchline, 38. videotape, 39. insidious, 40. devastation, 41. freeway, 42. flickering, 43. hunch, 44. faucet, 45. lockdown

46. le__e protection *n.* an artificial embankment or wall built to prevent a river or low-lying land from flooding
47. de_____te for Christmas *v.* to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc
48. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
49. suffer a se_____k *n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
50. city so_____ir *n.* an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake
51. em___k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
52. mo__h into something entirely different *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
53. heroic ch_____le *n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
54. re_____t a conversation with him *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
55. expanded fr_____y *n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways

ANSWERS: 46. levee, 47. decorate, 48. resilient, 49. setback, 50. souvenir, 51. embark, 52. morph, 53. chronicle, 54. recount, 55. freeway

56. su___n a lawyer *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
57. go on lo_____wn *n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
58. ca_____re story *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
59. red_____er a value *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
60. de___e a literary plot *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
61. a fr___l meal *adj.* characterized by being sparing or economical about money or resources; avoiding waste or luxury
62. red_____er an old truth *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
63. in___e life with meaning *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
64. em___k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
65. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
66. my_____ue surrounding *n.* an air of secrecy, intrigue, or mystery surrounding something or someone; a sense of fascination or aura of inexplicable attraction

ANSWERS: 56. summon, 57. lockdown, 58. campfire, 59. rediscover, 60. devise, 61. frugal, 62. rediscover, 63. infuse, 64. embark, 65. ancestor, 66. mystique

67. artistic tou_____ne *n.* a standard or criterion by which something is judged or evaluated; a fine-grained dark stone, such as jasper or basalt, used to test the purity of gold or silver in alloys by observing how much the color changes when rubbed against it
68. h__h up a case *v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
69. rev_____ion of humanity *n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
70. the final pu_____ne *n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax
71. meet their de___e *n.* death or the end of something
72. qu___y site *n.* a place where a stone or other materials are extracted from the ground; an animal or a person that is the target of hunting
73. re_____le hope *v.* to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling
74. a successful fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
75. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

ANSWERS: 67. touchstone, 68. hush, 69. revitalization, 70. punchline, 71. demise, 72. quarry, 73. rekindle, 74. filmmaker, 75. doom

76. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
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78. non-fiction fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
79. sp___l out luxuriously on the sofa *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
80. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
81. fli_____ng flames *adj.* shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame
82. mu__l painting *adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface
83. ba___r pole *n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
84. major se_____k *n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
85. mass ex___s *n.* a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time

ANSWERS: 76. rev, 77. hush, 78. filmmaker, 79. sprawl, 80. pandemic, 81. flickering, 82. mural, 83. barber, 84. setback, 85. exodus

86. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
87. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
88. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
89. sh__e my head *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
90. de___e of bureaucracy *n.* death or the end of something
91. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
92. ch_____le of the war *n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
93. career co_____ck *n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
94. in___e with spirit *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
95. re_____le love *v.* to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling
96. sh__e cheese *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
97. celebrity my_____ue *n.* an air of secrecy, intrigue, or mystery surrounding something or someone; a sense of fascination or aura of inexplicable attraction

ANSWERS: 86. ancestor, 87. firsthand, 88. empower, 89. shave, 90. demise, 91. doe, 92. chronicle, 93. comeback, 94. infuse, 95. rekindle, 96. shave, 97. mystique

98. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
99. in_____us plot *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
100. g__t washer *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
101. first-person na_____or *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
102. lithic sa_____ne *n.* a type of rock composed mainly of sand-sized grains of mineral or rock fragments
103. rewind vi_____pe *n.* a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape
104. roast marshmallows around the
ca_____re *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
105. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
106. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

ANSWERS: 98. rev, 99. insidious, 100. grit, 101. narrator, 102. sandstone, 103. videotape, 104. campfire, 105. doe, 106. resilient

107. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
108. cy____l worldview *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
109. sq____er a chance *v.* to spend or use something wastefully; to waste by spending or using too freely
110. re____e problem *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
111. bl____rd warning *n.* a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions
112. so____ir shop *n.* an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake

ANSWERS: 107. doom, 108. cynical, 109. squander, 110. reframe, 111. blizzard, 112. souvenir

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The therapist tried to _____ his negative thoughts.
v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
2. They _____ the room with balloons and streamers for the birthday party.
v. to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc
3. The _____ cliffs along the coast are a natural wonder.
n. a type of rock composed mainly of sand-sized grains of mineral or rock fragments
4. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
5. The _____ of the kingdom's history was passed down through generations of royalty.
n. a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
6. The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide _____ measure.
n. an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
7. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 1. reframe, 2. decorated, 3. sandstone, 4. resilient, 5. chronicle, 6. lockdown, 7. ancestor

8. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
9. The sudden _____ of the king was a shock to everyone and threw the kingdom into chaos.
n. death or the end of something
10. The renowned _____ won several awards for his latest film.
n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession
11. The actress had a _____ about her that drew people to her.
n. an air of secrecy, intrigue, or mystery surrounding something or someone; a sense of fascination or aura of inexplicable attraction
12. We got stuck in a traffic jam on the _____ for over an hour.
n. a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
13. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.
adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
14. The _____ of the downtown area brought new life to the community.
n. the process of giving new life or energy to something
15. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
16. He has produced _____ research on the subject.
adj. producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

ANSWERS: 8. pandemic, 9. demise, 10. filmmaker, 11. mystique, 12. freeway, 13. firsthand, 14. revitalization, 15. doom, 16. groundbreaking

17. The global economic crisis has led to pervasive _____ and powerlessness.
n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
18. Some people believe that we are all _____ for greatness.
v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
19. The chairperson was responsible for _____ committees.
v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
20. She _____ fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.
v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
21. Please _____ your voice so that the baby can sleep.
v. to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
22. The team experienced a _____ when their star player was injured during the game.
n. an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
23. The city declared a snow emergency and warned residents to stay off the streets during the _____.
n. a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions

ANSWERS: 17. apathy, 18. destined, 19. summoning, 20. infused, 21. hush, 22. setback, 23. blizzard

24. The _____ on the wall depicted the history of the city.

adj. a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface

25. The disease has an _____ onset, making it difficult to diagnose.

adj. tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

26. The _____ shop was closed on Monday, much to the disappointment of many customers.

n. a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered

27. The concrete _____ protects from the rising river during floods.

n. an artificial embankment or wall built to prevent a river or low-lying land from flooding

28. We watched a _____ of our family vacation from years ago.

n. a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape

29. We sat around the _____ and told stories late into the night.

n. an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

30. They _____ events that have already occurred.

v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story

31. My grandparents were always _____ with their money, even when they had plenty of it.

adj. characterized by being sparing or economical about money or resources; avoiding waste or luxury

ANSWERS: 24. mural, 25. insidious, 26. barber, 27. levee, 28. videotape, 29. campfire, 30. recount, 31. frugal

32. The hunter tracked down his _____ in the woods.
- n.* a place where a stone or other materials are extracted from the ground; an animal or a person that is the target of hunting
33. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
34. The musician made an impressive _____ with their latest album.
- n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
35. We _____ on a new project.
- v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
36. The _____ makes use of the local dialect.
- n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
37. The rural _____ may cause long-term population loss.
- n.* a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time
38. The couple tried to _____ their relationship by spending more time together.
- v.* to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling
39. That supermarket tried to _____ certain costs by saving electricity.
- v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

ANSWERS: 32. quarry, 33. empowered, 34. comeback, 35. embarked, 36. narrator, 37. exodus, 38. rekindle, 39. shave

40. The _____ of the joke was hilarious.

- n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax

41. 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

42. I _____ over my computer all day, and my back aches after a while.

- v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof

43. He _____ his inheritance on frivolous purchases.

- v.* to spend or use something wastefully; to waste by spending or using too freely

44. The painting was _____ in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

- v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

45. The artist used a star _____ to make a unique art piece.

- n.* a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing

46. I turned on the _____ to wash my hands.

- n.* a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe

ANSWERS: 40. punchline, 41. cynical, 42. hunch, 43. squandered, 44. rediscovered, 45. cutout, 46. faucet

47. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
48. This company _____ into an enterprise company.
- v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
49. I bought my sister a miniature Eiffel Tower _____ when I visited Paris.
- n.* an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake
50. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.
- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
51. The economic recession caused _____ in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.
- n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
52. The _____ for our company's success has always been our commitment to customer satisfaction.
- n.* a standard or criterion by which something is judged or evaluated; a fine-grained dark stone, such as jasper or basalt, used to test the purity of gold or silver in alloys by observing how much the color changes when rubbed against it
53. They had to _____ a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.
- v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

ANSWERS: 47. doe, 48. morphed, 49. souvenir, 50. rev, 51. devastation, 52. touchstone, 53. devise

54. The _____ candlelight added a cozy ambiance to the room.

adj. shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame

55. The lush vegetation _____ across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.

v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

56. She has a lot of _____ and determination to succeed.

n. very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

ANSWERS: 54. flickering, 55. sprawls, 56. grit