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Session 1: Word List

songwriter

n. a person who writes songs, particularly lyrics, and music for popular music or other genres

synonym: lyricist, composer, balladeer

(1) **songwriter's** album, (2) folk **songwriter**

The aspiring **songwriter** spent hours every day composing and practicing his music.

mentor

n. a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school

synonym: adviser, coach, tutor

(1) **mentor** for life, (2) fashion **mentor**

As a **mentor**, he helped me realize my career.

profound

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

synonym: deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea

My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

static

adj. not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing

synonym: immobile, unchanging, fixed

(1) **static** electricity, (2) **static** website

The **static** image on the screen took a lot of work to make out.

rhythm

n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

synonym: beat, cadence, tempo

(1) in samba **rhythm**, (2) irregular heart **rhythm**

He beat out a jazz **rhythm** on the cajones.

rhyme

n. a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting

synonym: verse, poetry, meter

(1) **rhyme** poem, (2) write in **rhyme**

The poem had a consistent **rhyme** scheme throughout.

tune

n. a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

synonym: melody, harmony, (verb) adjust

(1) the **tune** of a song, (2) **tune** a piano

The band played a beautiful **tune** on their instruments.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

keen

adj. having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest

synonym: eager, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **keen** interest, (2) **keen** observation

He was **keen** to learn more about the subject and attended

every lecture.

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.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym : praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

chaos

n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

synonym : disorder, turmoil, confusion

(1) **chaos** theory, (2) midst of **chaos**

The conference room was in **chaos** as everyone tried to speak at once.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

colony

n. a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away

synonym : settlement, territory, plantation

(1) plant a **colony**, (2) a **colony** of bacteria

The **colony** declared its independence and became a republic.

sink

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

synonym : descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

delta

n. a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle

synonym : floodplain, estuary

(1) river **deltas**, (2) **delta** cone

The Nile **Delta** is a rich and fertile region that has supported agriculture for thousands of years.

cot

n. a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out

synonym : bed, bunk, pallet

(1) **cot** in the tent, (2) baby's **cot**

The hospital provides **cots** for patients' families who want to stay overnight.

buggy

n. a small, lightweight car, usually with no roof, especially drawn by a single horse; (adjective) infested with bugs

synonym : carriage, cart, wagon

(1) baby **buggy**, (2) **buggy** update

This Middle Eastern resort offers dune **buggy** tours through the desert.

loose

adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

synonym : relaxed, unconsolidated, open

(1) a **loose** tongue, (2) remove **loose** hair

The inspector discovered **loose** bolts under the fuel rods.

aspirin

n. a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation

(1) prescribe **aspirin**, (2) **aspirin** sensitivity

She took a tablet of **aspirin** to soothe the fever.

worm

n. a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes

(1) wiggly **worms**, (2) can of **worms**

Worms help dispose of the food waste produced by humans.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

glean

v. to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products

synonym: cull, collect, extract

(1) **glean** important information, (2) **glean** the fields

He carefully interviewed the victims and tried to **glean** the details of the culprit.

tenacity

n. the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling

synonym: persistence, determination, perseverance

(1) **tenacity** of purpose, (2) show **tenacity**

Her **tenacity** in pursuing her dreams has inspired many people.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym : ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity;
to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or
interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing
process

The product developed through years of research continues
to **electrify** the market.

swelter

v. to feel extremely hot and uncomfortable

synonym : simmer, roast, bake

(1) **swelter** in their bulletproof vests, (2) **swelter** under the
scorching sun

The heat was so intense that it made us **swelter**.

cotton

n. a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls
containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made
into textile fiber and thread for sewing

(1) **cotton** cloth, (2) culture of **cotton**

The price of raw **cotton** continued to rise.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by
mistake

synonym : sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of
a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

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**.

mud

n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

synonym : muck, sludge, ooze

(1) **mud** wall, (2) **mud** volcano

The **mud** of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

melt

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

synonym : disintegrate, soften, disappear

(1) **melt** the ice, (2) **melt** down gold

Her resistance **melted** under his persuasion.

toll

n. money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly

synonym : fee, cost, expense

(1) a **toll** road, (2) **toll** a bell at his death

There is no **toll** car park nearby.

cruel

adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

synonym : heartless, sadistic, vicious

(1) a **cruel** and unusual punishment, (2) **cruel** joke

The dictator was known for his **cruel** and oppressive regime.

devil

n. a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked

synonym : demon, fiend, satan

(1) **devil's** advocate, (2) **devil** horns

There are various ways to ward off the **devil**, including prayer

and holy water.

choir

n. a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral

synonym: chorus, ensemble, club

(1) quintet **choir**, (2) **choir** performance

The gospel **choir** sang beautifully at the church service.

divorce

n. the legal dissolution of a marriage

synonym: separation, dissolution, breakup

(1) **divorce** settlement, (2) a consensual **divorce**

The couple decided to get a **divorce** after many years of marriage.

freight

n. goods or cargo that are transported by land, sea, or air; the transportation of goods or cargo by land, sea, or air

synonym: cargo, shipment, haul

(1) **freight** transport, (2) **freight** cost

The large **freight** shipment arrived at the port early in the morning.

stick

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

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

assignment

n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies

synonym: task, duty, designation

(1) finish the **assignment**, (2) **assignment** of interest

My **assignment** was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels
Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church
Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

synonym : conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**
She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

simile

n. a figure of speech in which two things are compared using the words "like" or "as"

synonym : comparison, analogy, metaphor

(1) **simile** usage, (2) poetic **simile**
Her poetry is full of beautiful **similes** comparing nature to human emotion.

vivid

adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

synonym : intense, powerful, dazzling

(1) **vivid** colors, (2) still **vivid** in my memory
She made a **vivid** impression.

nun

n. a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

synonym : sister, religious, monastic

(1) **nun** habit, (2) meditating **nun**
The cloistered **nun** devoted her life to serving the poor and

marginalized.

bodyguard

n. a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack

synonym: protector, guard, defender

(1) VIP **bodyguard**, (2) elite **bodyguard** unit

The celebrity hired a personal **bodyguard** to protect them from the paparazzi.

poetic

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

synonym: literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

solitude

n. the state of being alone and isolated from others

synonym: isolation, seclusion, loneliness

(1) live in **solitude**, (2) enjoyment of **solitude**

He sought **solitude** in the wilderness to escape the distractions of modern life.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

loneliness

n. a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people

synonym: isolation, alienation, desolation

(1) a strong sense of **loneliness**, (2) remedy **loneliness**

I realize the **loneliness** of a single life.

priceless

adj. extremely valuable or important

synonym : invaluable, incalculable, precious

(1) **priceless** work of art, (2) **priceless** opportunity

Investigators discovered **priceless** documents throughout the house.

tolerate

v. to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed

synonym : endure, put up with, bear

(1) **tolerate** his disrespectful behavior, (2) **tolerate** ambiguity

I can't **tolerate** spicy food, and it always gives me heartburn

initial

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

synonym : basic, primary, beginning

(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter

They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.

discomfort

n. a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain

synonym : affliction, despair, ache

(1) endure **discomfort** and pain, (2) **discomfort** in the abdomen

He felt no **discomfort** as the dentist drilled his deadened tooth.

seduce

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

synonym : tempt, lure, entice

(1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind

He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.

despair

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

synonym : dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**
His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

angel

n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
synonym: messenger, spirit, celestial being

(1) **angel** investors, (2) fallen **angel**

As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy **angel** standing at the foot of her bed.

backbeat

n. a rhythm pattern in music, often associated with rock and roll and derived from African American musical traditions that emphasize the second and fourth beats of a four-beat measure

synonym: rhythm, tempo, cadence

(1) **backbeat** rhythm, (2) funky **backbeat**

The drummer's **backbeat** kept the song's rhythm and energy flowing.

melody

n. a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music

synonym: tune, song, piece

(1) a simple **melody**, (2) the **melody** of a tune

This harmonious **melody** immortalized its composer.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym: common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

unlock

v. to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key

synonym: open, solve, unravel

(1) **unlock** a door with a key, (2) **unlock** value

The customs officer required the traveler to **unlock** his suitcase.

reverse

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

synonym : overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym : cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

frequency

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym : recurrence, repetition, regularity

(1) **frequency** band, (2) high **frequency**

The oscillator hunts for the correct **frequency**.

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

synonym : lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

destination

n. the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

synonym : location, endpoint, target

(1) travel **destination**, (2) romantic **destinations**

I am excited to reach my **destination** and explore the new city finally.

particle

n. a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance

synonym: atom, grain, bit

(1) charged **particle**, (2) **particle** energy

We can calculate the position of the **particles** statistically.

fade

v. to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

synonym: languish, wither

(1) **fade** away almost completely, (2) **fade** in importance

My memory will **fade**, but my heart will live on.

ignorance

n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact

synonym: unintelligence, inexperience, unawareness

(1) **ignorance** of the law, (2) **ignorance** is bliss

His **ignorance** of the situation led him to make a poor decision.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

rainbow

n. an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain

synonym: spectrum, iridescence, prism

(1) marine **rainbow**, (2) **rainbow** after a storm

She was mesmerized by the **rainbow's** colors.

refraction

n. the bending or change in the direction of a ray of light, sound, or heat as it passes through a medium or travels from one medium to another

synonym : bending, deviation, deflection

(1) **refraction** of light, (2) angle of **refraction**

The atmospheric **refraction** of the sun causes it to appear to be above the horizon when it is actually below it.

grace

n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

synonym : charm, poise, elegance

(1) say a **grace**, (2) end of the **grace** period

The old oak tree stood with **grace** and majesty in the park's center.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. sw____r under the scorching sun | <i>v.</i> to feel extremely hot and uncomfortable |
| 2. VIP bo_____rd | <i>n.</i> a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack |
| 3. ig_____ce is bliss | <i>n.</i> lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact |
| 4. com_____te well with my advisor | <i>v.</i> to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals |
| 5. r_v up the crowd | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 6. boys in the twelfth gr__e | <i>n.</i> a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc. |
| 7. as_____n sensitivity | <i>n.</i> a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation |
| 8. de__a cone | <i>n.</i> a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle |
| 9. marine ra_____w | <i>n.</i> an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain |

ANSWERS: 1. swelter, 2. bodyguard, 3. ignorance, 4. communicate, 5. rev, 6. grade, 7. aspirin, 8. delta, 9. rainbow

10. un___k a door with a key *v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
11. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
12. re_____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
13. visual me_____or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
14. se___e him into crime *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
15. a lo__e tongue *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
16. in_____l velocity *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
17. pr_____ss work of art *adj.* extremely valuable or important
18. sw_____r in their bulletproof vests *v.* to feel extremely hot and uncomfortable
19. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
20. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
21. untold de_____r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

ANSWERS: 10. unlock, 11. grade, 12. reverse, 13. metaphor, 14. seduce, 15. loose, 16. initial, 17. priceless, 18. swelter, 19. creative, 20. disappear, 21. despair

22. me____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
23. river de__as *n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle
24. ra____w after a storm *n.* an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain
25. k__n observation *adj.* having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest
26. baby bu__y *n.* a small, lightweight car, usually with no roof, especially drawn by a single horse; (adjective) infested with bugs
27. a political rev____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
28. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
29. gl__n the fields *v.* to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products
30. wiggly w__ms *n.* a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes
31. un____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

ANSWERS: 22. metaphor, 23. delta, 24. rainbow, 25. keen, 26. buggy, 27. revolution, 28. ancestor, 29. glean, 30. worm, 31. universal

32. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
33. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
34. de____r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
35. f__e in importance *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
36. co____n cloth *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
37. me____r for life *n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
38. a co____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
39. elite bo____rd unit *n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
40. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
41. po____c genius *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
42. pa____le energy *n.* a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance

ANSWERS: 32. singe, 33. communal, 34. despair, 35. fade, 36. cotton, 37. mentor, 38. constant, 39. bodyguard, 40. singe, 41. poetic, 42. particle

43. beginning of the industrial
rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
44. to_____te ambiguity *v.* to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed
45. the me____y of a tune *n.* a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music
46. irregular heart rh____m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
47. di_____e settlement *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
48. re_____e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
49. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
50. live in so_____de *n.* the state of being alone and isolated from others
51. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
52. charged pa_____le *n.* a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance
53. an__l investors *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo

ANSWERS: 43. revolution, 44. tolerate, 45. melody, 46. rhythm, 47. divorce, 48. reverse, 49. celebrate, 50. solitude, 51. universal, 52. particle, 53. angel

54. endure dis_____rt and pain *n.* a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain
55. show te_____ty *n.* the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling
56. f__e away almost completely *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
57. a strong sense of lon_____ss *n.* a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people
58. to_____te his disrespectful behavior *v.* to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed
59. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
60. si___e usage *n.* a figure of speech in which two things are compared using the words "like" or "as"
61. a consensual di_____e *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
62. a t__l road *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
63. m__t down gold *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
64. se___e her mind *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

ANSWERS: 54. discomfort, 55. tenacity, 56. fade, 57. loneliness, 58. tolerate, 59. vulnerable, 60. simile, 61. divorce, 62. toll, 63. melt, 64. seduce

65. dis_____rt in the abdomen *n.* a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain
66. c_t in the tent *n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
67. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
68. write in rh__e *n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
69. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
70. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
71. meditating n_n *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
72. in samba rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
73. m_d wall *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
74. culture of co___n *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

ANSWERS: 65. discomfort, 66. cot, 67. sink, 68. rhyme, 69. suffer, 70. disappear, 71. nun, 72. rhythm, 73. mud, 74. cotton

75. st___c website *adj.* not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing
76. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
77. plant a co___y *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
78. a cr___l and unusual punishment *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
79. quintet ch___r *n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
80. fr_____cy band *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
81. gl___n important information *v.* to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products
82. enjoyment of so_____de *n.* the state of being alone and isolated from others
83. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
84. k___n interest *adj.* having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest
85. s___k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

ANSWERS: 75. static, 76. generation, 77. colony, 78. cruel, 79. choir, 80. frequency, 81. glean, 82. solitude, 83. electrify, 84. keen, 85. sink

86. son_____er's album *n.* a person who writes songs, particularly lyrics, and music for popular music or other genres
87. remedy lon_____ss *n.* a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people
88. un___k value *v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
89. fr_____t transport *n.* goods or cargo that are transported by land, sea, or air; the transportation of goods or cargo by land, sea, or air
90. baby's c_t *n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
91. ass_____nt of interest *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
92. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
93. a co___y of bacteria *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
94. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
95. remove lo__e hair *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
96. an in_____l letter *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

ANSWERS: 86. songwriter, 87. loneliness, 88. unlock, 89. freight, 90. cot, 91. assignment, 92. celebrate, 93. colony, 94. lifetime, 95. loose, 96. initial

97. the pr____nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
98. ca____ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
99. m__t the ice *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
100. ref_____on of light *n.* the bending or change in the direction of a ray of light, sound, or heat as it passes through a medium or travels from one medium to another
101. de__l's advocate *n.* a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked
102. ch__s theory *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
103. say a gr__e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
104. 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

ANSWERS: 97. profound, 98. Catholic, 99. melt, 100. refraction, 101. devil, 102. chaos, 103. grace, 104. rev

105. high fr_____cy *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
106. angle of ref_____on *n.* the bending or change in the direction of a ray of light, sound, or heat as it passes through a medium or travels from one medium to another
107. pr_____ss opportunity *adj.* extremely valuable or important
108. ig_____ce of the law *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
109. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
110. end of the gr__e period *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
111. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
112. bu__y update *n.* a small, lightweight car, usually with no roof, especially drawn by a single horse; (adjective) infested with bugs
113. fallen an__l *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
114. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

ANSWERS: 105. frequency, 106. refraction, 107. priceless, 108. ignorance, 109. ancestor, 110. grace, 111. stick, 112. buggy, 113. angel, 114. vulnerable

115. st___c electricity *adj.* not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing
116. de__l horns *n.* a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked
117. cr__l joke *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
118. t__e a piano *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
119. midst of ch__s *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
120. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
121. prescribe as_____n *n.* a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation
122. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
123. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
124. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 115. static, 116. devil, 117. cruel, 118. tune, 119. chaos, 120. communal, 121. aspirin, 122. decide, 123. constant, 124. stick

125. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
126. te____ty of purpose *n.* the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling
127. poetic si____e *n.* a figure of speech in which two things are compared using the words "like" or "as"
128. a simple me____y *n.* a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music
129. fashion me____r *n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
130. t__l a bell at his death *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
131. ch__r performance *n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
132. the t__e of a song *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
133. li____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
134. vi__d colors *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

ANSWERS: 125. creative, 126. tenacity, 127. simile, 128. melody, 129. mentor, 130. toll, 131. choir, 132. tune, 133. lifetime, 134. vivid

135. n_n habit *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
136. fr_____t cost *n.* goods or cargo that are transported by land, sea, or air; the transportation of goods or cargo by land, sea, or air
137. folk son_____er *n.* a person who writes songs, particularly lyrics, and music for popular music or other genres
138. ba_____at rhythm *n.* a rhythm pattern in music, often associated with rock and roll and derived from African American musical traditions that emphasize the second and fourth beats of a four-beat measure
139. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
140. m_d volcano *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
141. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
142. finish the ass_____nt *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
143. the Ca_____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
144. a pr_____nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

ANSWERS: 135. nun, 136. freight, 137. songwriter, 138. backbeat, 139. generation, 140. mud, 141. electrify, 142. assignment, 143. Catholic, 144. profound

145. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
146. po___c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
147. funky ba____at *n.* a rhythm pattern in music, often associated with rock and roll and derived from African American musical traditions that emphasize the second and fourth beats of a four-beat measure
148. rh__e poem *n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
149. can of w__ms *n.* a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes
150. travel des_____on *n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action
151. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
152. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
153. still vi__d in my memory *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

ANSWERS: 145. decide, 146. poetic, 147. backbeat, 148. rhyme, 149. worm, 150. destination, 151. communicate, 152. suffer, 153. vivid

154. romantic des_____ons

n. the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

ANSWERS: 154. destination

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The dictator was known for his _____ and oppressive regime.
adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
2. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
3. There is no _____ car park nearby.
n. money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
4. His _____ of the situation led him to make a poor decision.
n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
5. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
6. Investigators discovered _____ documents throughout the house.
adj. extremely valuable or important
7. The celebrity hired a personal _____ to protect them from the paparazzi.
n. a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
8. He tried to _____ her with his charm and good looks.
v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

ANSWERS: 1. cruel, 2. electrify, 3. toll, 4. ignorance, 5. celebrated, 6. priceless, 7. bodyguard, 8. seduce

9. She took a tablet of _____ to soothe the fever.
n. a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation
10. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
11. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.
v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
12. As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy _____ standing at the foot of her bed.
n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
13. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
v. to cease to exist or be visible
14. He sought _____ in the wilderness to escape the distractions of modern life.
n. the state of being alone and isolated from others
15. Her poetry is full of beautiful _____ comparing nature to human emotion.
n. a figure of speech in which two things are compared using the words "like" or "as"
16. I am excited to reach my _____ and explore the new city finally.
n. the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

ANSWERS: 9. aspirin, 10. communicate, 11. singed, 12. angel, 13. disappear, 14. solitude, 15. similes, 16. destination

17. The _____ image on the screen took a lot of work to make out.
adj. not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing
18. Her _____ in pursuing her dreams has inspired many people.
n. the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling
19. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.
adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
20. The cloistered ____ devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.
n. a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
21. _____ help dispose of the food waste produced by humans.
n. a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes
22. The atmospheric _____ of the sun causes it to appear to be above the horizon when it is actually below it.
n. the bending or change in the direction of a ray of light, sound, or heat as it passes through a medium or travels from one medium to another
23. This Middle Eastern resort offers dune _____ tours through the desert.
n. a small, lightweight car, usually with no roof, especially drawn by a single horse; (adjective) infested with bugs
24. The drummer's _____ kept the song's rhythm and energy flowing.
n. a rhythm pattern in music, often associated with rock and roll and derived from African American musical traditions that emphasize the second and fourth beats of a four-beat measure

ANSWERS: 17. static, 18. tenacity, 19. universal, 20. nun, 21. Worms, 22. refraction, 23. buggy, 24. backbeat

25. My memory will _____ but my heart will live on.

v. to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

26. _____ dropping wears away the stone.

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

27. He felt no _____ as the dentist drilled his deadened tooth.

n. a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain

28. Her resistance _____ under his persuasion.

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

29. The conference room was in _____ as everyone tried to speak at once.

n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

30. We can calculate the position of the _____ statistically.

n. a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance

31. There are various ways to ward off the _____ including prayer and holy water.

n. a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked

32. The old oak tree stood with _____ and majesty in the park's center.

n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

ANSWERS: 25. fade, 26. Constant, 27. discomfort, 28. melted, 29. chaos, 30. particles, 31. devil, 32. grace

33. The abandoned ship slowly began to _____ into the murky waters of the harbor.
- v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
34. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
- n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
35. 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
36. I realize the _____ of a single life.
- n.* a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people
37. My _____ was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.
- n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
38. The _____ declared its independence and became a republic.
- n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
39. He carefully interviewed the victims and tried to _____ the details of the culprit.
- v.* to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products
40. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 33. sink, 34. lifetime, 35. rev, 36. loneliness, 37. assignment, 38. colony, 39. glean, 40. decide

41. She made a _____ impression.

adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

42. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

43. The oscillator hunts for the correct _____.

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

44. He beat out a jazz _____ on the cajones.

n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

45. The poem had a consistent _____ scheme throughout.

n. a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting

46. The aspiring _____ spent hours every day composing and practicing his music.

n. a person who writes songs, particularly lyrics, and music for popular music or other genres

47. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

48. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

ANSWERS: 41. vivid, 42. revolution, 43. frequency, 44. rhythm, 45. rhyme, 46. songwriter, 47. Communal, 48. generation

49. The Nile _____ is a rich and fertile region that has supported agriculture for thousands of years.
- n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle
50. The couple decided to get a _____ after many years of marriage.
- n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
51. The customs officer required the traveler to _____ his suitcase.
- v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
52. As a _____ he helped me realize my career.
- n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
53. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.
- n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
54. The large _____ shipment arrived at the port early in the morning.
- n.* goods or cargo that are transported by land, sea, or air; the transportation of goods or cargo by land, sea, or air
55. The gospel _____ sang beautifully at the church service.
- n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
56. This harmonious _____ immortalized its composer.
- n.* a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music

ANSWERS: 49. Delta, 50. divorce, 51. unlock, 52. mentor, 53. metaphors, 54. freight, 55. choir, 56. melody

57. She was mesmerized by the _____ colors.

n. an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain

58. They took the _____ step toward reconciliation.

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

59. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

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

60. He was _____ to learn more about the subject and attended every lecture.

adj. having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest

61. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

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

62. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

63. The price of raw _____ continued to rise.

n. a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

64. The band played a beautiful _____ on their instruments.

n. a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

ANSWERS: 57. rainbow's, 58. initial, 59. ancestor, 60. keen, 61. stick, 62. creative, 63. cotton, 64. tune

65. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
66. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.
n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
67. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a _____ scene from a movie.
adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
68. The hospital provides _____ for patients' families who want to stay overnight.
n. a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
69. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.
v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
70. The heat was so intense that it made us _____.
v. to feel extremely hot and uncomfortable
71. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.
adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
72. The inspector discovered _____ bolts under the fuel rods.
adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

ANSWERS: 65. suffers, 66. grade, 67. poetic, 68. cots, 69. reversed, 70. swelter, 71. profound, 72. loose

73. The ____ of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

74. His friend's death drove him to _____.

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

75. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

76. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

77. I can't _____ spicy food, and it always gives me heartburn

v. to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed

ANSWERS: 73. mud, 74. despair, 75. catholic, 76. vulnerable, 77. tolerate