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Session 1: Word List

goddess

n. a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored

synonym: deity, divinity, idol

(1) a **goddess** of beauty, (2) winged **goddess** of victory
The festival was held in honor of the harvest **goddess**.

spider

n. a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing

synonym: arachnid, wanderer

(1) **spider** venom, (2) web **spider**

The **spider** spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.

observation

n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

synonym: watching, notice, reflection

(1) class **observation** day, (2) **observation** instrument

In the hospital, she will remain under constant **observation**.

imitation

n. a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something

synonym: fabrication, replica, fake

(1) **imitation** antique, (2) artificial **imitation**

Many individuals believe that children learn languages through **imitation**.

weaver

n. the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth

(1) the textile **weavers**, (2) tapestry **weavers**

The **weaver** fringed the scarf.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

admire

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

synonym: esteem, respect, marvel

(1) **admire** the subtlety of the distinctions, (2) **admire** kids with attitude

We all **admire** him because he is a nobleman.

afar

adv. at or to a great distance; far away

synonym: distantly, remotely, away

(1) **afar** off, (2) look **afar**

From **afar**, the castle looked like a small toy model.

possess

v. to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.

synonym: keep, maintain, own

(1) **possess** a basic knowledge, (2) **possess** divine powers

He **possesses** a good sense of humor.

beloved

adj. loved very much

synonym: adored, cherished, dear

(1) **beloved** author, (2) **beloved** by many people

I am here to save my **beloved**.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym: mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

hummingbird

n. a small bird with a highly specialized beak and wings that allow it to hover in place, known for its rapid wingbeats and ability to fly in any direction

(1) **hummingbird** feeder, (2) **hummingbird** nest

Watching a **hummingbird** at a flower is like observing a miniature ballet of nature.

tobacco

n. a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine

synonym: smoking, nicotine, cigar

(1) **tobacco** industry, (2) a mild **tobacco**

Tobacco product is a leading cause of preventable deaths worldwide.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym: dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts
I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

dart

n. a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly

synonym : arrow, (verb) dash

(1) blow **dart**, (2) **dart** here and there
A poison **dart** hit him.

stunning

adj. causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence

synonym : beautiful, breathtaking, magnificent

(1) **stunning** beauty, (2) **stunning** disclosure
The **stunning** sunset took everyone's breath away.

nurse

n. a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

synonym : healthcare worker, caregiver, medic

(1) **nurse** practitioner, (2) a volunteer **nurse**
The night shift **nurse** checked my vital signs before administering the medication.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym : alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power
My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism
We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

- row** *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line
synonym: line, sequence, layer
(1) criminal on death **row**, (2) a **row** of cherry trees
He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front **row**.
- canoe** *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
(1) **canoe** race, (2) make a **canoe** trip
After the accident, the police found an empty **canoe**.
- crab** *n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing
synonym: crustacean, shellfish, crusty
(1) **crab** cakes, (2) **crab** legs
I ordered a plate of fresh **crab** at the seafood restaurant.
- lightning** *n.* a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash
synonym: bolt, electrical discharge
(1) streaks of **lightning**, (2) **lightning** air strike
The human eye is **lightning-fast** in recognizing objects.
- bolt** *n.* a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly
synonym: lock, fastener, thunderbolt
(1) **bolt** diameter, (2) **bolt** from my bed
The lightning **bolt** twiggged in several directions.
- pierce** *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
synonym: jab, penetrate, stab
(1) **pierce** the armored shells, (2) **pierce** a mystery
The extreme cold **pierced** our bones.

dragonfly

n. a slender-bodied non-stinging insect having two pairs of large transparent wings that are outspread at rest

(1) **dragonfly** passing over the water, (2) **dragonfly** larva
I caught a rare **dragonfly** in the mountains.

buzz

v. to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one a bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere

synonym: hum, murmur, whisper

(1) the **buzz** of a cicada, (2) **buzz** marketing

I heard the **buzz** of conversation from the next room.

flutter

v. to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth

synonym: flit, hover, wave

(1) **flutter** around finding, (2) a **flutter** of a bird

The butterfly **fluttered** its wings gracefully.

transparent

adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

synonym: translucent, evident, diaphanous

(1) a **transparent** lie, (2) **transparent** crystal

The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more **transparent**.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

hollow

adj. having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface

synonym: cavity, depression, concavity

(1) have **hollow** legs, (2) **hollow** sound

The tree had a **hollow** trunk, which made it easy for animals to take shelter inside.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym: arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

ray

n. a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy

synonym: beam, light, glimmer

(1) opaque to X- **rays**, (2) effect of cosmic **rays**

Gamma **rays** penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym: envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their

relationship.

mist

n. a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water

synonym: fog, murk, haze

(1) **mist** in the morning, (2) fine **mist**

The sun has risen, and the **mist** has faded.

riverbank

n. the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes

synonym: riverside, embankment

(1) **riverbank** erosion, (2) walk along the **riverbank**

We enjoyed a picnic on the **riverbank** and watched the boats go by.

furious

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

synonym: angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

glide

v. to move smoothly and effortlessly

synonym: slide, skim, coast

(1) **glide** through the water, (2) **glide** down the mountain

The eagle gracefully **glided** on the thermals, soaring above the mountains.

peak

n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

synonym: summit, vertex, apex

(1) at **peak** hour, (2) the **peak** current in the circuit

This measurement aims to reduce traffic at **peak** periods.

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.

vulture

n. a large bird of prey with a bald head, sharp beak, and keen eyesight, feeding mainly on carrion (the flesh of dead animals)

synonym: buzzard, scavenger, carrion bird

(1) **vulture** colony, (2) scavenging **vulture**

The **vulture's** sharp eyesight allows it to spot carrion from great distances.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

distraught

adj. deeply upset, agitated, or emotionally troubled

synonym: upset, troubled, distressed

(1) **distraught** with grief, (2) **distraught** emotions

After receiving the bad news, he was so **distraught** that he couldn't concentrate on anything else for the rest of the day.

carcass

n. the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food

synonym: corpse, remains, body

(1) examine a **carcass**, (2) **carcass** disposal

The animal's **carcass** was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.

swoop

v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

synonym: dart, pounce

(1) **swoop** down the water slide, (2) **swoop** up the escalator

The eagle **swooped** down from the sky to catch its prey.

hop

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

synonym : jump, bounce, skip

(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym : empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

beg

v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

synonym : plead, implore, entreat

(1) **beg** the question, (2) **beg** for help

She **begged** her parents to let her go to the concert.

apologize

v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

synonym : excuse, justify, atone

(1) **apologize** for being late, (2) **apologize** ahead of time

I **apologize** for neglecting your email.

forgiveness

n. the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

synonym : pardon, amnesty, compassion

(1) **forgiveness** of liabilities, (2) beg for **forgiveness**

He gained debt **forgiveness**.

pity

n. a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain

synonym : sympathy, compassion, mercy

(1) allow self- **pity**, (2) **pity** speech

It is a **pity** that the concert had to be canceled due to the storm.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym: blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

dim

adj. poorly lit; not bright

synonym: dull, faint, weak

(1) **dim** and distant past, (2) **dim** memory

The **dim** light made it difficult to read the book.

vow

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

synonym: promise, pledge, swear

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

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

befriend

v. to become a friend of someone, especially when in need

synonym: support, advise, patronize

(1) **befriend** a young boy, (2) **befriend** other members

I'm willing to **befriend** the weak and the poor.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

pale

adj. having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness

synonym : sallow, faint, ashen

(1) a **pale** complexion, (2) **pale** pink

She turned **pale** when she heard the news.

healing

n. the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again

synonym : recovery, recuperation, convalescence

(1) natural **healing** ability, (2) part of the **healing** process

Each ancient tribe has its **healing** traditions.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym : mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym : disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from

milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

deity

n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

synonym: god, goddess, divine being

(1) existence of a **deity**, (2) **deity** of commerce

The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun **deity** Ra was the most powerful god.

retell

v. to tell someone about something again or differently

synonym: reiterate, repeat, restate

(1) **retell** a story, (2) **retell** an old tale

He **retells** the truth to plead not guilty.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

merge

v. to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen

synonym: combine, join, coalesce

(1) **merge** into a new party, (2) **merge** those systems into a new one

This consulting firm decided to **merge** the two companies into one.

extend

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

synonym: prolong, lengthen, advance

(1) **extend** the warranty, (2) **extend** a line

Her visit will **extend** from Monday to Friday.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
synonym : memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat
The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
synonym : fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**
With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

variation

n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
synonym : fluctuation, change, variation

(1) **variation** of temperature, (2) gene **variation**
There is a lot of **variation** in the colors of flowers in the garden.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society
Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

mythology

n. a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths
synonym : folklore, legend, fable

(1) tale from **mythology**, (2) ancient **mythology**
He studies Greek and Roman **mythology**.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym : champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
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11. ad___e kids with attitude *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

ANSWERS: 1. hero, 2. hummingbird, 3. brilliant, 4. beloved, 5. transform, 6. disguise, 7. vow, 8. riverbank, 9. dragonfly, 10. vow, 11. admire

12. examine a ca____s *n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
13. beg for for_____ss *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
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ANSWERS: 12. carcass, 13. forgiveness, 14. hollow, 15. invite, 16. unfortunately, 17. disguise, 18. swoop, 19. spot, 20. possess, 21. admire, 22. nurse

23. tapestry we___rs *n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
24. dis_____ht emotions *adj.* deeply upset, agitated, or emotionally troubled
25. part of the he_____g process *n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
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32. re___l a story *v.* to tell someone about something again or differently
33. web sp___r *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
34. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

ANSWERS: 23. weaver, 24. distraught, 25. healing, 26. flutter, 27. impressive, 28. stunning, 29. kingdom, 30. jealousy, 31. apologize, 32. retell, 33. spider, 34. propose

35. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
36. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
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40. po_____s a basic knowledge *v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
41. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
42. walk along the ri_____nk *n.* the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes
43. ap_____ze ahead of time *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
44. sy___l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
45. gl__e down the mountain *v.* to move smoothly and effortlessly
46. burn with je_____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

ANSWERS: 35. symbol, 36. modern, 37. hummingbird, 38. anthropology, 39. befriend, 40. possess, 41. historic, 42. riverbank, 43. apologize, 44. symbol, 45. glide, 46. jealousy

47. ex__d a line *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
48. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
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70. ex____d the warranty *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
71. an imp____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

ANSWERS: 58. furious, 59. pierce, 60. kingdom, 61. beloved, 62. befriend, 63. scar, 64. cruel, 65. combine, 66. ancient, 67. weaver, 68. ray, 69. vulture, 70. extend, 71. impressive

72. natural he____g ability *n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
73. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
74. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
75. cr__l joke *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
76. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
77. va_____on of temperature *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
78. streaks of li_____ng *n.* a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash
79. sw__p up the escalator *v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
80. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
81. d_m memory *adj.* poorly lit; not bright
82. re___l an old tale *v.* to tell someone about something again or differently

ANSWERS: 72. healing, 73. myth, 74. strike, 75. cruel, 76. emerge, 77. variation, 78. lightning, 79. swoop, 80. hop, 81. dim, 82. retell

83. obs_____on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
84. me__e into a new party *v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
85. ancient my_____gy *n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths
86. fu_____s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
87. b__z marketing *v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere
88. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
89. gene va_____on *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
90. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
91. m__t in the morning *n.* a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water
92. the b__z of a cicada *v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere
93. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

ANSWERS: 83. observation, 84. merge, 85. mythology, 86. furious, 87. buzz, 88. hero, 89. variation, 90. strike, 91. mist, 92. buzz, 93. scar

94. vi____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
95. de__y of commerce *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
96. tale from my_____gy *n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths
97. an____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
98. d__t here and there *n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
99. im_____on antique *n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
100. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
101. a go_____s of beauty *n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
102. a volunteer nu__e *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

ANSWERS: 94. violent, 95. deity, 96. mythology, 97. ancient, 98. dart, 99. imitation, 100. capture, 101. goddess, 102. nurse

103. winged go____s of victory *n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
104. effect of cosmic r____ys *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
105. tr____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
106. victim of a vi____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
107. for____ss of liabilities *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
108. a__r off *adv.* at or to a great distance; far away
109. at p__k hour *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
110. hi____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
111. se____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
112. a mild to____o *n.* a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine
113. sp____r venom *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing

ANSWERS: 103. goddess, 104. ray, 105. transform, 106. violent, 107. forgiveness, 108. afar, 109. peak, 110. historic, 111. separate, 112. tobacco, 113. spider

114. artificial im_____on *n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
115. b__t diameter *n.* a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly
116. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
117. ca__e race *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
118. vu_____e colony *n.* a large bird of prey with a bald head, sharp beak, and keen eyesight, feeding mainly on carrion (the flesh of dead animals)
119. class obs_____on day *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
120. st_____ng disclosure *adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
121. look a__r *adv.* at or to a great distance; far away
122. blow d__t *n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
123. allow self-p__y *n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain

ANSWERS: 114. imitation, 115. bolt, 116. combine, 117. canoe, 118. vulture, 119. observation, 120. stunning, 121. afar, 122. dart, 123. pity

124. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
125. to_____o industry *n.* a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine
126. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
127. dr_____ly passing over the water *n.* a slender-bodied non-stinging insect having two pairs of large transparent wings that are outspread at rest
128. criminal on death r_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line
129. fine m__t *n.* a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water
130. c__b legs *n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing
131. pi___e the armored shells *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
132. tra_____nt crystal *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
133. ca_____s disposal *n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
134. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
135. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

ANSWERS: 124. grandchild, 125. tobacco, 126. separate, 127. dragonfly, 128. row, 129. mist, 130. crab, 131. pierce, 132. transparent, 133. carcass, 134. archaeology, 135. propose

136. b__t from my bed *n.* a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly
137. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
138. existence of a de__y *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
139. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
140. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
141. li_____ng air strike *n.* a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash
142. fl_____r around finding *v.* to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth
143. ho___w sound *adj.* having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface
144. the p__k current in the circuit *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

ANSWERS: 136. bolt, 137. hop, 138. deity, 139. beg, 140. capture, 141. lightning, 142. flutter, 143. hollow, 144. peak

145. gl__e through the water *v.* to move smoothly and effortlessly
146. me__e those systems into a new one *v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
147. dis_____ht with grief *adj.* deeply upset, agitated, or emotionally troubled
148. c__b cakes *n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing
149. em___e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
150. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
151. p__y speech *n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain
152. a r_w of cherry trees *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line
153. ma_____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
154. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
155. make a ca__e trip *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
156. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

ANSWERS: 145. glide, 146. merge, 147. distraught, 148. crab, 149. emerge, 150. unfortunately, 151. pity, 152. row, 153. magical, 154. brilliant, 155. canoe, 156. beg

157. the institute of arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
158. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

ANSWERS: 157. archaeology, 158. modern

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. In the hospital, she will remain under constant _____.
n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
2. The animal's _____ was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.
n. the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
3. The extreme cold _____ our bones.
v. to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
4. The butterfly _____ its wings gracefully.
v. to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth
5. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.
adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
6. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
7. Each ancient tribe has its _____ traditions.
n. the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
8. The eagle _____ down from the sky to catch its prey.
v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

ANSWERS: 1. observation, 2. carcass, 3. pierced, 4. fluttered, 5. brilliant, 6. capture, 7. healing, 8. swooped

9. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.
v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
10. Gamma _____ penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.
n. a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
11. The _____ light made it difficult to read the book.
adj. poorly lit; not bright
12. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
13. We enjoyed a picnic on the _____ and watched the boats go by.
n. the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes
14. The eagle gracefully _____ on the thermals, soaring above the mountains.
v. to move smoothly and effortlessly
15. The rabbit _____ over the fence.
v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
16. They _____ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.
v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
17. She teaches _____ at the local university.
n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

ANSWERS: 9. begged, 10. rays, 11. dim, 12. invite, 13. riverbank, 14. glided, 15. hopped, 16. vowed, 17. archaeology

18. He gained debt _____.

- n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

19. He _____ the truth to plead not guilty.

- v.* to tell someone about something again or differently

20. I'm willing to _____ the weak and the poor.

- v.* to become a friend of someone, especially when in need

21. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

- adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

22. The dictator was known for his _____ and oppressive regime.

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

23. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.

- adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

24. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

- v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

25. The coach was _____ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

- adj.* extremely angry; full of rage

26. The festival was held in honor of the harvest _____.

- n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored

ANSWERS: 18. forgiveness, 19. retells, 20. befriend, 21. violent, 22. cruel, 23. impressive, 24. combine, 25. furious, 26. goddess

27. The night shift _____ checked my vital signs before administering the medication.
- n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured;
(verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
28. My father's death _____ my life completely.
- v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
29. Later it turned out that the politician _____ the fact from the public.
- v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
30. I caught a rare _____ in the mountains.
- n.* a slender-bodied non-stinging insect having two pairs of large transparent wings that are outspread at rest
31. He _____ a good sense of humor.
- v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
32. The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more _____.
adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
33. This measurement aims to reduce traffic at _____ periods.
- n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
34. The _____ sharp eyesight allows it to spot carrion from great distances.
- n.* a large bird of prey with a bald head, sharp beak, and keen eyesight, feeding mainly on carrion (the flesh of dead animals)

ANSWERS: 27. nurse, 28. transformed, 29. disguised, 30. dragonfly, 31. possesses, 32. transparent, 33. peak, 34. vulture's

35. This consulting firm decided to _____ the two companies into one.
v. to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
36. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
37. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.
adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers
38. He studies Greek and Roman _____.
n. a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths
39. The _____ sunset took everyone's breath away.
adj. causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
40. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
41. The _____ fringed the scarf.
n. the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
42. The _____ spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.
n. a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing

ANSWERS: 35. merge, 36. strike, 37. magical, 38. mythology, 39. stunning, 40. propose, 41. weaver, 42. spider

43. The human eye is _____ in recognizing objects.
n. a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash
44. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
45. After the accident, the police found an empty _____.
n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
46. We all _____ him because he is a nobleman.
v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
47. I _____ for neglecting your email.
v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
48. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
49. A poison _____ hit him.
n. a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
50. The lightning _____ twiggged in several directions.
n. a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly

ANSWERS: 43. lightning-fast, 44. modern, 45. canoe, 46. admire, 47. apologize, 48. myth, 49. dart, 50. bolt

51. There is a lot of _____ in the colors of flowers in the garden.
- n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
52. The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun _____ Ra was the most powerful god.
- n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
53. The areas of _____ and psychology are significantly related to one another.
- n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
54. She turned _____ when she heard the news.
- adj.* having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness
55. It is a _____ that the concert had to be canceled due to the storm.
- n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain
56. _____ product is a leading cause of preventable deaths worldwide.
- n.* a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine
57. They have been living near water since _____ times.
- adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

ANSWERS: 51. variation, 52. deity, 53. anthropology, 54. pale, 55. pity, 56. Tobacco, 57. ancient

58. I ordered a plate of fresh _____ at the seafood restaurant.
n. a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing
59. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
60. Her visit will _____ from Monday to Friday.
v. to broaden in scope, range, or area
61. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.
n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
62. The tree had a _____ trunk, which made it easy for animals to take shelter inside.
adj. having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface
63. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front _____.
n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line
64. His _____ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.
n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
65. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.
n. the country ruled by a king or queen
66. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
n. a child of someone's son or daughter

ANSWERS: 58. crab, 59. historic, 60. extend, 61. scar, 62. hollow, 63. row, 64. jealousy, 65. kingdom, 66. grandchild

67. After receiving the bad news, he was so _____ that he couldn't concentrate on anything else for the rest of the day.
adj. deeply upset, agitated, or emotionally troubled
68. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.
v. to move out of or away from something and become visible
69. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
70. Watching a _____ at a flower is like observing a miniature ballet of nature.
n. a small bird with a highly specialized beak and wings that allow it to hover in place, known for its rapid wingbeats and ability to fly in any direction
71. This remote _____ is rarely visited.
n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
72. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.
n. something visible that is used to represent something else
73. Many individuals believe that children learn languages through _____.
n. a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
74. The sun has risen, and the _____ has faded.
n. a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water

ANSWERS: 67. distraught, 68. emerged, 69. separate, 70. hummingbird, 71. spot, 72. symbol, 73. imitation, 74. mist

75. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.

- n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

76. I am here to save my _____.

- adj.* loved very much

77. I heard the _____ of conversation from the next room.

- v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere

78. From _____ the castle looked like a small toy model.

- adv.* at or to a great distance; far away

79. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

- adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

ANSWERS: 75. hero, 76. beloved, 77. buzz, 78. afar, 79. unfortunately,