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Session 1: Word List

buckle

v. to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat;
(noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap

synonym : bend, crumple, contort

(1) **buckle** down to study, (2) **buckle** shoe

The severe heat wave **buckled** railway tracks.

dusty

adj. covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

synonym : stale, filthy, grimy

(1) **dusty** road, (2) **dusty** bookshelf

The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of **dusty** debris.

dashboard

n. a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview

synonym : control panel

(1) auto **dashboard**, (2) business **dashboard**

He noticed that the oil warning light on the **dashboard** of his car had turned on.

murmur

v. to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

synonym : burble, gurgle, mutter

(1) **murmur** at low wages, (2) **murmur** a greeting

He always **murmurs** at the ill-treatment.

pellet

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

synonym : bead, ball, bullet

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

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

confuse

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

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

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

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym : masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

induct

v. to formally admit someone to a job or position of authority; to officially introduce someone to an organization or group, or beliefs or ideas

synonym : enlist, recruit, conscript

(1) **induct** them into military service, (2) **induct** a clergyperson to a benefice

We were **inducted** into the honor society.

abracadabra

n. a word or incantation used in magical or enchanting spells, often in popular culture and entertainment; anything that is mysterious or unexplainable

synonym : magic word, incantation, charm

(1) **abracadabra** magic show, (2) **abracadabra** formula

The wizard spoke the ancient **abracadabra**, and the stone door slowly began to open.

quirk

n. a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group

synonym: eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity

(1) personality **quirk**, (2) a **quirk** of fate

One of her **quirks** is that she always wears mismatched socks.

bakery

n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

synonym: bakeshop, bakehouse

(1) run a **bakery**, (2) **bakery** industry

He worked at the **bakery** as a baker.

daring

adj. brave and taking risks

synonym: audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym: challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

sleepwalk

v. to walk about or perform other physical activities while asleep or in a sleep-like state; to engage in automatic behavior while asleep

synonym: walk in one's sleep, somnambulate, noctambulate

(1) **sleepwalk** through life, (2) **sleepwalk** at night

My sister used to **sleepwalk** as a child, but she eventually outgrew it.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym : creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

matriarch

n. a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group

synonym : leader, head, founder

(1) ruled by a **matriarch**, (2) **matriarch** figure

The **matriarch** of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.

heroic

adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

sustenance

n. food and drink that living things need to nourish their body

synonym : nourishment, livelihood, nutrition

(1) scanty **sustenance**, (2) **sustenance** allowance

A regular job is often a spiritual **sustenance**.

casserole

n. a dish made by cooking food, typically meat, vegetables, and a starch, such as potatoes or pasta, in a deep dish either in the oven or on the stovetop; the dish itself that is used for cooking and serving the dish

synonym : stew, hotpot, gratin

(1) vegetable **casserole**, (2) chicken **casserole**

I will bring a **casserole** dish to the potluck dinner.

baggy

adj. loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing

synonym : loose, roomy, oversized

(1) **baggy** sweater, (2) **baggy** sweatpants

I prefer **baggy** clothes to tight-fitting ones.

unassuming

adj. not arrogant, bold, or forward

synonym : diffident, humble, modest

(1) **unassuming** appearance, (2) an **unassuming** fashion

His **unassuming** manner concealed his ambition.

receptionist

n. a person employed at a front desk or in a waiting area of an office, hotel, or other organization, whose job is to greet visitors, answer phones, and perform other general administrative tasks

synonym : clerk, secretary

(1) friendly **receptionist**, (2) hotel **receptionist**

Our company is looking to hire a bilingual **receptionist** to serve our diverse clients better.

awe-inspiring

adj. making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable

synonym : magnificent, amazing, astonishing

(1) **awe-inspiring** painting, (2) **awe-inspiring** power

The moment the glacier collapses is an **awe-inspiring** sight.

pastry

n. a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes

synonym : bakery, baked goods, sweet treats

(1) **pastry** chef, (2) fruit **pastry**

The chef's specialty is a savory **pastry** with spinach and feta cheese.

underbake

v. to cook something, usually baked goods, for less time than is required, resulting in it being insufficiently cooked and not fully set or developed

synonym: undercook, half-bake, parbake

(1) **underbake** bread, (2) **underbake** cake

I accidentally **underbaked** the cookies, which turned out doughy in the middle.

frost

n. a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing

synonym: freeze, ice, blight

(1) five degrees of **frost**, (2) **frost** line

The **frost** on the ground made it slippery and difficult to walk.

marshmallow

n. a spongy confection made from sugar, corn syrup, and gelatin, often flavored with vanilla and molded into shapes or used as a topping or decoration for desserts

(1) **marshmallow** fluff, (2) **marshmallow** treat

She roasted **marshmallows** over the campfire.

pretzel

n. a type of baked bread product that is twisted into a knot-like shape, usually sprinkled with salt, and often served as a snack or appetizer

(1) chocolate **pretzel**, (2) **pretzel** stand

I love snacking on **pretzels** while watching a movie at home.

nostalgia

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

synonym: longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

nosh

n. food, especially a snack or light meal; a small amount of food or a tasty treat

synonym: snack, nibble, tidbit

(1) healthy **nosh**, (2) **nosh** menu

I packed a small **nosh** of crackers and cheese for my mid-morning snack.

revolve

v. to rotate around a central point

synonym: rotate, spin, orbit

(1) **revolve** at high speed, (2) **revolve** around a central axis
The Earth **revolves** around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.

apron

n. a protective garment covering the front part of the body and tied at the waist, worn while cooking, working, or performing other activities

synonym: forestage, pinafore, cover-up

(1) **apron** strings, (2) wear an **apron**

The chef tied his **apron** around his waist before starting to cook.

doable

adj. possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true

synonym: realizable, accomplishable, achievable

(1) make a **doable** plan, (2) **doable** in daily life

This project is **doable** despite the tight schedule.

saltiness

n. the quality or state of being salty

(1) the taste of **saltiness**, (2) enhance the **saltiness**

She tasted the dish and detected a slight **saltiness**.

malty

adj. having the flavor or aroma of malt, which is a grain that has been germinated and then dried and is used in brewing and distilling to create beer, whiskey, and other beverages

synonym: cereal-flavored, hoppy

(1) **malty** sweetness in tea, (2) **malty** beer

The beer had a delicious **malty** flavor that was perfect for my meal.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on

high alert.

grind

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

synonym : mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth

She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

rebellious

adj. characterized by a tendency to rebel or resist authority or conventions; inclined to do the opposite of what is expected or customary

synonym : disobedient, defiant, insubordinate

(1) **rebellious** teenager, (2) **rebellious** spirit

Her **rebellious** attitude often got her into trouble with the school authorities.

bud

n. a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

synonym : shoot, sprout, germ

(1) pinch off a **bud**, (2) **bud** grafting

The flower was starting to show its **bud** and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

aisle

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

synonym : corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

picky

adj. overly particular or selective, especially about food or other consumable goods; difficult to please or satisfy because of one's specific tastes or preferences

synonym : fussy, choosy, particular

(1) **picky** personality, (2) **picky** about details

My **picky** eater only likes to eat certain types of vegetables.

sugary

adj. having the taste, texture, or appearance of sugar; excessively sweet or cloying; overly sentimental or flattering in a way that seems insincere

synonym : sweet, syrupy, saccharine

(1) **sugary** treat, (2) excessively **sugary**

I avoid eating **sugary** foods to maintain a healthy diet.

strained

adj. tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness

synonym : tense, tight, forced

(1) **strained** relationship, (2) **strained** muscles

The musician's face showed a **strained** expression as he struggled to hit the high note.

pajama

n. a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging

synonym : nightgown, nightdress

(1) care **pajama**, (2) **pajama** pants

My little sister loves to have **pajama** parties with her friends on the weekends.

twinkle

v. to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way

synonym : sparkle, shine, glitter

(1) **twinkle** like a star, (2) the **twinkle** of the stars

His eyes **twinkled** with mischief.

helm

n. the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat

synonym: steering, control, direction

(1) **helm** of a ship, (2) steer the **helm**

The ship's captain took the **helm** and charted a course through the stormy waters.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

dilute

v. to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it

synonym: weaken, thin, reduce

(1) **dilute** acid with water, (2) **dilute** a great idea

She **diluted** the concentrated juice with water.

conjure

v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

synonym: summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

copycat

n. a person who imitates or copies the behavior, speech, or appearance of another individual; a product or design that is made to look like a popular or successful product from another company or brand

synonym: imitator, mimic, copyist

(1) **copycat** behavior, (2) **copycat** website

The company accused their competitor of being a **copycat** and stealing its design.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

infringe

v. to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property

synonym: violate, trespass, breach

(1) **infringe** a copyright, (2) **infringe** on our property

The company promised not to **infringe** on any of its competitor's patents.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

Session 2: Spelling

1. he___c explorers
adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
2. da___g escape
adj. brave and taking risks
3. ma___y sweetness in tea
adj. having the flavor or aroma of malt, which is a grain that has been germinated and then dried and is used in brewing and distilling to create beer, whiskey, and other beverages
4. pa___a pants
n. a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
5. five degrees of fr___t
n. a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing
6. n___h menu
n. food, especially a snack or light meal; a small amount of food or a tasty treat
7. du___y road
adj. covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
8. co_____e fantasy with reality
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
9. ai___e seat
n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

ANSWERS: 1. heroic, 2. daring, 3. malty, 4. pajama, 5. frost, 6. nosh, 7. dusty, 8. confuse, 9. aisle

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| 10. healthy n__h | <i>n.</i> food, especially a snack or light meal; a small amount of food or a tasty treat |
| 11. sus_____ce allowance | <i>n.</i> food and drink that living things need to nourish their body |
| 12. tw_____e like a star | <i>v.</i> to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way |
| 13. di___e a great idea | <i>v.</i> to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it |
| 14. h__m of a ship | <i>n.</i> the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat |
| 15. mu___r at low wages | <i>v.</i> to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath |
| 16. pe___t stove | <i>n.</i> a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic |
| 17. ba___y industry | <i>n.</i> a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold |
| 18. do___e in daily life | <i>adj.</i> possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true |
| 19. d__y authority | <i>v.</i> to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc. |
| 20. ba__y sweatpants | <i>adj.</i> loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing |
| 21. bu___e down to study | <i>v.</i> to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap |

ANSWERS: 10. nosh, 11. sustenance, 12. twinkle, 13. dilute, 14. helm, 15. murmur, 16. pellet, 17. bakery, 18. doable, 19. defy, 20. baggy, 21. buckle

22. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
23. mar_____ow treat *n.* a spongy confection made from sugar, corn syrup, and gelatin, often flavored with vanilla and molded into shapes or used as a topping or decoration for desserts
24. sn__k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
25. reb_____us teenager *adj.* characterized by a tendency to rebel or resist authority or conventions; inclined to do the opposite of what is expected or customary
26. co_____t behavior *n.* a person who imitates or copies the behavior, speech, or appearance of another individual; a product or design that is made to look like a popular or successful product from another company or brand
27. co_____t website *n.* a person who imitates or copies the behavior, speech, or appearance of another individual; a product or design that is made to look like a popular or successful product from another company or brand
28. su___y treat *adj.* having the taste, texture, or appearance of sugar; excessively sweet or cloying; overly sentimental or flattering in a way that seems insincere

ANSWERS: 22. opportune, 23. marshmallow, 24. sneak, 25. rebellious, 26. copycat, 27. copycat, 28. sugary

29. a he___c poem *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
30. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
31. pr____l stand *n.* a type of baked bread product that is twisted into a knot-like shape, usually sprinkled with salt, and often served as a snack or appetizer
32. ma____ch figure *n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
33. ind____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
34. mu___r a greeting *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
35. chicken ca____le *n.* a dish made by cooking food, typically meat, vegetables, and a starch, such as potatoes or pasta, in a deep dish either in the oven or on the stovetop; the dish itself that is used for cooking and serving the dish
36. in____ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
37. sl____lk at night *v.* to walk about or perform other physical activities while asleep or in a sleep-like state; to engage in automatic behavior while asleep

ANSWERS: 29. heroic, 30. sneak, 31. pretzel, 32. matriarch, 33. industrious, 34. murmur, 35. casserole, 36. instruct, 37. sleepwalk

38. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
39. abr_____ra magic show *n.* a word or incantation used in magical or enchanting spells, often in popular culture and entertainment; anything that is mysterious or unexplainable
40. awe_____ing painting *adj.* making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable
41. an una_____ng fashion *adj.* not arrogant, bold, or forward
42. co_____e a vision *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
43. excessively su____y *adj.* having the taste, texture, or appearance of sugar; excessively sweet or cloying; overly sentimental or flattering in a way that seems insincere
44. bu____e shoe *v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap
45. a qu__k of fate *n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
46. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
47. vegetable ca_____le *n.* a dish made by cooking food, typically meat, vegetables, and a starch, such as potatoes or pasta, in a deep dish either in the oven or on the stovetop; the dish itself that is used for cooking and serving the dish

ANSWERS: 38. intellect, 39. abracadabra, 40. awe-inspiring, 41. unassuming, 42. conjure, 43. sugary, 44. buckle, 45. quirk, 46. confuse, 47. casserole

48. abr_____ra formula *n.* a word or incantation used in magical or enchanting spells, often in popular culture and entertainment; anything that is mysterious or unexplainable
49. pi__y about details *adj.* overly particular or selective, especially about food or other consumable goods; difficult to please or satisfy because of one's specific tastes or preferences
50. b_d grafting *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
51. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
52. c__w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
53. una_____ng appearance *adj.* not arrogant, bold, or forward
54. st_____ed relationship *adj.* tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness
55. mar_____ow fluff *n.* a spongy confection made from sugar, corn syrup, and gelatin, often flavored with vanilla and molded into shapes or used as a topping or decoration for desserts
56. un_____ke bread *v.* to cook something, usually baked goods, for less time than is required, resulting in it being insufficiently cooked and not fully set or developed
57. in_____ge on our property *v.* to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property

ANSWERS: 48. abracadabra, 49. picky, 50. bud, 51. industrious, 52. chew, 53. unassuming, 54. strained, 55. marshmallow, 56. underbake, 57. infringe

58. ba__y sweater *adj.* loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing
59. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
60. a warm no_____ia *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
61. the center ai__e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
62. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
63. ruled by a ma_____ch *n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
64. business da_____rd *n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview
65. wear an ap__n *n.* a protective garment covering the front part of the body and tied at the waist, worn while cooking, working, or performing other activities
66. run a ba__y *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

ANSWERS: 58. baggy, 59. sect, 60. nostalgia, 61. aisle, 62. opportune, 63. matriarch, 64. dashboard, 65. apron, 66. bakery

67. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
68. in_____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
69. ma__y beer *adj.* having the flavor or aroma of malt, which is a grain that has been germinated and then dried and is used in brewing and distilling to create beer, whiskey, and other beverages
70. awe_____ing power *adj.* making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable
71. friendly rec_____ist *n.* a person employed at a front desk or in a waiting area of an office, hotel, or other organization, whose job is to greet visitors, answer phones, and perform other general administrative tasks
72. d__y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
73. the form of a small pe____t *n.* a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic
74. un_____ke cake *v.* to cook something, usually baked goods, for less time than is required, resulting in it being insufficiently cooked and not fully set or developed
75. reb_____us spirit *adj.* characterized by a tendency to rebel or resist authority or conventions; inclined to do the opposite of what is expected or customary

ANSWERS: 67. intellect, 68. instruct, 69. malty, 70. awe-inspiring, 71. receptionist, 72. defy, 73. pellet, 74. underbake, 75. rebellious

76. fruit pa___y *n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes
77. hotel rec_____ist *n.* a person employed at a front desk or in a waiting area of an office, hotel, or other organization, whose job is to greet visitors, answer phones, and perform other general administrative tasks
78. re_____e at high speed *v.* to rotate around a central point
79. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
80. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
81. di___e acid with water *v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
82. enhance the sa_____ss *n.* the quality or state of being salty
83. gr__d your teeth *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
84. in___t them into military service *v.* to formally admit someone to a job or position of authority; to officially introduce someone to an organization or group, or beliefs or ideas
85. steer the h__m *n.* the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat

ANSWERS: 76. pastry, 77. receptionist, 78. revolve, 79. obsess, 80. sect, 81. dilute, 82. saltiness, 83. grind, 84. induct, 85. helm

86. no_____ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
87. co_____e evil spirits away *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
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89. sl_____lk through life *v.* to walk about or perform other physical activities while asleep or in a sleep-like state; to engage in automatic behavior while asleep
90. pi__y personality *adj.* overly particular or selective, especially about food or other consumable goods; difficult to please or satisfy because of one's specific tastes or preferences
91. the taste of sa_____ss *n.* the quality or state of being salty
92. in_____ge a copyright *v.* to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property
93. auto da_____rd *n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview
94. scanty sus_____ce *n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body
95. st_____ed muscles *adj.* tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness

ANSWERS: 86. nostalgia, 87. conjure, 88. daring, 89. sleepwalk, 90. picky, 91. saltiness, 92. infringe, 93. dashboard, 94. sustenance, 95. strained

96. c__w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
97. make a do___e plan *adj.* possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true
98. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
99. the tw_____e of the stars *v.* to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way
100. re_____e around a central axis *v.* to rotate around a central point
101. pinch off a b_d *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
102. personality qu__k *n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
103. fr__t line *n.* a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing
104. in___t a clergyperson to a benefice *v.* to formally admit someone to a job or position of authority; to officially introduce someone to an organization or group, or beliefs or ideas
105. chocolate pr_____l *n.* a type of baked bread product that is twisted into a knot-like shape, usually sprinkled with salt, and often served as a snack or appetizer
106. gr__d away at my work *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

ANSWERS: 96. chew, 97. doable, 98. obsess, 99. twinkle, 100. revolve, 101. bud, 102. quirk, 103. frost, 104. induct, 105. pretzel, 106. grind

107. care pa___a *n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
108. pa___y chef *n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes
109. du___y bookshelf *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
110. ap___n strings *n.* a protective garment covering the front part of the body and tied at the waist, worn while cooking, working, or performing other activities

ANSWERS: 107. pajama, 108. pastry, 109. dusty, 110. apron

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His eyes _____ with mischief.
 - v.* to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way

2. The company accused their competitor of being a _____ and stealing its design.
 - n.* a person who imitates or copies the behavior, speech, or appearance of another individual; a product or design that is made to look like a popular or successful product from another company or brand

3. The _____ of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.
 - n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group

4. The chef tied his _____ around his waist before starting to cook.
 - n.* a protective garment covering the front part of the body and tied at the waist, worn while cooking, working, or performing other activities

5. Our company is looking to hire a bilingual _____ to serve our diverse clients better.
 - n.* a person employed at a front desk or in a waiting area of an office, hotel, or other organization, whose job is to greet visitors, answer phones, and perform other general administrative tasks

6. She walked down the _____ to the front of the church.
 - n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

ANSWERS: 1. twinkled, 2. copycat, 3. matriarch, 4. apron, 5. receptionist, 6. aisle

7. The musician's face showed a _____ expression as he struggled to hit the high note.
adj. tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness
8. The chef's specialty is a savory _____ with spinach and feta cheese.
n. a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes
9. The wizard spoke the ancient _____ and the stone door slowly began to open.
n. a word or incantation used in magical or enchanting spells, often in popular culture and entertainment; anything that is mysterious or unexplainable
10. She tried to _____ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.
v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
11. The Earth _____ around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.
v. to rotate around a central point
12. She roasted _____ over the campfire.
n. a spongy confection made from sugar, corn syrup, and gelatin, often flavored with vanilla and molded into shapes or used as a topping or decoration for desserts
13. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 7. strained, 8. pastry, 9. abracadabra, 10. defy, 11. revolves, 12. marshmallows, 13. opportune

14. My dog loves to _____ on bones.

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

15. I prefer _____ clothes to tight-fitting ones.

adj. loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing

16. The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of _____ debris.

adj. covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

17. His _____ manner concealed his ambition.

adj. not arrogant, bold, or forward

18. The _____ on the ground made it slippery and difficult to walk.

n. a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing

19. My little sister loves to have _____ parties with her friends on the weekends.

n. a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging

20. The beer had a delicious _____ flavor that was perfect for my meal.

adj. having the flavor or aroma of malt, which is a grain that has been germinated and then dried and is used in brewing and distilling to create beer, whiskey, and other beverages

21. The severe heat wave _____ railway tracks.

v. to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap

ANSWERS: 14. chew, 15. baggy, 16. dusty, 17. unassuming, 18. frost, 19. pajama, 20. malty, 21. buckled

22. She tasted the dish and detected a slight _____.

n. the quality or state of being salty

23. My _____ eater only likes to eat certain types of vegetables.

adj. overly particular or selective, especially about food or other consumable goods; difficult to please or satisfy because of one's specific tastes or preferences

24. He always _____ at the ill-treatment.

v. to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

25. The _____ gun was used to shoot small metal balls.

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

26. I accidentally _____ the cookies, which turned out doughy in the middle.

v. to cook something, usually baked goods, for less time than is required, resulting in it being insufficiently cooked and not fully set or developed

27. I will bring a _____ dish to the potluck dinner.

n. a dish made by cooking food, typically meat, vegetables, and a starch, such as potatoes or pasta, in a deep dish either in the oven or on the stovetop; the dish itself that is used for cooking and serving the dish

28. A regular job is often a spiritual _____.

n. food and drink that living things need to nourish their body

29. She _____ the concentrated juice with water.

v. to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it

ANSWERS: 22. saltiness, 23. picky, 24. murmurs, 25. pellet, 26. underbaked, 27. casserole, 28. sustenance, 29. diluted

30. He worked at the _____ as a baker.

n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

31. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

32. Her remarks _____ the debate.

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

33. The moment the glacier collapses is an _____ sight.

adj. making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable

34. The facility manager _____ the security guards to be on high alert.

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

35. The _____ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

36. This project is _____ despite the tight schedule.

adj. possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true

37. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

38. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 30. bakery, 31. obsessed, 32. confused, 33. awe-inspiring, 34. instructed, 35. heroic, 36. doable, 37. intellect, 38. sect

39. The magician _____ up a rabbit out of thin air.
v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
40. The ice cream truck's sound brought back _____ for my childhood.
n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
41. I packed a small _____ of crackers and cheese for my mid-morning snack.
n. food, especially a snack or light meal; a small amount of food or a tasty treat
42. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
43. Her choices become increasingly _____ and creative.
adj. brave and taking risks
44. I avoid eating _____ foods to maintain a healthy diet.
adj. having the taste, texture, or appearance of sugar; excessively sweet or cloying; overly sentimental or flattering in a way that seems insincere
45. I love snacking on _____ while watching a movie at home.
n. a type of baked bread product that is twisted into a knot-like shape, usually sprinkled with salt, and often served as a snack or appetizer
46. The company promised not to _____ on any of its competitor's patents.
v. to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property
47. We were _____ into the honor society.
v. to formally admit someone to a job or position of authority; to officially introduce someone to an organization or group, or beliefs or ideas

ANSWERS: 39. conjured, 40. nostalgia, 41. nosh, 42. industrious, 43. daring, 44. sugary, 45. pretzels, 46. infringe, 47. inducted

48. The flower was starting to show its ____ and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.
- n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
49. The children tried to _____ out and eat the candy.
- v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
50. He noticed that the oil warning light on the _____ of his car had turned on.
- n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview
51. The ship's captain took the ____ and charted a course through the stormy waters.
- n.* the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat
52. Her _____ attitude often got her into trouble with the school authorities.
- adj.* characterized by a tendency to rebel or resist authority or conventions; inclined to do the opposite of what is expected or customary
53. My sister used to _____ as a child, but she eventually outgrew it.
- v.* to walk about or perform other physical activities while asleep or in a sleep-like state; to engage in automatic behavior while asleep
54. One of her _____ is that she always wears mismatched socks.
- n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group

ANSWERS: 48. bud, 49. sneak, 50. dashboard, 51. helm, 52. rebellious, 53. sleepwalk, 54. quirks

55. She had to _____ the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

- v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

ANSWERS: 55. grind