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Session 1: Word List

plague

n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

synonym : epidemic, pandemic, pest

(1) catch the **plague**, (2) deadly **plague**

Our farm experienced a **plague** of locusts this year.

nightmare

n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream

synonym : agony, misery, suffering

(1) have a **nightmare**, (2) **nightmare** situation

Life as a waiter was a big **nightmare** for him.

fearsome

adj. causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable

synonym : terrifying, alarming, intimidating

(1) **fearsome** creature, (2) **fearsome** reputation

The dragon's **fearsome** roar echoed through the valley.

haunted

adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

synonym : spooky, eerie, ghostly

(1) **haunted** house, (2) **haunted** by memories

The old mansion was known to be **haunted**, with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

writhe

v. to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle

synonym: contort, twist, convulse

(1) **writhe** in agony, (2) **writhe** with pleasure

The snake **writhe**d and twisted as it tried to escape the trap.

shadow

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

synonym: shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

shamble

v. to move awkwardly, unsteadily, or shamblingly; to shuffle or drag one's feet while walking; to proceed in a disorderly or chaotic manner; (noun) a disorganized or chaotic situation or state of affairs

synonym: shuffle, stagger, stumble

(1) zombies **shamble** toward the survivors, (2) **shambled** along the sidewalk

The drunk man **shambled** down the street, barely able to stay on his feet.

rot v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
synonym : perish, decay, corrode
(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age
Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

corpse n. the dead body of a human being
synonym : body, remains, cadaver
(1) desiccated **corpse**, (2) the **corpse** of an animal
The police found the **corpse** in the abandoned building.

monstrous *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
synonym : grotesque, huge, deformed
(1) a **monstrous** iceberg, (2) **monstrous** behavior
The giant wave was **monstrous** and destroyed the small boat.

creature n. a living being, especially an animal
synonym : being, animal, organism
(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**
The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

besiege v. to surround and attack or harass with relentless persistence; to crowd or overwhelm with a large number of requests or demands
synonym : beset, encircle, surround
(1) **besiege** a fortress, (2) **besiege** an enemy
Enemy troops **besieged** the town during the war.

relate v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
synonym : connect, link, associate
(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

persistent

adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

synonym : tenacious, steadfast, unrelenting

(1) **persistent** cough, (2) **persistent** data

Despite the setbacks, he remained **persistent** in his pursuit of his dreams.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym : inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

sneaking

adj. characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner

synonym : sneaky, furtive, covert

(1) **sneaking** suspicion, (2) a **sneaking** sense of satisfaction

He had a **sneaking** admiration for his rival's work, even though they were competitors.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

affair

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

synonym : matter, incident, fling

(1) current **affairs**, (2) domestic **affairs**

Some critics say this exhibition will be a big **affair**.

uneasy

adj. causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

synonym : anxious, troubled, nervous

(1) have **uneasy** eyes, (2) **uneasy** relationship

He was **uneasy** about the situation and didn't know what to do.

summon

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

synonym : call for, muster, assemble

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

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

brave

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

synonym : courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

warrior

n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

synonym : fighter, soldier, combatant

(1) armored **warrior**, (2) **warrior** spirit

The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary **warrior**.

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.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

accost

v. to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently

synonym: approach, confront, speak to

(1) **accost** a stranger, (2) **accost** a suspect

The man **accosted** her on the street and asked for money.

serpent

n. a large snake

synonym: snake, viper, reptile

(1) the feathered **serpent** god, (2) **Serpent** Bearer

That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a **serpent's** tail.

thunder

n. the loud, deep sound made by air expanding along the path of a bolt of lightning; a deep, prolonged loud noise

synonym: detonation, rumble, roar

(1) **thunder** cloud, (2) deafening **thunder** of applause

The roaring **thunder** was so loud that it woke me from sleep.

dodge

v. to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep

synonym: evade, sidestep, avoid

(1) **dodge** a blow, (2) **dodge** a question

She had to **dodge** the oncoming traffic to cross the busy street safely.

venom

n. a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging

synonym: poison, toxin, hating

(1) the **venom** of a lizard, (2) injected **venom**

The snake's **venom** is highly toxic and can be fatal to humans.

swift

adj. happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

synonym: quick, speedy, brisk

(1) take **swift** action, (2) a **swift** current of a river
Her voice was **swift**, yet ever the last words fell lingeringly.

bound

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

synonym : jump, bounce, leap

(1) **bounded** with delight, (2) **bound** up a staircase
Canada **bounds** on the United States.

glowing

adj. highly enthusiastic; greatly praised

synonym : burning, bright, flaming

(1) **glowing** reviews, (2) **glowing** cheeks
The western sky was **glowing** pink.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym : cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy
Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

flesh

n. the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures

synonym : meat, muscle, tissue

(1) grow in **flesh**, (2) **flesh** eating
The **flesh** of the fruit is sweet and juicy.

flake

n. a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent

synonym : chip, bit, shred

(1) **flakes** of snow, (2) **flake** graphite
She found a paint **flake** on the wall and realized it was time to repaint the room.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

submit

v. to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration

synonym : hand in, present, propose

(1) agree to **submit** the bill, (2) **submit** an application

Please **submit** the assignment to me.

captor

n. a person who takes someone captive or hostage, often by force or coercion

synonym : abductor, kidnapper, detainee

(1) **captor** of hostages, (2) animal **captor**

The prisoner escaped from his **captor** and ran for his life.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

leap

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

synonym : jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

fierce

adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening

synonym : ferocious, convulsive, forceful

(1) **fierce** competition, (2) a **fierce** animal

The **fierce** thunders echoed across the plain.

harmless

adj. not able or not likely to cause damage or harm

synonym : benign, innocuous, inoffensive

(1) **harmless** in most people, (2) **harmless** substances
Most people thought of him as a **harmless** eccentric.

cuff *n.* a band or strip of material, usually worn around the wrist or ankle, often used to secure or fasten something in place; a blow or hit delivered with an open hand, typically to the head or ear

synonym : bracelet, handcuff, shackle

(1) **cuff** bracelet, (2) soft **cuff**

The doctor used a blood pressure **cuff** to measure my vitals.

claw *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

synonym : paw, talon, nail

(1) **claw** marks, (2) **claw** hammer

The bear used its **claw** to catch a fish in the river.

stow *v.* to pack or store something safely and securely, especially on a ship or aircraft; to hide or conceal something

synonym : store, pack, stash

(1) **stow** all electronic, (2) **stow** away goods

Please **stow** your luggage in the overhead compartment before takeoff.

cub *n.* a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy

synonym : young, male child, boy

(1) a tiger **cub**, (2) the arrival of a **cub**

The **cub** reporter covered the murder case for the first time.

recognition *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement

that something is true or legal

synonym : acknowledgement, identification, credit

(1) **recognition** award, (2) joint **recognition**

He was given **recognition** for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym : grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

meager

adj. small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate

synonym : scanty, sparse, insufficient

(1) **meager** salary, (2) **meager** resources

The refugee family had to survive on a **meager** amount of food and water daily.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

dispose

v. to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away

synonym : get rid of, arrange, set

(1) **dispose** battleships for a battle, (2) **dispose** of a used product

Generally speaking, the child is innately **disposed** to learn a

language.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym: sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

banish

v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

synonym: exile, deport, expel

(1) **banish** doubt, (2) **banish** my wrinkles

The queen **banished** the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

fellow

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

synonym: buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

corps

n. a large group of people trained and organized for a particular purpose, such as the military or a performing arts troupe

synonym: body, group, organization

(1) airborne **corps**, (2) **corps** artillery

The **corps** arrived at the front lines just in time to reinforce the exhausted soldiers.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

supervise

v. to watch over and direct someone or something, especially in a position of responsibility

synonym: oversee, manage, control

(1) **supervise** entrance test takers, (2) **supervise** team activity

She was asked to **supervise** the construction project.

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym: periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

synonym: bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

forge

v. to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

synonym: create, build, establish

(1) **forge** an alliance, (2) **forge** iron

She had to **forge** her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.

chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

synonym: series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

haul

v. to physically drag or pull someone or something with effort

synonym: drag, pull, tug

(1) **haul** on a rope, (2) **haul** truck

They had to **haul** the boat out of the water for repairs.

bind

v. to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly

synonym: tie, stick to, adhere

(1) **bind** the man's hands, (2) **bind** old letters into a bundle

The company's rules **bind** the employee's working hours.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

eager

adj. showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

synonym: keen, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **eager** anticipation, (2) with **eager** eyes

The children were **eager** to start the treasure hunt.

splinter

n. a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger

synonym: shard, fragment, sliver

(1) **splinter** cell, (2) remove a **splinter**

The car window shattered into a million little **splinters** during the crash.

craft

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

synonym: art, skill, workmanship

(1) **craft** arts of Japan, (2) **craft** manufacture

His hometown was where he first acquired the **craft** of wood carving.

shackle

n. a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind

synonym : chains, fetters, handcuffs

(1) **shackle** chains, (2) metal **shackle**

The prisoner wore heavy **shackles** on his wrists and ankles.

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

synonym : raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

sturdy

adj. physically strong and not easily damaged

synonym : tough, bulky, inflexible

(1) **sturdy** frame, (2) **sturdy** young athletes

The vehicle is **sturdy** enough to handle rough terrain.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym : halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

encouraging

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

synonym : uplifting, inspiring, optimistic

(1) **encouraging** approval, (2) **encouraging** sign

The test results were **encouraging** and showed improvement.

wink

v. to close one eye briefly as a way of showing agreement, understanding, or flirtation; to emit a flashing light

synonym : blink, flutter, twinkle

(1) **wink** at abuses, (2) **wink** away my tears

He couldn't help but **wink** at his wife during the boring

meeting to make her laugh.

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.

shatter

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

synonym: break, crash, destroy

(1) **shatter** the plate, (2) **shatter** a world record

Her husband's death **shattered** her life entirely.

restraint

n. a measure taken to prevent someone or something from acting freely or excessively; self-control or moderation; a physical device used to restrict or limit movement

synonym: constraint, limitation, control

(1) physical **restraint**, (2) self- **restraint**

It's important to practice **restraint** when it comes to spending money.

desperate

adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

synonym: anguish, frantic, hopeless

(1) her **desperate** screams, (2) **desperate** attempt

He was **desperate** when he lost all his money by gambling.

dwarf

n. a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star

synonym: midget, lilliputian, pygmy

(1) a potted **dwarf** tree, (2) a wise old **dwarf**

The **dwarf** planet Pluto is much smaller than earth and orbits the sun.

ingredient

n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

synonym : element, component

(1) secret **ingredients**, (2) compound the **ingredients**

Greed is the primary **ingredient** in the making of criminals.

feline

adj. resembling or characteristic of a cat, especially in being sly, sneaky, or graceful

synonym : cat-like, cat-related, felid

(1) graceful **feline**, (2) **feline** instincts

The **feline** creature looked up at me with its large green eyes.

footstep

n. a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground

synonym : footfall, step

(1) **footsteps** in the corridor, (2) approaching **footsteps**

The sound of oncoming **footsteps** grew louder, closer.

breath

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

synonym : air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

sinew

n. a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience

synonym : tendon, ligament, muscle fiber

(1) flexible **sinews**, (2) **sinew** injury

The hunter aimed at the animal's **sinew**, knowing it would be a fatal shot.

mighty

adj. very large, powerful, or strong

synonym : potent, powerful, robust

(1) **mighty** works, (2) struck a **mighty** blow

Only the **mighty** God has the power to brighten this dark

land.

unbreakable

adj. not able to be broken or damaged

synonym : indestructible, durable, sturdy

(1) **unbreakable** bond, (2) **unbreakable** commitment

This titanium bike frame is advertised as **unbreakable**.

guise

n. the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature

synonym : appearance, pretense, masquerade

(1) in the **guise** of a woman, (2) under the **guise** of friendship

They operated an illegal business under the **guise** of an employment agency.

examine

v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

synonym : study, probe, analyze

(1) **examine** the data studiously, (2) **examine** the issue

Initially, we must **examine** all project-related expenses.

trickery

n. the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation

synonym : deception, deceit, chicanery

(1) political **trickery**, (2) cunning **trickery**

He achieved the illusion through clever **trickery** that left the audience in awe.

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.

volunteer

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym : unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

tight

adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

synonym : closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget

The national election was held amid **tight** security.

agony

n. extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense

synonym : anguish, torment, suffering

(1) severe **agony**, (2) emotional **agony**

The athlete fell to the ground in **agony** after injuring their ankle.

betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

synonym : fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

reluctant

adj. unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears

synonym : hesitant, unwilling, unenthusiastic

(1) slowly becoming more **reluctant**, (2) **reluctant** readers

He was **reluctant** to share his thoughts on the matter.

howl

v. to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness

synonym : wail, scream, shriek

(1) **howl** at the moon, (2) **howl** of anger

The wolves began to **howl** in the distance as the sunset.

fury

n. intense and often violent anger

synonym : rage, wrath, ire

(1) market **fury**, (2) **fury** of the storm

The crowd's **fury** was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.

wrist

n. the joint between the hand and the forearm; the narrow part of the hand near this joint

synonym : carpus

(1) **wrist** bones, (2) glance at my **wrist** watch

He sprained his **wrist** while playing basketball.

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.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

thrust

v. to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing

synonym : push, shove, prod

(1) **thrust** a dagger home, (2) **thrust** a plate away

The engine **thrust** the rocket into space.

blade

n. the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting

synonym : knife, sword, cutter

(1) a **blade** of grass, (2) the **blade** of a turbine

The **blade** of the katana itself is still in excellent condition.

jaw

n. either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information

synonym : mouth, (verb) chitchat

(1) snatch victory from the **jaws** of defeat, (2) **jaw** muscle

He dropped his **jaw** at the unexpected sight.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

torrent

n. a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud

synonym : flood, deluge, downpour

(1) **torrent** of words, (2) stem a **torrent**

The rain fell in a **torrent**, flooding the streets in minutes.

saliva

n. the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion

synonym : spit, drool, slobber

(1) dog's **saliva**, (2) dry mouth with little **saliva**

The dentist asked him to spit out the excess **saliva** into the sink.

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.

celebrated

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

synonym : acclaimed, notable, prominent

(1) **celebrated** artist, (2) **celebrated** paper

Three **celebrated** tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

victory

n. success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

synonym : win, triumph, success

(1) **victory** in the law court, (2) **victory** over terrorism

We are optimistic about our final **victory**.

sealed

adj. closed or secured with

synonym : closed, impenetrable

(1) **sealed** orders, (2) **sealed** jar

We packed and shipped the product in **sealed** containers.

doom

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

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

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

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

beneath

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

synonym : down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt

A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

encircle

v. to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely

synonym : enclose, surround, encompass

(1) **encircle** the lake, (2) **encircle** the waist

The castle walls **encircled** the entire village for protection.

underworld

n. the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies

synonym : hell, netherworld, underworld

(1) god of the **underworld**, (2) criminal **underworld**

The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the **underworld**, where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.

bloody

adj. covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality

synonym : gory, gruesome, savage

(1) **bloody** massacre, (2) **bloody** diarrhea

The crime scene was **bloody** and gruesome.

revenge

n. the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution

synonym : retaliation, retribution, vengeance

(1) plot **revenge**, (2) **revenge** killing

He seeks **revenge** against the person who wronged him.

Session 2: Spelling

1. hold your br___h
n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
2. grow in fl__h
n. the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures
3. the bl__e of a turbine
n. the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
4. ac___t a suspect
v. to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently
5. si__w injury
n. a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience
6. global b__d market
n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
7. ha_____ss in most people
adj. not able or not likely to cause damage or harm
8. si___t reading
adj. without any or little sound
9. glance at my wr__t watch
n. the joint between the hand and the forearm; the narrow part of the hand near this joint
10. su_____se team activity
v. to watch over and direct someone or something, especially in a position of responsibility

ANSWERS: 1. breath, 2. flesh, 3. blade, 4. accost, 5. sinew, 6. bond, 7. harmless, 8. silent, 9. wrist, 10. supervise

11. a fu____s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
12. 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
13. su___n a lawyer *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
14. god of the und_____ld *n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
15. sn_____ng suspicion *adj.* characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner
16. compound the ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
17. cr__t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
18. br___h of wind *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
19. fo__e an alliance *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
20. s__w away goods *v.* to pack or store something safely and securely, especially on a ship or aircraft; to hide or conceal something

ANSWERS: 11. furious, 12. strike, 13. summon, 14. underworld, 15. sneaking, 16. ingredient, 17. craft, 18. breath, 19. forge, 20. stow

21. fl__e graphite *n.* a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent
22. ex_____e the issue *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
23. do__e a question *v.* to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep
24. sh_____e chains *n.* a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind
25. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
26. approaching fo_____eps *n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground
27. fr_____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
28. gl_____g reviews *adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
29. fo_____eps in the corridor *n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground
30. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
31. fi___e competition *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening

ANSWERS: 21. flake, 22. examine, 23. dodge, 24. shackle, 25. release, 26. footstep, 27. frequent, 28. glowing, 29. footstep, 30. seize, 31. fierce

32. per_____nt data *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
33. bo__ded with delight *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
34. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
35. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
36. l__p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
37. th_____r cloud *n.* the loud, deep sound made by air expanding along the path of a bolt of lightning; a deep, prolonged loud noise
38. c__w hammer *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
39. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
40. criminal und_____ld *n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies

ANSWERS: 32. persistent, 33. bound, 34. volunteer, 35. immediately, 36. leap, 37. thunder, 38. claw, 39. threaten, 40. underworld

41. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
42. j_w muscle *n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
43. sp_____er cell *n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger
44. cel_____ed artist *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
45. be_____h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
46. slowly becoming more re_____nt *adj.* unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
47. enc_____ng approval *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
48. animal ca____r *n.* a person who takes someone captive or hostage, often by force or coercion
49. a ti__t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
50. b__d old letters into a bundle *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
51. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 41. pause, 42. jaw, 43. splinter, 44. celebrated, 45. beneath, 46. reluctant, 47. encouraging, 48. captor, 49. tight, 50. bind, 51. fin

52. c__f bracelet *n.* a band or strip of material, usually worn around the wrist or ankle, often used to secure or fasten something in place; a blow or hit delivered with an open hand, typically to the head or ear
53. sh___w puppetry *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
54. c__w marks *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
55. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
56. deafening th____r of applause *n.* the loud, deep sound made by air expanding along the path of a bolt of lightning; a deep, prolonged loud noise
57. unb_____le bond *adj.* not able to be broken or damaged
58. v_w allegiance to the new king *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
59. be___y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

ANSWERS: 52. cuff, 53. shadow, 54. claw, 55. strike, 56. thunder, 57. unbreakable, 58. vow, 59. betray

60. desiccated co___e *n.* the dead body of a human being
61. st___y frame *adj.* physically strong and not easily damaged
62. bo__d up a staircase *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
63. v_w never to give up *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
64. a prodigious vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
65. bl___y massacre *adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
66. re_____nt readers *adj.* unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
67. Se_____t Bearer *n.* a large snake
68. me___r salary *adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
69. market f__y *n.* intense and often violent anger
70. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
71. struck a mi___y blow *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
72. sh_____r a world record *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
73. muscular st_____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
74. plot re_____e *n.* the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution

ANSWERS: 60. corpse, 61. sturdy, 62. bound, 63. vow, 64. vision, 65. bloody, 66. reluctant, 67. serpent, 68. meager, 69. fury, 70. creature, 71. mighty, 72. shatter, 73. strength, 74. revenge

75. airborne co__s *n.* a large group of people trained and organized for a particular purpose, such as the military or a performing arts troupe
76. sh_____ed along the sidewalk *v.* to move awkwardly, unsteadily, or shamblingly; to shuffle or drag one's feet while walking; to proceed in a disorderly or chaotic manner; (noun) a disorganized or chaotic situation or state of affairs
77. h__l on a rope *v.* to physically drag or pull someone or something with effort
78. cr_____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
79. junior fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
80. my vo_____er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
81. fe___e instincts *adj.* resembling or characteristic of a cat, especially in being sly, sneaky, or graceful
82. armored wa_____r *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
83. wr___e in agony *v.* to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle
84. re_____e killing *n.* the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution

ANSWERS: 75. corps, 76. shamble, 77. haul, 78. creature, 79. fellow, 80. volunteer, 81. feline, 82. warrior, 83. writhe, 84. revenge

85. deadly pl___e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
86. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
87. be_____e an enemy *v.* to surround and attack or harass with relentless persistence; to crowd or overwhelm with a large number of requests or demands
88. dry mouth with little sa___a *n.* the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion
89. injected ve__m *n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
90. ba___h doubt *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
91. h__l of anger *v.* to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness

ANSWERS: 85. plague, 86. capture, 87. besiege, 88. saliva, 89. venom, 90. banish, 91. howl

92. vi____y over terrorism *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
93. stem a to____t *n.* a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud
94. joint rec____on *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
95. se____d orders *adj.* closed or secured with
96. agree to su____t the bill *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
97. mo____us behavior *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
98. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
99. enc____ng sign *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
100. ma____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
101. self-re____nt *n.* a measure taken to prevent someone or something from acting freely or excessively; self-control or moderation; a physical device used to restrict or limit movement
102. de____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

ANSWERS: 92. victory, 93. torrent, 94. recognition, 95. sealed, 96. submit, 97. monstrous, 98. fin, 99. encouraging, 100. massive, 101. restraint, 102. destroy

103. political tr____ry *n.* the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation
104. m__d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
105. the arrival of a c_b *n.* a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
106. en____le the waist *v.* to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely
107. wa____r spirit *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
108. the ground be____h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
109. rec____on award *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
110. th____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

ANSWERS: 103. trickery, 104. mold, 105. cub, 106. encircle, 107. warrior, 108. beneath, 109. recognition, 110. threaten

111. w__k away my tears *v.* to close one eye briefly as a way of showing agreement, understanding, or flirtation; to emit a flashing light
112. ac___t a stranger *v.* to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently
113. flexible si__ws *n.* a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience
114. co__s artillery *n.* a large group of people trained and organized for a particular purpose, such as the military or a performing arts troupe
115. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
116. secret ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
117. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
118. se___d jar *adj.* closed or secured with
119. h__l truck *v.* to physically drag or pull someone or something with effort
120. with ea__r eyes *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
121. di_____e battleships for a battle *v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away

ANSWERS: 111. wink, 112. accost, 113. sinew, 114. corps, 115. bond, 116. ingredient, 117. doom, 118. sealed, 119. haul, 120. eager, 121. dispose

122. physical re_____nt *n.* a measure taken to prevent someone or something from acting freely or excessively; self-control or moderation; a physical device used to restrict or limit movement
123. un___y relationship *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
124. me___r resources *adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
125. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
126. have a ni_____re *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
127. have un___y eyes *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
128. fo__e iron *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
129. wr___e with pleasure *v.* to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle
130. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
131. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
132. s__w all electronic *v.* to pack or store something safely and securely, especially on a ship or aircraft; to hide or conceal something
133. ni_____re situation *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
134. wr__t bones *n.* the joint between the hand and the forearm; the narrow part of the hand near this joint

ANSWERS: 122. restraint, 123. uneasy, 124. meager, 125. silent, 126. nightmare, 127. uneasy, 128. forge, 129. writhe, 130. settle, 131. doom, 132. stow, 133. nightmare, 134. wrist

135. gl____g cheeks *adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
136. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
137. her de_____te screams *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
138. severe ag__y *n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
139. do__e a blow *v.* to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep
140. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
141. fl__es of snow *n.* a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent
142. ba____h my wrinkles *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
143. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
144. metal sh_____e *n.* a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind
145. a tiger c_b *n.* a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy

ANSWERS: 135. glowing, 136. immediately, 137. desperate, 138. agony, 139. dodge, 140. strength, 141. flake, 142. banish, 143. determinant, 144. shackle, 145. cub

146. a bl__e of grass *n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
147. cel_____ed paper *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
148. a fi___e animal *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
149. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
150. in the gu__e of a woman *n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature
151. emotional ag__y *n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
152. l__p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
153. fl__h eating *n.* the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures
154. the ve__m of a lizard *n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
155. domestic af___rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

ANSWERS: 146. blade, 147. celebrated, 148. fierce, 149. vision, 150. guise, 151. agony, 152. leap, 153. flesh, 154. venom, 155. affair

156. ha____d house *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
157. re____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
158. snatch victory from the j_ws of defeat *n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
159. vi____y in the law court *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
160. ea__r anticipation *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
161. re____e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
162. su____se entrance test takers *v.* to watch over and direct someone or something, especially in a position of responsibility
163. dog's sa____a *n.* the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion
164. to____t of words *n.* a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud

ANSWERS: 156. haunted, 157. release, 158. jaw, 159. victory, 160. eager, 161. relate, 162. supervise, 163. saliva, 164. torrent

165. take sw__t action *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
166. mi___y works *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
167. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
168. graceful fe___e *adj.* resembling or characteristic of a cat, especially in being sly, sneaky, or graceful
169. sh_____r the plate *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
170. br__e soldier *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
171. a sw__t current of a river *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
172. a mo_____us iceberg *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
173. st_____ed relationship *adj.* tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness
174. zombies sh_____e toward the survivors *v.* to move awkwardly, unsteadily, or shamblingly; to shuffle or drag one's feet while walking; to proceed in a disorderly or chaotic manner; (noun) a disorganized or chaotic situation or state of affairs
175. a potted dw__f tree *n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star

ANSWERS: 165. swift, 166. mighty, 167. chain, 168. feline, 169. shatter, 170. brave, 171. swift, 172. monstrous, 173. strained, 174. shamble, 175. dwarf

176. th___t a plate away *v.* to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing
177. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement or disagreement
178. de____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
179. f___y of the storm *n.* intense and often violent anger
180. fe_____me reputation *adj.* causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable
181. the feathered se_____t god *n.* a large snake
182. w__k at abuses *v.* to close one eye briefly as a way of showing agreement, understanding, or flirtation; to emit a flashing light
183. h__l at the moon *v.* to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness
184. se___e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
185. ha_____ss substances *adj.* not able or not likely to cause damage or harm

ANSWERS: 176. thrust, 177. settle, 178. destroy, 179. fury, 180. fearsome, 181. serpent, 182. wink, 183. howl, 184. seize, 185. harmless

186. ca___r of hostages *n.* a person who takes someone captive or hostage, often by force or coercion
187. under the gu__e of friendship *n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature
188. su___n a city council *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
189. fu____s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
190. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
191. de_____te attempt *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
192. nice fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
193. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
194. current af___rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
195. a sn_____ng sense of satisfaction *adj.* characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner
196. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

ANSWERS: 186. captor, 187. guise, 188. summon, 189. furious, 190. pause, 191. desperate, 192. fellow, 193. giant, 194. affair, 195. sneaking, 196. lift

197. sh___w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
198. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
199. fr____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly
200. the co___e of an animal *n.* the dead body of a human being
201. ha____d by memories *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
202. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
203. br__e decision *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
204. fe____me creature *adj.* causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable
205. remove a sp____er *n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger

ANSWERS: 197. shadow, 198. rot, 199. frequent, 200. corpse, 201. haunted, 202. determinant, 203. brave, 204. fearsome, 205. splinter

206. di____e of a used product *v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away
207. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
208. soft c__f *n.* a band or strip of material, usually worn around the wrist or ankle, often used to secure or fasten something in place; a blow or hit delivered with an open hand, typically to the head or ear
209. b__d the man's hands *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
210. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
211. catch the pl___e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
212. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
213. unb_____le commitment *adj.* not able to be broken or damaged

ANSWERS: 206. dispose, 207. rot, 208. cuff, 209. bind, 210. relate, 211. plague, 212. lift, 213. unbreakable

214. student on a ti__t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
215. be_____e a fortress *v.* to surround and attack or harass with relentless persistence; to crowd or overwhelm with a large number of requests or demands
216. th___t a dagger home *v.* to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing
217. bl___y diarrhea *adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
218. cunning tr_____ry *n.* the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation
219. ex_____e the data studiously *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
220. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
221. st_____ed muscles *adj.* tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness
222. su___t an application *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
223. per_____nt cough *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

ANSWERS: 214. tight, 215. besiege, 216. thrust, 217. bloody, 218. trickery, 219. examine, 220. capture, 221. strained, 222. submit, 223. persistent

224. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
225. en____le the lake *v.* to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely
226. st___y young athletes *adj.* physically strong and not easily damaged
227. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
228. cr__t arts of Japan *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
229. a wise old dw__f *n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
230. ma____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
231. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
232. a casting m__d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

ANSWERS: 224. chain, 225. encircle, 226. sturdy, 227. giant, 228. craft, 229. dwarf, 230. massive, 231. betray, 232. mold

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Please _____ the assignment to me.
 - v. to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration

2. The wolves began to _____ in the distance as the sunset.
 - v. to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness

3. The test results were _____ and showed improvement.
 - adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

4. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
 - v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

5. The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary _____.
 - n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

6. The drunk man _____ down the street, barely able to stay on his feet.
 - v. to move awkwardly, unsteadily, or shamblingly; to shuffle or drag one's feet while walking; to proceed in a disorderly or chaotic manner; (noun) a disorganized or chaotic situation or state of affairs

7. Some critics say this exhibition will be a big _____.
 - n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

ANSWERS: 1. submit, 2. howl, 3. encouraging, 4. destroyed, 5. warrior, 6. shambled, 7. affair

8. Our farm experienced a _____ of locusts this year.

n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

9. The _____ creature looked up at me with its large green eyes.

adj. resembling or characteristic of a cat, especially in being sly, sneaky, or graceful

10. The rain fell in a _____ flooding the streets in minutes.

n. a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud

11. The _____ thunders echoed across the plain.

adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening

12. The western sky was _____ pink.

adj. highly enthusiastic; greatly praised

13. The old mansion was known to be _____ with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

14. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.

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

15. The dentist asked him to spit out the excess _____ into the sink.

n. the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion

ANSWERS: 8. plague, 9. feline, 10. torrent, 11. fierce, 12. glowing, 13. haunted, 14. doom, 15. saliva

16. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
17. Generally speaking, the child is innately _____ to learn a language.
v. to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away
18. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
adv. now or without delay
19. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.
n. a living being, especially an animal
20. Life as a waiter was a big _____ for him.
n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream
21. He bated his _____ when talking about this affair.
n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
22. They had to _____ the boat out of the water for repairs.
v. to physically drag or pull someone or something with effort
23. He dropped his _____ at the unexpected sight.
n. either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information

ANSWERS: 16. fins, 17. disposed, 18. immediately, 19. creature, 20. nightmare, 21. breath, 22. haul, 23. jaw

24. The dragon's _____ roar echoed through the valley.

adj. causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable

25. He sprained his _____ while playing basketball.

n. the joint between the hand and the forearm; the narrow part of the hand near this joint

26. I don't want to _____ for second best.

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

27. His hometown was where he first acquired the _____ of wood carving.

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

28. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

29. He seeks _____ against the person who wronged him.

n. the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution

30. The giant wave was _____ and destroyed the small boat.

adj. extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance

31. He was _____ when he lost all his money by gambling.

adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

32. 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

ANSWERS: 24. fearsome, 25. wrist, 26. settle, 27. craft, 28. silent, 29. revenge, 30. monstrous, 31. desperate, 32. strike

33. The police found the _____ in the abandoned building.

n. the dead body of a human being

34. This titanium bike frame is advertised as _____.

adj. not able to be broken or damaged

35. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

36. The castle walls _____ the entire village for protection.

v. to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely

37. The refugee family had to survive on a _____ amount of food and water daily.

adj. small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate

38. The bear used its _____ to catch a fish in the river.

n. a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

39. Greed is the primary _____ in the making of criminals.

n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

40. The national election was held amid _____ security.

adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

ANSWERS: 33. corpse, 34. unbreakable, 35. volunteer, 36. encircled, 37. meager, 38. claw, 39. ingredient, 40. tight

41. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will ____.

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

42. Despite the setbacks, he remained _____ in his pursuit of his dreams.

adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

43. Only the _____ God has the power to brighten this dark land.

adj. very large, powerful, or strong

44. The man _____ before opening the door.

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

45. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

46. Please _____ your luggage in the overhead compartment before takeoff.

v. to pack or store something safely and securely, especially on a ship or aircraft; to hide or conceal something

47. The _____ reporter covered the murder case for the first time.

n. a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy

48. Mushrooms and _____ are fungi.

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

ANSWERS: 41. rot, 42. persistent, 43. mighty, 44. paused, 45. relate, 46. stow, 47. cub, 48. mold

49. We are optimistic about our final _____.
- n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
50. The crowd's _____ was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.
- n.* intense and often violent anger
51. The roaring _____ was so loud that it woke me from sleep.
- n.* the loud, deep sound made by air expanding along the path of a bolt of lightning; a deep, prolonged loud noise
52. He felt _____ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.
- v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
53. The hunter aimed at the animal's _____ knowing it would be a fatal shot.
- n.* a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience
54. The _____ planet Pluto is much smaller than earth and orbits the sun.
- n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
55. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
- v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
56. He achieved the illusion through clever _____ that left the audience in awe.
- n.* the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation

ANSWERS: 49. victory, 50. fury, 51. thunder, 52. betrayed, 53. sinew, 54. dwarf, 55. threatening, 56. trickery

57. A great stretch of the lake lay _____ them.

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

58. Canada _____ on the United States.

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

59. We packed and shipped the product in _____ containers.

adj. closed or secured with

60. It's important to practice _____ when it comes to spending money.

n. a measure taken to prevent someone or something from acting freely or excessively; self-control or moderation; a physical device used to restrict or limit movement

61. The engine _____ the rocket into space.

v. to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing

62. The athlete fell to the ground in _____ after injuring their ankle.

n. extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense

63. The crime scene was _____ and gruesome.

adj. covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality

64. Enemy troops _____ the town during the war.

v. to surround and attack or harass with relentless persistence; to crowd or overwhelm with a large number of requests or demands

65. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

ANSWERS: 57. beneath, 58. bounds, 59. sealed, 60. restraint, 61. thrust, 62. agony, 63. bloody, 64. besieged, 65. chain

66. He had a _____ admiration for his rival's work, even though they were competitors.

adj. characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner

67. The company's rules _____ the employee's working hours.

v. to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly

68. She had to _____ her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.

v. to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

69. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

70. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

71. Her husband's death _____ her life entirely.

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

72. He couldn't help but _____ at his wife during the boring meeting to make her laugh.

v. to close one eye briefly as a way of showing agreement, understanding, or flirtation; to emit a flashing light

ANSWERS: 66. sneaking, 67. bind, 68. forge, 69. seize, 70. giant, 71. shattered, 72. wink

73. His heartaches are less _____ now.

adj. happening constantly

74. She was asked to _____ the construction project.

v. to watch over and direct someone or something, especially in a position of responsibility

75. That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a _____ tail.

n. a large snake

76. The queen _____ the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

77. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

78. The prisoner wore heavy _____ on his wrists and ankles.

n. a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind

79. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

80. She found a paint _____ on the wall and realized it was time to repaint the room.

n. a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent

81. The _____ of the fruit is sweet and juicy.

n. the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures

ANSWERS: 73. frequent, 74. supervise, 75. serpent's, 76. banished, 77. strength, 78. shackles, 79. fellow, 80. flake, 81. flesh

82. The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the _____ where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.
- n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
83. The prisoner escaped from his _____ and ran for his life.
- n.* a person who takes someone captive or hostage, often by force or coercion
84. The car window shattered into a million little _____ during the crash.
- n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger
85. The snake _____ and twisted as it tried to escape the trap.
- v.* to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle
86. The snake's _____ is highly toxic and can be fatal to humans.
- n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
87. 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
88. They _____ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.
- v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
89. The man _____ her on the street and asked for money.
- v.* to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently

ANSWERS: 82. underworld, 83. captor, 84. splinters, 85. writhed, 86. venom, 87. strained, 88. vowed, 89. accosted

90. The children were _____ to start the treasure hunt.

adj. showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

91. The _____ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

92. The doctor used a blood pressure _____ to measure my vitals.

n. a band or strip of material, usually worn around the wrist or ankle, often used to secure or fasten something in place; a blow or hit delivered with an open hand, typically to the head or ear

93. The chairperson was responsible for _____ committees.

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

94. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

95. 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

96. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

97. Most people thought of him as a _____ eccentric.

adj. not able or not likely to cause damage or harm

ANSWERS: 90. eager, 91. brave, 92. cuff, 93. summoning, 94. shadow, 95. capture, 96. vision, 97. harmless

98. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

99. They had formed a friendship _____.

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

100. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

101. The sound of oncoming _____ grew louder, closer.

n. a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground

102. He was given _____ for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

103. The athlete was able to _____ over the hurdle with ease.

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

104. Initially, we must _____ all project-related expenses.

v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

105. He was _____ to share his thoughts on the matter.

adj. unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears

ANSWERS: 98. massive, 99. bond, 100. determinant, 101. footsteps, 102. recognition, 103. leap, 104. examine, 105. reluctant

106. The _____ of the katana itself is still in excellent condition.

n. the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting

107. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

108. The _____ arrived at the front lines just in time to reinforce the exhausted soldiers.

n. a large group of people trained and organized for a particular purpose, such as the military or a performing arts troupe

109. She had to _____ the oncoming traffic to cross the busy street safely.

v. to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep

110. Her voice was _____ yet even the last words fell lingeringly.

adj. happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

111. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

112. He was _____ about the situation and didn't know what to do.

adj. causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

113. Three _____ tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

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

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

ANSWERS: 106. blade, 107. release, 108. corps, 109. dodge, 110. swift, 111. lifted, 112. uneasy, 113. celebrated, 114. furious

115. The vehicle is _____ enough to handle rough terrain.

adj. physically strong and not easily damaged

116. They operated an illegal business under the _____ of an employment agency.

n. the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature

ANSWERS: 115. sturdy, 116. guise