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Session 1: Word List

twins

n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

(1) a **twin-lens** camera, (2) a **twin** room

Its **twin** brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

vigorous

adj. characterized by energy or intensity; physically strong and healthy; robust and enthusiastic in action or thought

synonym: energetic, robust, enthusiastic

(1) **vigorous** debate, (2) **vigorous** exercise

He conducts a **vigorous** workout routine to stay in shape.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

lord

n. a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

synonym: master, noble, peer

(1) a young **lord**, (2) **lord** of castle

The feudal **lord** had ruled the land for many years.

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.

trap

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym: catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

trophy

n. an object or prize, such as a cup or plaque, awarded to the winner of a competition or contest

synonym: prize, award, accolade

(1) **trophy** case, (2) **trophy** room

The soccer team won the **trophy** after a hard-fought competition.

sprout

v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly

synonym: germinate, grow, bud

(1) **sprout** seeds, (2) **sprout** wings

The flowers in the garden began to **sprout** after the first rain of the season.

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.

skull

n. a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape

synonym: cranium, scalp, brain

(1) **skull** fracture, (2) have a thick **skull**

Archaeologists found a Neanderthal **skull** at that historic site.

spat

n. a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat

synonym: argument, disagreement, oyster

(1) minor **spat**, (2) clean up the **spat**

The **spat** between the two neighbors escalated into a heated argument.

impregnate

v. to make a woman or female animal pregnant; to infuse or fill something completely

synonym: fertilize, inseminate, make pregnant

(1) **impregnate** a woman, (2) **impregnate** with a medicinal substance

The sperm **impregnated** the egg, and fertilization occurred.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym: exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

wrath

n. extreme anger

synonym: fury, irritation, anger

(1) **wrath** of God, (2) a high person's **wrath**

He finally exploded with **wrath** due to the team's repeated failures.

refuge

n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

synonym : shelter, fortress, hide-out

(1) **refuge** camp, (2) a harbor of **refuge**

Some of the emigres sought **refuge** in this country.

in-law

n. a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

synonym : relative by marriage, family connection, affinal

(1) future **in-law**, (2) meeting **in-laws**

My sister- **in-law** is a pediatrician who works in a children's hospital.

generation

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

synonym : cohort, age group, era

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

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

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

ballgame

n. a game played with a ball, typically involving two opposing teams competing to score points or goals; any challenging or competitive situation or activity

synonym : match, game, contest

(1) join a **ballgame**, (2) baseball **ballgame**

The umpire made a controversial call that affected the outcome of the **ballgame**.

equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

synonym: prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

messenger

n. someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an official document

synonym: courier, transmitter, envoy

(1) **messenger** app, (2) a secret **messenger**

An mRNA vaccine is a type of vaccine that uses a copy of a molecule called **messenger** RNA.

nevertheless

adv. in spite of that; yet

synonym: nonetheless, yet, still

(1) keep working **nevertheless**, (2) **nevertheless**, she persevered

She was tired and hungry, but **nevertheless**, she persevered.

trek

n. a long and difficult journey, typically on foot

synonym: journey, expedition, hike

(1) horseback **trek**, (2) **trek** expedition

He was preparing for a long **trek** through the mountains.

cavern

n. a large, natural underground space

synonym: grotto, cave, cavity

(1) a yawning **cavern**, (2) **cavern** tour

The explorer discovered a large **cavern** deep underground.

scorpion

n. a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting

synonym: arachnid, stinger

(1) **scorpion** fish, (2) poisonous **scorpion**

The **scorpion's** venom can be lethal to humans.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

synonym: characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

suffer

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

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

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

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

statue

n. a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

synonym: sculpture, figurine, monument

(1) a beautiful **statue**, (2) the ancient Egyptian **statues**

The **statue** of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.

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.

mosquito

n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

synonym: insect, bug, flea

(1) **mosquito** bite, (2) **mosquito** repellent

A stagnant water area are breeding ground for **mosquitos**.

sting

v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

synonym : bite, prick, poke

(1) **sting** me on the arm, (2) **sting** his face

Bees **sting** as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.

rev

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

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

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

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

torch

n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

synonym : flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym : alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

unburnt

adj. not burned or scorched; not consumed by fire; of or relating to materials or substances that are resistant to fire or heat

synonym : uncharred, intact, undamaged

(1) **unburnt** fuel, (2) **unburnt** wood

The **unburnt** candles on the birthday cake represented another year of life for the celebrant.

adorn

v. to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful

synonym: decorate, beautify, embellish

(1) **adorn** a bride, (2) **adorn** the table with flowers

The architect **adorned** the interior with great artworks and frescoes.

macaw

n. a large, colorful parrot with a long tail found in tropical and subtropical regions of the Americas, known for its striking plumage and its ability to mimic human speech and sounds

synonym: parrot, bird, avian

(1) rare **macaw** species, (2) red-bellied **macaw**

The **macaw's** colorful feathers brightened up the otherwise drab jungle.

firefly

n. a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark

(1) the glow of a **firefly**, (2) sparkle like **firefly**

In that country, there is a culture of eating live **firefly** squid.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym: amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym: demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym: pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym: mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

supernatural

adj. of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

synonym: paranormal, otherworldly, preternatural

(1) **supernatural** beings, (2) **supernatural** intuition

The **supernatural** powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

bat

n. a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

synonym: cane, rod, stick

(1) **bat** cave, (2) **bat** an eye

The cave was a habitat for **bats**.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

squash

v. to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully

synonym: smash, crush, compress

(1) **squash** a package, (2) **squash** a rebellion

I like to **squash** my grapes when making homemade wine.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

swap

v. to give something and receive something in trade

synonym: exchange, switch, trade

(1) **swap** seats, (2) **swap** columns with rows

Don't **swap** horses while crossing a stream.

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.

treacherous

adj. that cannot be trusted; malicious; hazardous, even while seeming safe

synonym: dangerous, unfaithful, disloyal

(1) **treacherous** territory, (2) **treacherous** act

Due to snow and ice, many roads have become

treacherous, and motorists are advised to travel gently.

enlist

v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

synonym: join, sign up, appoint

(1) **enlist** in a cause, (2) **enlist** for a soldier

He decided to **enlist** in the military after graduating from high school.

seer

n. someone who is believed to have the power of prophecy or foretelling the future; a prophet or fortune-teller

synonym: prophet, oracle, visionary

(1) **seer** stone, (2) famous **seer**

The wise old **seer** instructed the young prince to rule his kingdom.

disguise

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

synonym: mask, misinterpret, cloak

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

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

disheveled

adj. in a state of disorder or disarray, often related to one's appearance, such as messy or untidy hair, clothing, or personal hygiene

synonym: messy, tousled, unkempt

(1) **disheveled** hair, (2) **disheveled** appearance

The hotel room was in **disheveled** condition after the wild party last night.

miracle

n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

synonym: wonder, marvel, phenomenon

(1) **miracle** person, (2) economic **miracle**

The doctors said that her recovery was a **miracle**.

pretended

adj. feigned or not genuine; assumed or simulated

synonym: feigned, assumed, simulated

(1) **pretended** illness, (2) make a **pretended** purchase
His **pretended** interest soon caught everyone's attention.

resurrect

v. to bring back to life or bring into existence again

synonym: revive, bring back, bring to life

(1) **resurrect** the dead, (2) **resurrect** an argument
They tried to **resurrect** the ancient tradition.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

oblige

v. to force or require someone to do something through legal, social, or moral obligations; to voluntarily do something to help or please someone; to be indebted or grateful to someone

synonym: compel, require, force

(1) **oblige** him to reject, (2) **oblige** a request

As a citizen, we must **oblige** to the laws of the land.

resurrection

n. the act of being brought back to life or revived, especially after a period of death or dormancy; a rebirth or renewal of something that was thought to be lost or forgotten

synonym: resurgence, revival, rebirth

(1) **resurrection** story, (2) political **resurrection**

The idea of **resurrection** is central to many religious beliefs.

forthcoming

adj. likely to happen or be available soon

synonym: imminent, upcoming, anticipated

(1) in the **forthcoming** week, (2) **forthcoming** book

The **forthcoming** election is causing a lot of tension and

uncertainty.

beg

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

synonym: plead, implore, entreat

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

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

mercy

n. compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm

synonym: clemency, leniency, compassion

(1) **mercy** killing, (2) **mercy** stroke

He begged for **mercy** and pleaded for his life.

curse

n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

synonym: condemnation, cuss, hex

(1) under a **curse**, (2) few **curse** words

Many autocratic policies became a **curse** for that country's economy.

henceforth

adv. starting from this time; from now on

synonym: hereafter, henceforward, subsequently

(1) abstain from wine **henceforth**, (2) promise never to lie

henceforth

This city will be **henceforth** recognized as the capital.

sacrifice

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

synonym: forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead

You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of your time or money.

terror

n. intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm

synonym: fear, alarm, horror

(1) **terror** attack, (2) **terror** group

The bomb blast spread **terror** among the people.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. t__k expedition | <i>n.</i> a long and difficult journey, typically on foot |
| 2. a beautiful st___e | <i>n.</i> a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way |
| 3. imp_____te a woman | <i>v.</i> to make a woman or female animal pregnant; to infuse or fill something completely |
| 4. small sa_____ce for a great cause | <i>n.</i> the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important |
| 5. vi_____us debate | <i>adj.</i> characterized by energy or intensity; physically strong and healthy; robust and enthusiastic in action or thought |
| 6. ca__e my name on the plate | <i>v.</i> to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply |
| 7. red-bellied ma__w | <i>n.</i> a large, colorful parrot with a long tail found in tropical and subtropical regions of the Americas, known for its striking plumage and its ability to mimic human speech and sounds |
| 8. ch__e a dream | <i>v.</i> to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes |

ANSWERS: 1. trek, 2. statue, 3. impregnate, 4. sacrifice, 5. vigorous, 6. carve, 7. macaw, 8. chase

9. vi____us exercise *adj.* characterized by energy or intensity; physically strong and healthy; robust and enthusiastic in action or thought
10. mo____to repellent *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
11. the glow of a fi____y *n.* a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark
12. s__p columns with rows *v.* to give something and receive something in trade
13. a t__n-lens camera *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
14. s__p seats *v.* to give something and receive something in trade
15. a t__n room *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
16. in the for____ng week *adj.* likely to happen or be available soon
17. ob____e him to reject *v.* to force or require someone to do something through legal, social, or moral obligations; to voluntarily do something to help or please someone; to be indebted or grateful to someone
18. sh____r a world record *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
19. ad__n the table with flowers *v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
20. dis____ed hair *adj.* in a state of disorder or disarray, often related to one's appearance, such as messy or untidy hair, clothing, or personal hygiene

ANSWERS: 9. vigorous, 10. mosquito, 11. firefly, 12. swap, 13. twin, 14. swap, 15. twin, 16. forthcoming, 17. oblige, 18. shatter, 19. adorn, 20. disheveled

21. have a thick sk__l *n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
22. political res_____ion *n.* the act of being brought back to life or revived, especially after a period of death or dormancy; a rebirth or renewal of something that was thought to be lost or forgotten
23. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
24. mi_____e person *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
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26. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
27. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
28. ob___e a request *v.* to force or require someone to do something through legal, social, or moral obligations; to voluntarily do something to help or please someone; to be indebted or grateful to someone
29. wr__h of God *n.* extreme anger
30. tr___y room *n.* an object or prize, such as a cup or plaque, awarded to the winner of a competition or contest

ANSWERS: 21. skull, 22. resurrection, 23. advantage, 24. miracle, 25. supernatural, 26. flee, 27. flee, 28. oblige, 29. wrath, 30. trophy

31. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
32. baseball ba_____me *n.* a game played with a ball, typically involving two opposing teams competing to score points or goals; any challenging or competitive situation or activity
33. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
34. tre_____us territory *adj.* that cannot be trusted; malicious; hazardous, even while seeming safe
35. a high person's wr__h *n.* extreme anger
36. sc_____on fish *n.* a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting
37. ad__n a bride *v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
38. nev_____ess, she persevered *adv.* in spite of that; yet
39. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
40. god of the und_____ld *n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
41. sh_____r the plate *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces

ANSWERS: 31. shock, 32. ballgame, 33. beg, 34. treacherous, 35. wrath, 36. scorpion, 37. adorn, 38. nevertheless, 39. massive, 40. underworld, 41. shatter

42. di____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
43. famous s__r *n.* someone who is believed to have the power of prophecy or foretelling the future; a prophet or fortune-teller
44. ca____n tour *n.* a large, natural underground space
45. in____t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
46. su____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
47. a tremor of de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
48. poisonous sc____on *n.* a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting
49. me__y killing *n.* compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm
50. di____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
51. imp____te with a medicinal substance *v.* to make a woman or female animal pregnant; to infuse or fill something completely
52. under a cu__e *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

ANSWERS: 42. disturb, 43. seer, 44. cavern, 45. insist, 46. survive, 47. delight, 48. scorpion, 49. mercy, 50. disguise, 51. impregnate, 52. curse

53. sp___t seeds *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
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62. fo_____ng book *adj.* likely to happen or be available soon
63. re_____ct the dead *v.* to bring back to life or bring into existence again
64. pr_____ed illness *adj.* feigned or not genuine; assumed or simulated
65. criminal und_____ld *n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
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76. the ancient Egyptian st___es *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
77. a yawning ca___n *n.* a large, natural underground space
78. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
79. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
80. eq___p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
81. clean up the s___t *n.* a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat
82. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 74. insist, 75. equip, 76. statue, 77. cavern, 78. confuse, 79. ordinary, 80. equip, 81. spat, 82. suffer

83. a harbor of re___e *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
84. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
85. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
86. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
87. wild goose ch___e *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
88. few cu___e words *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
89. re___e camp *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
90. t___p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

ANSWERS: 83. refuge, 84. aspect, 85. generation, 86. advantage, 87. chase, 88. curse, 89. refuge, 90. trap

91. make a pr_____ed purchase *adj.* feigned or not genuine; assumed or simulated
92. sp___t wings *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
93. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
94. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
95. en___t in a cause *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
96. ca___e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
97. sq___h a rebellion *v.* to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully
98. res_____ion story *n.* the act of being brought back to life or revived, especially after a period of death or dormancy; a rebirth or renewal of something that was thought to be lost or forgotten
99. sh___k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
100. rare ma___w species *n.* a large, colorful parrot with a long tail found in tropical and subtropical regions of the Americas, known for its striking plumage and its ability to mimic human speech and sounds

ANSWERS: 91. pretended, 92. sprout, 93. survive, 94. suffer, 95. enlist, 96. carve, 97. squash, 98. resurrection, 99. shock, 100. macaw

101. to__h song *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
102. tr___y case *n.* an object or prize, such as a cup or plaque, awarded to the winner of a competition or contest
103. keep working nev_____ess *adv.* in spite of that; yet
104. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
105. me_____er app *n.* someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an official document
106. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
107. b_t cave *n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
108. b_t an eye *n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
109. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
110. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 101. torch, 102. trophy, 103. nevertheless, 104. massive, 105. messenger, 106. beg, 107. bat, 108. bat, 109. confuse, 110. discovery

111. mo____to bite *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
112. sq____h a package *v.* to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully
113. sup_____ral intuition *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
114. economic mi____e *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
115. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
116. un____t wood *adj.* not burned or scorched; not consumed by fire; of or relating to materials or substances that are resistant to fire or heat
117. tre_____us act *adj.* that cannot be trusted; malicious; hazardous, even while seeming safe
118. with de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
119. l__d of castle *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

ANSWERS: 111. mosquito, 112. squash, 113. supernatural, 114. miracle, 115. rev, 116. unburnt, 117. treacherous, 118. delight, 119. lord

120. me__y stroke *n.* compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm
121. dis_____ed appearance *adj.* in a state of disorder or disarray, often related to one's appearance, such as messy or untidy hair, clothing, or personal hygiene
122. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
123. re_____ct an argument *v.* to bring back to life or bring into existence again
124. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
125. promise never to lie hen_____th *adv.* starting from this time; from now on
126. meeting in___ws *n.* a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
127. sparkle like fi_____y *n.* a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark
128. un_____t fuel *adj.* not burned or scorched; not consumed by fire; of or relating to materials or substances that are resistant to fire or heat
129. the to__h of learning *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

ANSWERS: 120. mercy, 121. disheveled, 122. warn, 123. resurrect, 124. warn, 125. henceforth, 126. in-law, 127. firefly, 128. unburnt, 129. torch

130. minor s__t *n.* a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat
131. sk__l fracture *n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
132. a young l__d *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
133. future in___w *n.* a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
134. s__r stone *n.* someone who is believed to have the power of prophecy or foretelling the future; a prophet or fortune-teller
135. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
136. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 130. spat, 131. skull, 132. lord, 133. in-law, 134. seer, 135. trap, 136. discovery

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
2. Many autocratic policies became a _____ for that country's economy.
n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
3. Bees _____ as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.
v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
4. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
5. This city will be _____ recognized as the capital.
adv. starting from this time; from now on
6. The _____ powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.
adj. of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
7. He begged for _____ and pleaded for his life.
n. compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm
8. He decided to _____ in the military after graduating from high school.
v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

ANSWERS: 1. disturb, 2. curse, 3. sting, 4. aspects, 5. henceforth, 6. supernatural, 7. mercy, 8. enlist

9. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.
- v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
10. The flowers in the garden began to _____ after the first rain of the season.
- v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
11. The _____ between the two neighbors escalated into a heated argument.
- n.* a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat
12. He got an electric _____ at work.
- n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
13. The _____ candles on the birthday cake represented another year of life for the celebrant.
- adj.* not burned or scorched; not consumed by fire; of or relating to materials or substances that are resistant to fire or heat
14. The doctors said that her recovery was a _____.
- n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
15. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
- v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
16. The sperm _____ the egg, and fertilization occurred.
- v.* to make a woman or female animal pregnant; to infuse or fill something completely

ANSWERS: 9. begged, 10. sprout, 11. spat, 12. shock, 13. unburnt, 14. miracle, 15. survive, 16. impregnated

17. The _____ venom can be lethal to humans.
- n.* a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting
18. The idea of _____ is central to many religious beliefs.
- n.* the act of being brought back to life or revived, especially after a period of death or dormancy; a rebirth or renewal of something that was thought to be lost or forgotten
19. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
20. Due to snow and ice, many roads have become _____ and motorists are advised to travel gently.
- adj.* that cannot be trusted; malicious; hazardous, even while seeming safe
21. She was tired and hungry, but _____ she persevered.
- adv.* in spite of that; yet
22. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
23. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.
- v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 17. scorpion's, 18. resurrection, 19. suffers, 20. treacherous, 21. nevertheless, 22. advantages, 23. chased

24. 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
25. He conducts a _____ workout routine to stay in shape.
- adj.* characterized by energy or intensity; physically strong and healthy; robust and enthusiastic in action or thought
26. His _____ interest soon caught everyone's attention.
- adj.* feigned or not genuine; assumed or simulated
27. A stagnant water area are breeding ground for _____.
- n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
28. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.
- v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
29. The _____ of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.
- n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
30. I like to _____ my grapes when making homemade wine.
- v.* to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully
31. Archaeologists found a Neanderthal _____ at that historic site.
- n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape

ANSWERS: 24. underworld, 25. vigorous, 26. pretended, 27. mosquitos, 28. insisted, 29. statue, 30. squash, 31. skull

32. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.
n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
33. The bomb blast spread _____ among the people.
n. intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
34. The umpire made a controversial call that affected the outcome of the _____.
n. a game played with a ball, typically involving two opposing teams competing to score points or goals; any challenging or competitive situation or activity
35. The cave was a habitat for _____.
n. a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
36. The hotel room was in _____ condition after the wild party last night.
adj. in a state of disorder or disarray, often related to one's appearance, such as messy or untidy hair, clothing, or personal hygiene
37. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.
n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
38. The _____ colorful feathers brightened up the otherwise drab jungle.
n. a large, colorful parrot with a long tail found in tropical and subtropical regions of the Americas, known for its striking plumage and its ability to mimic human speech and sounds
39. The _____ election is causing a lot of tension and uncertainty.
adj. likely to happen or be available soon

ANSWERS: 32. sacrifice, 33. terror, 34. ballgame, 35. bats, 36. disheveled, 37. delight, 38. macaw's, 39. forthcoming

40. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.
- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
41. Her remarks _____ the debate.
- v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
42. In that country, there is a culture of eating live _____ squid.
- n.* a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark
43. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.
- v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
44. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
- v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
45. Its _____ brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.
- n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
46. An mRNA vaccine is a type of vaccine that uses a copy of a molecule called _____ RNA.
- n.* someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an official document
47. He finally exploded with _____ due to the team's repeated failures.
- n.* extreme anger

ANSWERS: 40. rev, 41. confused, 42. firefly, 43. carved, 44. flee, 45. twin, 46. messenger, 47. wrath

48. The feudal _____ had ruled the land for many years.

- n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

49. The explorer discovered a large _____ deep underground.

- n.* a large, natural underground space

50. My sister-in-law _____ is a pediatrician who works in a children's hospital.

- n.* a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

51. Don't _____ horses while crossing a stream.

- v.* to give something and receive something in trade

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

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

53. Her research team made an important _____.

- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

54. She used an electric _____ to light her way through the dark cave.

- n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

55. The soccer team won the _____ after a hard-fought competition.

- n.* an object or prize, such as a cup or plaque, awarded to the winner of a competition or contest

ANSWERS: 48. lord, 49. cavern, 50. in-law, 51. swap, 52. generation, 53. discovery, 54. torch, 55. trophy

56. Her husband's death _____ her life entirely.
v. to break suddenly into many pieces
57. They tried to _____ the ancient tradition.
v. to bring back to life or bring into existence again
58. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.
v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
59. The architect _____ the interior with great artworks and frescoes.
v. to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
60. The wise old _____ instructed the young prince to rule his kingdom.
n. someone who is believed to have the power of prophecy or foretelling the future; a prophet or fortune-teller
61. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
62. Some of the emigres sought _____ in this country.
n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
63. The _____ session of the Diet opened.
adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

ANSWERS: 56. shattered, 57. resurrect, 58. equipped, 59. adorned, 60. seer, 61. warn, 62. refuge, 63. ordinary

64. Later it turned out that the politician _____ the fact from the public.
v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
65. He was preparing for a long _____ through the mountains.
n. a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
66. The enemy fell right into the _____.
n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
67. As a citizen, we must _____ to the laws of the land.
v. to force or require someone to do something through legal, social, or moral obligations; to voluntarily do something to help or please someone; to be indebted or grateful to someone
68. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

ANSWERS: 64. disguised, 65. trek, 66. trap, 67. oblige, 68. massive