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Session 1: Word List

- 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.
- dawn** *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
synonym: daybreak, sunrise, advent
(1) the wan light of **dawn**, (2) crack of **dawn**
Missile assaults on the capital continued around **dawn**.
- sheen** *n.* a lustrous or glossy shine or surface finish; a glow or radiance that emanates from or suggests brightness or brilliance
synonym: shine, gloss, luster
(1) metallic **sheen**, (2) silky **sheen**
The polished silver vase had a bright **sheen** in the sunlight.
- midwife** *n.* a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
synonym: obstetrician, gynecologist, accoucheuse
(1) professional **midwife**, (2) serve as **midwife**

The clinical **midwife** assisted with the delivery of the baby.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

underway

adj. having started and currently in progress

synonym: afoot, ongoing, in motion

(1) just getting **underway**, (2) campaign now **underway**

This project has been **underway** for several years.

fertile

adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops;
intellectually productive

synonym: fruitful, productive, rich

(1) **fertile** ground, (2) **fertile** market

Herbs require **fertile** soil in a sunny, sheltered location.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

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

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

festival

n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

synonym: fair, holiday, celebration

(1) **festival** attendee, (2) international film **festival**

The music **festival** attracts visitors from all over the world.

debt

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

synonym: liability, obligation, deficit

(1) **debt** ceiling, (2) corporate **debt**

He became in **debt** after losing his job.

patron

n. a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

synonym : contributor, sponsor, supporter

(1) the **patron** saint of a place, (2) political **patron**

They have been a **patron** of this restaurant for many years.

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**.

goddess

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

synonym : deity, divinity, idol

(1) a **goddess** of beauty, (2) winged **goddess** of victory

The festival was held in honor of the harvest **goddess**.

wage

n. a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

synonym : payment, compensation, salary

(1) unpaid **wages**, (2) increase in the minimum **wage**

His **wages** continued to rise as his skills improved.

battlefield

n. a place where a battle or conflict is fought

synonym : warzone, front line, combat area

(1) **battlefield** casualties, (2) tactics on the **battlefield**

The general reviewed the plans for the upcoming battle on the **battlefield**.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym : take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's

intramural sports program.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym: client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym: toil, moil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

chew

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

synonym: masticate, crush, grind

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

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

gum

n. a soft, sticky substance that is chewed to freshen the breath or to clean the teeth; the flesh that surrounds the teeth in the mouth

synonym: mucilage, glue, alveolar arch

(1) bubble **gum**, (2) chewing **gum**

I always like having a pack of **gum** to freshen my breath.

- 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.
- honor**
- n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
- synonym* : integrity, virtue, acclaim
- (1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors
- I claim on my **honor** that it is true.
- apprentice**
- n.* a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves
- synonym* : learner, trainee, protégé
- (1) **apprentice** carpenter, (2) a young **apprentice**
- He took on an **apprentice** to teach him the trade.
- sweeping**
- adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures
- synonym* : broad, extensive, vast
- (1) **sweeping** changes, (2) **sweeping** landscapes
- The **sweeping** views from the mountaintop were breathtaking.
- gourd**
- n.* large fruit with a hard, often ornamentally-shaped shell that is commonly used for food, decoration, or musical instruments
- synonym* : calabash, squash, pumpkin
- (1) **gourd** soup, (2) decorative **gourd**
- She carved a unique design into the **gourd** to create a decorative piece for her home.

preparation

n. the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready

synonym : practice, trial, rehearsal

(1) a **preparation** program, (2) the **preparation** of meals

He helped me with the **preparation** of this book.

pyramid

n. a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

synonym : monument, edifice, tomb

(1) **pyramid** architecture, (2) a truncated **pyramid**

The Egyptian **pyramids** consist of a vast number of blocks.

temple

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

synonym : shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**

He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

ritual

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

synonym : tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

equinox

n. either of two times of the year, usually in March and September, when the sun crosses the celestial equator, resulting in equal amounts of daylight and darkness worldwide

synonym : solstice, equinoctial point

(1) autumn **equinox**, (2) **equinox** solstice

The vernal **equinox** marks the beginning of spring when day and night are approximately equal in length.

ceremony

n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
synonym : ritual, rite, observance

(1) **ceremony** hall, (2) **ceremony** location

The wedding **ceremony** was a beautiful and emotional event.

mock

v. to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way

synonym : gibe (or jibe), make fun of, laugh at

(1) **mock** his accent, (2) **mock** at his misfortune

It is impolite to **mock** fun of an international student's English mistakes.

physician

n. a medical doctor who practices medicine

synonym : doctor, practitioner, medic

(1) the advice of the **physician**, (2) consult with a **physician**

She visited the local **physician** to seek treatment for her persistent headache.

hearty

adj. characterized by vigor, strength, or robustness; showing warmth or enthusiasm of feeling; large and filling (referring to a meal or portions of food)

synonym : wholesome, robust, healthy

(1) **hearty** meal, (2) **hearty** laughter

The **hearty** soup warmed us up on the cold winter day.

marigold

n. a hardy annual flower with yellow or orange petals, commonly grown in gardens for its attractive appearance and ability to deter pests due to their scent

synonym : golden flower, calendula

(1) **marigold** flower, (2) **marigold** tea

I brought a bouquet of **marigolds** to decorate my friend's housewarming party.

moss

n. a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

synonym : plant, foliage, greenery

(1) green **moss**, (2) **moss** garden

Moss grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.

rival

n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

synonym: adversary, competitor, contender

(1) **rival** bidder, (2) merge with a **rival** company

He interfered with his **rivals** in various ways during the campaign.

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.

extended

adj. longer than usual or anticipated

synonym: extensive, prolonged, elongated

(1) **extended** vacation, (2) **extended** payment

The **extended** airport runways may accommodate larger jets.

pray

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

synonym: implore, supplicate, entreat

(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome difficult times.

praise

n. an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something

synonym: acclaim, honor, commendation

(1) attain critical **praise**, (2) universal **praise**

The drama series mainly received **praise**.

expel

v. to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country

synonym : deport, oust, dislodge

(1) **expel** him from his native country, (2) **expel** air from the lungs

He took a big drag of his cigarette and slowly **expelled** the smoke.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

sweat

n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

synonym : perspiration, steam, hardwork

(1) all in a **sweat**, (2) **sweat** bath

She wiped the **sweat** off her forehead with a towel.

rub

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

synonym : scrub, massage, stroke

(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window

She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

stomach

n. the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach

synonym : belly, abdomen, gut

(1) upset **stomach**, (2) **stomach** virus

I have a **stomach** ache after overeating junk food.

tobacco

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

synonym : smoking, nicotine, cigar

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

Tobacco product is a leading cause of preventable deaths worldwide.

urge

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

synonym: push for, advise, (noun) impulse

(1) **urge** a total ban, (2) a sexual **urge**

The lobbyist **urged** Congress not to approve the measure.

triumph

n. a great victory or achievement

synonym: victory, success, conquest

(1) **triumph** of democracy, (2) **triumph** of the spirit

The team's **triumph** in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.

jade

n. a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse

synonym: gemstone, stone, mineral

(1) a **jade** accessory, (2) decorated with **jade**

The **jade** sculpture was worth a fortune.

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.

tongue

n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

synonym: lingo, language, vocabulary

(1) native **tongue**, (2) **tongue** cancer

The **tongue** is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym : adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information

We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

greenstone

n. a type of stone characterized by its greenish hue, typically made of minerals such as epidote, chlorite, or actinolite

synonym : rock, stone, boulder

(1) **greenstone** belt, (2) **greenstone** carving

A **greenstone** pendant is a popular piece of jewelry in many cultures.

burden

n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

synonym : obligation, duty, load

(1) carry a **burden**, (2) **burden** of disease

That car has a low environmental **burden**.

torment

n. unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering

synonym : pain, suffering, agony

(1) **torment** of jealousy, (2) economic **torment**

The torturers inflicted great **torment** upon the prisoners.

eagle

n. a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures

synonym : bird of prey, raptor

(1) **eagle** feathers, (2) **eagle** eyes

The bald **eagle** symbolizes freedom and strength in the United States.

jaguar

n. a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in

parts of Central and South America

synonym : cat, feline, panther

(1) a wild **jaguar**, (2) a female **jaguar**

Humans have developed the **jaguar's** habitat over several decades.

flame

n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

synonym : blaze, inferno, fire

(1) **flame** of passion, (2) simmering **flame**

The **flame** of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.

pile

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

synonym : accumulation, heap, stack

(1) a sand **pile**, (2) the height of a **pile**

After the party, they had to clean up **piles** of dirty dishes.

coal

n. a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

synonym : ember

(1) a **coal-fired** ship, (2) construction of new **coal** plants

We combust **coal** and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

stoke

v. to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict

synonym : stir up, fuel, ignite

(1) **stoke** a fire, (2) **stoke** passions

The artist used bright colors and bold brushstrokes to **stoke** a sense of vibrancy in their painting.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

midnight

n. the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day

synonym : middle of the night, witching hour

(1) **midnight** snack, (2) **midnight** shift

I stayed up until **midnight** watching my favorite movie.

culmination

n. the peak highest point or climax of something, especially happening after a long time

synonym : climax, completion, ending

(1) the **culmination** of her ambition, (2) **culmination** altitude

Their achievements stand as a **culmination** of centuries of development.

priest

n. a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith

synonym : clergyman, minister, pastor

(1) **priest** in clerical garb, (2) faithful **priest**

He was ordained as a **priest** in the Catholic Church.

behead

v. to cut off the head of a person or animal

synonym : decapitate, execute, chop off

(1) **behead** a prisoner, (2) **behead** several hostages

The king ordered the executioner to **behead** the traitor.

symbolize

v. to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something

synonym: represent, signify, emblemize

(1) **symbolize** hope, (2) **symbolize** freedom

In many cultures, the color white **symbolizes** purity and innocence.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

reborn

adj. brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature

synonym: regenerated, revived, renewed

(1) **reborn** soul, (2) **reborn** identity

After recovering from her illness, she felt like a **reborn** person with a new perspective on life.

preside

v. to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization

synonym: chair, lead, control

(1) **preside** at the piano, (2) **preside** over ceremony

The **president** will preside over the meeting tomorrow.

induct

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

synonym: enlist, recruit, conscript

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a few years af_____rd | <i>adv.</i> after the time mentioned |
| 2. green m__s | <i>n.</i> a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks |
| 3. increase in the minimum w__e | <i>n.</i> a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services |
| 4. fe_____al attendee | <i>n.</i> a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works |
| 5. autumn eq_____x | <i>n.</i> either of two times of the year, usually in March and September, when the sun crosses the celestial equator, resulting in equal amounts of daylight and darkness worldwide |
| 6. major paradigm sh__t | <i>n.</i> a slight transition in position, direction, or trend |
| 7. ri__l bidder | <i>n.</i> a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area |
| 8. hold your br___h | <i>n.</i> the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs |
| 9. gre_____ne belt | <i>n.</i> a type of stone characterized by its greenish hue, typically made of minerals such as epidote, chlorite, or actinolite |

ANSWERS: 1. afterward, 2. moss, 3. wage, 4. festival, 5. equinox, 6. shift, 7. rival, 8. breath, 9. greenstone

10. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
11. a truncated py____d *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
12. tr____h of democracy *n.* a great victory or achievement
13. pa____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
14. pr____us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
15. he___y laughter *adj.* characterized by vigor, strength, or robustness; showing warmth or enthusiasm of feeling; large and filling (referring to a meal or portions of food)
16. political pa____n *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
17. ex__l air from the lungs *v.* to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country
18. d__t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

ANSWERS: 10. decide, 11. pyramid, 12. triumph, 13. patient, 14. precious, 15. hearty, 16. patron, 17. expel, 18. debt

19. pa____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
20. 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
21. r_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
22. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
23. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
24. st__e a fire *v.* to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict
25. be____d a prisoner *v.* to cut off the head of a person or animal
26. st____h virus *n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach

ANSWERS: 19. patient, 20. breath, 21. rub, 22. mass, 23. labor, 24. stoke, 25. behead, 26. stomach

27. in___t them into military service *v.* to formally admit someone to a job or position of authority; to officially introduce someone to an organization or group, or beliefs or ideas
28. the advice of the ph_____an *n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine
29. I__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
30. corporate d__t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
31. I__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
32. be___d several hostages *v.* to cut off the head of a person or animal
33. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
34. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
35. morning ri___l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
36. he___y meal *adj.* characterized by vigor, strength, or robustness; showing warmth or enthusiasm of feeling; large and filling (referring to a meal or portions of food)

ANSWERS: 27. induct, 28. physician, 29. lift, 30. debt, 31. lift, 32. behead, 33. participate, 34. decide, 35. ritual, 36. hearty

37. a ri___l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
38. decorated with j___e *n.* a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse
39. crack of d___n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
40. the pre_____on of meals *n.* the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready
41. the height of a p___e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
42. construction of new c___l plants *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
43. a sand p___e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
44. l___d of castle *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
45. universal pr___e *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
46. decorative go___d *n.* large fruit with a hard, often ornamentally-shaped shell that is commonly used for food, decoration, or musical instruments

ANSWERS: 37. ritual, 38. jade, 39. dawn, 40. preparation, 41. pile, 42. coal, 43. pile, 44. lord, 45. praise, 46. gourd

47. c__w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
48. m__k his accent *v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
49. attain critical pr___e *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
50. pr___t in clerical garb *n.* a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith
51. p__y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
52. r_b shoulders *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
53. sw_____ng changes *adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures
54. m__k at his misfortune *v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
55. bu___n of disease *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
56. economic to_____t *n.* unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering

ANSWERS: 47. chew, 48. mock, 49. praise, 50. priest, 51. pray, 52. rub, 53. sweeping, 54. mock, 55. burden, 56. torment

57. carry a bu___n *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
58. re___n soul *adj.* brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature
59. pr____e over ceremony *v.* to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization
60. tr____h of the spirit *n.* a great victory or achievement
61. a young l__d *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
62. fe____e market *adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
63. par____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
64. merge with a ri__l company *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
65. wa____r spirit *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
66. gre____ne carving *n.* a type of stone characterized by its greenish hue, typically made of minerals such as epidote, chlorite, or actinolite
67. ce____ny location *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

ANSWERS: 57. burden, 58. reborn, 59. preside, 60. triumph, 61. lord, 62. fertile, 63. participate, 64. rival, 65. warrior, 66. greenstone, 67. ceremony

68. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
69. the cul_____on of her ambition *n.* the peak highest point or climax of something, especially happening after a long time
70. international film fe_____al *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
71. womanly ho__r *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
72. a mild to_____o *n.* a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine
73. armored wa_____r *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
74. ma_____ld flower *n.* a hardy annual flower with yellow or orange petals, commonly grown in gardens for its attractive appearance and ability to deter pests due to their scent
75. ea__e eyes *n.* a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures

ANSWERS: 68. well-being, 69. culmination, 70. festival, 71. honor, 72. tobacco, 73. warrior, 74. marigold, 75. eagle

76. mi____ht snack *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
77. simmering fl__e *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
78. pr____e at the piano *v.* to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization
79. fl__e of passion *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
80. the pa____n saint of a place *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
81. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
82. faithful pr____t *n.* a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith
83. campaign now un____ay *adj.* having started and currently in progress
84. in__t a clergyperson to a benefice *v.* to formally admit someone to a job or position of authority; to officially introduce someone to an organization or group, or beliefs or ideas

ANSWERS: 76. midnight, 77. flame, 78. preside, 79. flame, 80. patron, 81. mass, 82. priest, 83. underway, 84. induct

94. sw__t bath *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
95. to___e cancer *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
96. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
97. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
98. go__d soup *n.* large fruit with a hard, often ornamentally-shaped shell that is commonly used for food, decoration, or musical instruments
99. native to___e *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
100. ea__e feathers *n.* a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures
101. a sexual u__e *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
102. ce_____ny hall *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
103. ex_____ed payment *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated

ANSWERS: 94. sweat, 95. tongue, 96. disappear, 97. fin, 98. gourd, 99. tongue, 100. eagle, 101. urge, 102. ceremony, 103. extended

104. m__s garden *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
105. app_____ce carpenter *n.* a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves
106. consult with a ph_____an *n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine
107. st__e passions *v.* to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict
108. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
109. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
110. ex_____ed vacation *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
111. ho__r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
112. mi_____ht shift *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
113. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
114. professional mi_____e *n.* a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby

ANSWERS: 104. moss, 105. apprentice, 106. physician, 107. stoke, 108. afterward, 109. well-being, 110. extended, 111. honor, 112. midnight, 113. disappear, 114. midwife

115. a go____s of beauty *n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
116. bat_____ld casualties *n.* a place where a battle or conflict is fought
117. a j__e accessory *n.* a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse
118. price of pr____us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
119. eq____x solstice *n.* either of two times of the year, usually in March and September, when the sun crosses the celestial equator, resulting in equal amounts of daylight and darkness worldwide
120. sy_____ze freedom *v.* to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something
121. we__e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
122. chewing g_m *n.* a soft, sticky substance that is chewed to freshen the breath or to clean the teeth; the flesh that surrounds the teeth in the mouth
123. we__e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

ANSWERS: 115. goddess, 116. battlefield, 117. jade, 118. precious, 119. equinox, 120. symbolize, 121. weave, 122. gum, 123. weave

124. py____d architecture *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
125. te___e complex *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
126. sy_____ze hope *v.* to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something
127. silky sh__n *n.* a lustrous or glossy shine or surface finish; a glow or radiance that emanates from or suggests brightness or brilliance
128. sw_____ng landscapes *adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures
129. serve as mi_____e *n.* a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
130. all in a sw__t *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
131. a pre_____on program *n.* the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready
132. c__w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

ANSWERS: 124. pyramid, 125. temple, 126. symbolize, 127. sheen, 128. sweeping, 129. midwife, 130. sweat, 131. preparation, 132. chew

133. to____o industry *n.* a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine
134. cul_____on altitude *n.* the peak highest point or climax of something, especially happening after a long time
135. the wan light of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
136. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
137. unpaid w__es *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
138. winged go_____s of victory *n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
139. a tour guide at the te___e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
140. tactics on the bat_____ld *n.* a place where a battle or conflict is fought
141. a c__l-fired ship *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

ANSWERS: 133. tobacco, 134. culmination, 135. dawn, 136. labor, 137. wage, 138. goddess, 139. temple, 140. battlefield, 141. coal

142. to_____t of jealousy *n.* unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering
143. fe_____e ground *adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
144. a female ja____r *n.* a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America
145. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
146. metallic sh__n *n.* a lustrous or glossy shine or surface finish; a glow or radiance that emanates from or suggests brightness or brilliance
147. upset st_____h *n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
148. ex__l him from his native country *v.* to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country

ANSWERS: 142. torment, 143. fertile, 144. jaguar, 145. shift, 146. sheen, 147. stomach, 148. expel

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. After recovering from her illness, she felt like a _____ person with a new perspective on life.

adj. brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature

2. The _____ views from the mountaintop were breathtaking.

adj. extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures

3. She carved a unique design into the _____ to create a decorative piece for her home.

n. large fruit with a hard, often ornamentally-shaped shell that is commonly used for food, decoration, or musical instruments

4. He took a big drag of his cigarette and slowly _____ the smoke.

v. to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country

5. I stayed up until _____ watching my favorite movie.

n. the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day

6. I claim on my _____ that it is true.

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

7. This project has been _____ for several years.

adj. having started and currently in progress

ANSWERS: 1. reborn, 2. sweeping, 3. gourd, 4. expelled, 5. midnight, 6. honor, 7. underway

8. The drama series mainly received _____.
- n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
9. In many cultures, the color white _____ purity and innocence.
- v.* to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something
10. The lobbyist _____ Congress not to approve the measure.
- v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
11. The festival was held in honor of the harvest _____.
- n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
12. The _____ soup warmed us up on the cold winter day.
- adj.* characterized by vigor, strength, or robustness; showing warmth or enthusiasm of feeling; large and filling (referring to a meal or portions of food)
13. The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary _____.
- n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
14. _____ product is a leading cause of preventable deaths worldwide.
- n.* a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine
15. That car has a low environmental _____.
- n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

ANSWERS: 8. praise, 9. symbolizes, 10. urged, 11. goddess, 12. hearty, 13. warrior, 14. Tobacco, 15. burden

16. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.
n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
17. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
18. The polished silver vase had a bright _____ in the sunlight.
n. a lustrous or glossy shine or surface finish; a glow or radiance that emanates from or suggests brightness or brilliance
19. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
20. 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
21. The torturers inflicted great _____ upon the prisoners.
n. unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering
22. The _____ is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.
n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a tongue
23. _____ grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.
n. a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

ANSWERS: 16. dawn, 17. mass, 18. sheen, 19. decide, 20. lifted, 21. torment, 22. tongue, 23. Moss

24. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

25. 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

26. She _____ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

27. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

28. The Egyptian _____ consist of a vast number of blocks.

n. a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

29. 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

30. I always like having a pack of _____ to freshen my breath.

n. a soft, sticky substance that is chewed to freshen the breath or to clean the teeth; the flesh that surrounds the teeth in the mouth

31. She visited the local _____ to seek treatment for her persistent headache.

n. a medical doctor who practices medicine

ANSWERS: 24. disappear, 25. lord, 26. rubbed, 27. precious, 28. pyramids, 29. breath, 30. gum, 31. physician

32. The _____ sculpture was worth a fortune.
- n.* a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse
33. The team's _____ in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.
- n.* a great victory or achievement
34. The clinical _____ assisted with the delivery of the baby.
- n.* a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
35. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.
- n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
36. The artist used bright colors and bold brushstrokes to _____ a sense of vibrancy in their painting.
- v.* to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict
37. I have a _____ ache after overeating junk food.
- n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
38. He was ordained as a _____ in the Catholic Church.
- n.* a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith

ANSWERS: 32. jade, 33. triumph, 34. midwife, 35. labor, 36. stoke, 37. stomach, 38. priest

39. He helped me with the _____ of this book.
n. the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready
40. Could you help me _____ some furniture?
n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
41. Their achievements stand as a _____ of centuries of development.
n. the peak highest point or climax of something, especially happening after a long time
42. It is impolite to _____ fun of an international student's English mistakes.
v. to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
43. She wiped the _____ off her forehead with a towel.
n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
44. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
45. The _____ of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.
n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
46. The music _____ attracts visitors from all over the world.
n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

ANSWERS: 39. preparation, 40. shift, 41. culmination, 42. mock, 43. sweat, 44. well-being, 45. flame, 46. festival

47. He became in _____ after losing his job.
- n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
48. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
- v.* to take part in something
49. A _____ pendant is a popular piece of jewelry in many cultures.
- n.* a type of stone characterized by its greenish hue, typically made of minerals such as epidote, chlorite, or actinolite
50. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.
- v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
51. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.
- n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
52. 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
53. The general reviewed the plans for the upcoming battle on the _____.
- n.* a place where a battle or conflict is fought
54. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.
- n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

ANSWERS: 47. debt, 48. participated, 49. greenstone, 50. prayed, 51. piles, 52. fins, 53. battlefield, 54. patient's

55. His _____ continued to rise as his skills improved.

- n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

56. He interfered with his _____ in various ways during the campaign.

- n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

57. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.

- n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

58. The vernal _____ marks the beginning of spring when day and night are approximately equal in length.

- n.* either of two times of the year, usually in March and September, when the sun crosses the celestial equator, resulting in equal amounts of daylight and darkness worldwide

59. The wedding _____ was a beautiful and emotional event.

- n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

60. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.

- adv.* after the time mentioned

61. I brought a bouquet of _____ to decorate my friend's housewarming party.

- n.* a hardy annual flower with yellow or orange petals, commonly grown in gardens for its attractive appearance and ability to deter pests due to their scent

62. We were _____ into the honor society.

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

ANSWERS: 55. wages, 56. rivals, 57. temple, 58. equinox, 59. ceremony, 60. afterward, 61. marigolds, 62. inducted

63. The girl _____ a garland for her friend.

- v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

64. The bald _____ symbolizes freedom and strength in the United States.

- n.* a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures

65. My dog loves to _____ on bones.

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

66. Humans have developed the _____ habitat over several decades.

- n.* a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America

67. He took on an _____ to teach him the trade.

- n.* a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves

68. We combust _____ and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

- n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

69. They have been a _____ of this restaurant for many years.

- n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

70. Herbs require _____ soil in a sunny, sheltered location.

- adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive

ANSWERS: 63. weaves, 64. eagle, 65. chew, 66. jaguar's, 67. apprentice, 68. coal, 69. patron, 70. fertile

71. The _____ will preside over the meeting tomorrow.

v. to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization

72. The king ordered the executioner to _____ the traitor.

v. to cut off the head of a person or animal

73. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

74. The _____ airport runways may accommodate larger jets.

adj. longer than usual or anticipated

ANSWERS: 71. president, 72. behead, 73. ritual, 74. extended