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Session 1: Word List

vacation

n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

synonym: leave, recess, break

(1) a short **vacation**, (2) summer **vacation**

Do you have a plan for a long **vacation**?

arrest

v. to take into custody

synonym: capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress

A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

veil

n. a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

synonym: cover, mask, (verb) conceal

(1) **veil** of mystery, (2) **veil** her face

He lifted her **veil** with both hands.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to

someone or something

synonym : support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym : objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

kidnapping

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

synonym : abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

torture

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

synonym : torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

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.

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.

batter

v. to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting

synonym : beat, pound, strike

(1) **batter** the eggs, (2) the **batter's** box

He got so angry that he **battered** the door down.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

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.

faraway

adj. located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible

synonym : distant, remote, far-off

(1) **faraway** land, (2) **faraway** dream

The view from the **faraway** hilltop was breathtakingly beautiful.

cemetery

n. a burial ground or graveyard; a place where dead bodies are buried

synonym : graveyard, burial ground, memorial park

(1) **cemetery** plot, (2) historic **cemetery**

We visited the **cemetery** to pay our respects to our deceased loved ones.

riddle

n. a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

synonym: mystery, puzzle, enigma

(1) **riddle** me a riddle, (2) solve the **riddle**

The **riddle** remains mysterious to us.

bullet

n. a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

synonym: projectile, slug, shot

(1) **bullet** wound, (2) **bullet** train

The stray **bullet** went through the window and hit the wall.

rainbow

n. an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain

synonym: spectrum, iridescence, prism

(1) marine **rainbow**, (2) **rainbow** after a storm

She was mesmerized by the **rainbow's** colors.

paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

synonym: immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

karate

n. a Japanese martial art that emphasizes hand and foot strikes, blocks, and evasions, often using a combination of techniques to overpower an opponent, also seen as a form of self-defense and physical training

synonym: martial art, self-defense discipline

(1) **karate** moves, (2) black belt in **karate**

She has been practicing **karate** for years and has won many tournaments.

peddler

n. a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle

synonym: hawker, vendor, seller

(1) drug **peddlers**, (2) influence **peddlers**

The **peddler** on the street corner sold fresh fruits and vegetables from his cart.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

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**.

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.

execute

v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

synonym: direct, conduct, enforce

(1) **execute** a bold strategy, (2) **execute** a double play

The mafioso who collaborated with the police was **executed**.

rap

n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

synonym: hip-hop, emceeing, MCing

(1) **rap** music, (2) get a **rap**

The new **rap** album is getting a lot of attention.

solitary

adj. existing, living, or doing without others

synonym: lonely, unsociable, singular

(1) use of **solitary** confinement, (2) a **solitary** traveler

He never uttered a **solitary** word.

confinement

n. the act of confining or limiting movement, often by keeping someone in a specific place or within a specific area; a state of being physically or emotionally restricted or limited

synonym: captivity, imprisonment, detention

(1) **confinement** cell, (2) house **confinement**

The prisoner spent months in solitary **confinement**.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym: reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine

Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym: prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

imprison

v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

synonym: incarcerate, detain, confine

(1) **imprison** illegal immigrant, (2) **imprison** myself within the room

He was **imprisoned** for embezzlement.

innocent

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

synonym: blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people

My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

fist

n. a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist

synonym: clenched hand, knuckles, mitt

(1) tight **fist**, (2) raise a **fist**

The boxer clenched his **fist** before throwing a punch.

glorious

adj. having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor

synonym: exquisite, magnificent, majestic

(1) a **glorious** victory, (2) photo in **glorious** color

I choose a **glorious** death rather than a shameful life.

sigh

v. to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way

synonym: breathe out, exhale, groan

(1) **sigh** deeply, (2) let out a **sigh**

He **sighed** in relief when he finally found his lost keys.

- 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.
- exile** n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
synonym : banishment, expulsion, deportation
(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**
The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.
- motherland** n. a term used to refer to one's country of birth or origin, especially in a patriotic or emotional context; the land where one's ancestors or family originated
synonym : homeland, fatherland, native land
(1) **motherland** defenders, (2) songs of **motherland**
He always spoke proudly of his **motherland** during the war.
- resist** v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
synonym : fight, defy, revolt
(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed
I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.
- courageous** adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
synonym : brave, valiant, fearless
(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt
He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.
- fearless** adj. having no fear; brave
synonym : brave, courageous, daring
(1) **fearless** attitude, (2) **fearless** bravery

The **fearless** firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

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.

cage

n. a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept

synonym: enclosure, jail, corral

(1) an insect **cage**, (2) a bird in a **cage**

The trapped bear is running amok in its **cage**.

victory

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

synonym: win, triumph, success

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

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

discriminate

v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

synonym: show prejudice, segregate, differentiate

(1) **discriminate** against women employees,

(2) **discriminate** between different things

You should not **discriminate** against minorities.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym: autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

racism

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

synonym : prejudice, discrimination, bias

(1) systemic **racism**, (2) research on anti- **racism**

The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the **racism** present in the community.

glory

n. great honor or success won by notable achievements

synonym : acclaim, credit, recognition

(1) greatest **glory**, (2) former **glory**

It is preferable to die in **glory** than to live in dishonor.

ignorance

n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact

synonym : unintelligence, inexperience, unawareness

(1) **ignorance** of the law, (2) **ignorance** is bliss

His **ignorance** of the situation led him to make a poor decision.

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.

separate

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

synonym : disunite, isolate, ramify

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

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

refugee

n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to

political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

synonym : emigrant, evacuee, exile

(1) global **refugee** crisis, (2) the **refugee** camp

The community warmly welcomed the **refugees**.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym : refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym : neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

poet

n. a person who writes poetry

synonym : versifier, rhymer, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

essence

n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

synonym : core, nature, disposition

(1) vanilla **essence**, (2) universal **essence**

University teaches the art of understanding the **essence** of the matter.

afflict

v. to cause pain, suffering, or distress to someone or something

synonym: trouble, distress, bother

(1) **afflict** with the plague, (2) **afflict** the economy

The disease can **afflict** both humans and animals.

uneasy

adj. causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

synonym: anxious, troubled, nervous

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

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

sympathy

n. the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions

synonym: compassion, empathy, understanding

(1) **sympathy** card, (2) feel **sympathy**

I expressed my **sympathy** to my friend after her cat passed away.

retain

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

synonym: possess, hold, keep on

(1) **retain** information, (2) **retain** a lawyer

Computers help people **retain** specific memories.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ex__e community *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
2. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
3. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
4. vanilla es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
5. a court p__t *n.* a person who writes poetry
6. an in_____nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
7. get a r_p *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
8. photo in gl_____us color *adj.* having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor
9. kid_____ng attempt *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

ANSWERS: 1. exile, 2. victim, 3. warn, 4. essence, 5. poet, 6. innocent, 7. rap, 8. glorious, 9. kidnapping

10. military di____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
11. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
12. s__h deeply *v.* to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way
13. a bird in a c__e *n.* a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept
14. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
15. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
16. im_____on illegal immigrant *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
17. a so_____ry traveler *adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
18. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

ANSWERS: 10. dictator, 11. revolution, 12. sigh, 13. cage, 14. prop, 15. victim, 16. imprison, 17. solitary, 18. generation

19. drug pe_____rs *n.* a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle
20. mass kid_____ng *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
21. im_____on myself within the room *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
22. a to_____e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
23. bu____t train *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
24. ig____e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
25. ri____e me a riddle *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
26. beginning of the industrial rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
27. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
28. research on anti-ra____m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

ANSWERS: 19. peddler, 20. kidnapping, 21. imprison, 22. torture, 23. bullet, 24. ignore, 25. riddle, 26. revolution, 27. humming, 28. racism

29. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
30. global re_____e crisis *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
31. sh_____r a world record *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
32. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
33. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
34. systemic ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
35. pa_____ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
36. p__y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
37. a silent pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
38. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

ANSWERS: 29. deny, 30. refugee, 31. shatter, 32. decide, 33. separate, 34. racism, 35. paralyze, 36. pray, 37. protest, 38. journalist

39. re___t being kissed *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
40. fa_____y land *adj.* located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible
41. af_____t with the plague *v.* to cause pain, suffering, or distress to someone or something
42. ba___r the eggs *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
43. ka___e moves *n.* a Japanese martial art that emphasizes hand and foot strikes, blocks, and evasions, often using a combination of techniques to overpower an opponent, also seen as a form of self-defense and physical training
44. feel sy_____hy *n.* the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions
45. sy_____hy card *n.* the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions
46. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
47. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 39. resist, 40. faraway, 41. afflict, 42. batter, 43. karate, 44. sympathy, 45. sympathy, 46. deny, 47. eventually

48. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
49. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
50. ig_____ce is bliss *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
51. crack of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
52. ar___t the thief *v.* to take into custody
53. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
54. sh_____r the plate *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
55. bu___t wound *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
56. influence pe_____rs *n.* a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle
57. con_____nt cell *n.* the act of confining or limiting movement, often by keeping someone in a specific place or within a specific area; a state of being physically or emotionally restricted or limited
58. fe_____ss attitude *adj.* having no fear; brave

ANSWERS: 48. generation, 49. courageous, 50. ignorance, 51. dawn, 52. arrest, 53. prop, 54. shatter, 55. bullet, 56. peddler, 57. confinement, 58. fearless

59. ex____e a bold strategy *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
60. political ex__e *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
61. tight f__t *n.* a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist
62. ar____t the progress *v.* to take into custody
63. 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
64. ra_____w after a storm *n.* an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain
65. have un____y eyes *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
66. use of so_____ry confinement *adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
67. af_____t the economy *v.* to cause pain, suffering, or distress to someone or something
68. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
69. historic ce_____ry *n.* a burial ground or graveyard; a place where dead bodies are buried
70. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
71. un____y relationship *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

ANSWERS: 59. execute, 60. exile, 61. fist, 62. arrest, 63. decide, 64. rainbow, 65. uneasy, 66. solitary, 67. afflict, 68. humming, 69. cemetery, 70. poverty, 71. uneasy

72. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
73. ig_____ce of the law *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
74. sk__l fracture *n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
75. summer va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
76. greatest gl__y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
77. v__l of mystery *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
78. dis_____ate against women employees *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
79. solve the ri___e *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
80. fa_____y dream *adj.* located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible
81. a gl_____us victory *adj.* having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor

ANSWERS: 72. bury, 73. ignorance, 74. skull, 75. vacation, 76. glory, 77. veil, 78. discriminate, 79. riddle, 80. faraway, 81. glorious

82. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
83. po____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
84. a p__t of sorts *n.* a person who writes poetry
85. former gl__y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
86. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
87. r_p music *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
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89. re___n information *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
90. universal es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
91. hold a pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
92. raise a f__t *n.* a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist
93. 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

ANSWERS: 82. bury, 83. poverty, 84. poet, 85. glory, 86. warn, 87. rap, 88. courageous, 89. retain, 90. essence, 91. protest, 92. fist, 93. pray

94. have a thick sk__l *n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
95. mot_____nd defenders *n.* a term used to refer to one's country of birth or origin, especially in a patriotic or emotional context; the land where one's ancestors or family originated
96. ex_____e a double play *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
97. fe_____ss bravery *adj.* having no fear; brave
98. r_b shoulders *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
99. re___t temptation *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
100. the wan light of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
101. vi_____y in the law court *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
102. vi_____y over terrorism *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
103. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
104. thousands of in_____nt people *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
105. re___n a lawyer *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

ANSWERS: 94. skull, 95. motherland, 96. execute, 97. fearless, 98. rub, 99. resist, 100. dawn, 101. victory, 102. victory, 103. eventually, 104. innocent, 105. retain

106. dis_____ate between different things *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
107. the re_____e camp *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
108. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
109. pa_____ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
110. house con_____nt *n.* the act of confining or limiting movement, often by keeping someone in a specific place or within a specific area; a state of being physically or emotionally restricted or limited
111. songs of mot_____nd *n.* a term used to refer to one's country of birth or origin, especially in a patriotic or emotional context; the land where one's ancestors or family originated
112. an insect c___e *n.* a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept
113. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
114. black belt in ka___e *n.* a Japanese martial art that emphasizes hand and foot strikes, blocks, and evasions, often using a combination of techniques to overpower an opponent, also seen as a form of self-defense and physical training

ANSWERS: 106. discriminate, 107. refugee, 108. separate, 109. paralyze, 110. confinement, 111. motherland, 112. cage, 113. journalist, 114. karate

115. let out a s__h *v.* to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way
116. ce_____ry plot *n.* a burial ground or graveyard; a place where dead bodies are buried
117. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
118. the ba___r's box *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
119. a short va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
120. v__l her face *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
121. marine ra_____w *n.* an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain
122. r_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
123. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
124. an instrument of to_____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

ANSWERS: 115. sigh, 116. cemetery, 117. dictator, 118. batter, 119. vacation, 120. veil, 121. rainbow, 122. rub, 123. ignore, 124. torture

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
 - n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
2. The community warmly welcomed the _____.
 - n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
3. The prisoner spent months in solitary _____.
 - n. the act of confining or limiting movement, often by keeping someone in a specific place or within a specific area; a state of being physically or emotionally restricted or limited
4. We have finally lost our last _____.
 - n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
5. Archaeologists found a Neanderthal _____ at that historic site.
 - n. a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
6. The disease can _____ both humans and animals.
 - v. to cause pain, suffering, or distress to someone or something
7. The venom from the snake bite _____ his arm.
 - v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

ANSWERS: 1. journalists, 2. refugees, 3. confinement, 4. prop, 5. skull, 6. afflict, 7. paralyzed

8. I expressed my _____ to my friend after her cat passed away.
- n.* the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions
9. He never uttered a _____ word.
- adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
10. He lifted her _____ with both hands.
- n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
11. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
- n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
12. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
- n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
13. She is a talented _____ who has been recognized for her work.
- n.* a person who writes poetry
14. Computers help people _____ specific memories.
- v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
15. The _____ remains mysterious to us.
- n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

ANSWERS: 8. sympathy, 9. solitary, 10. veil, 11. dictator, 12. revolution, 13. poet, 14. retain, 15. riddle

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

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

17. My husband was found _____ of any crime.

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

18. He got so angry that he _____ the door down.

v. to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting

19. He always spoke proudly of his _____ during the war.

n. a term used to refer to one's country of birth or origin, especially in a patriotic or emotional context; the land where one's ancestors or family originated

20. The view from the _____ hilltop was breathtakingly beautiful.

adj. located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible

21. The mafioso who collaborated with the police was _____.

v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

22. The _____ king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

23. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

ANSWERS: 16. separate, 17. innocent, 18. battered, 19. motherland, 20. faraway, 21. executed, 22. exiled, 23. bury

24. The _____ on the street corner sold fresh fruits and vegetables from his cart.
n. a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle
25. 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
26. Her husband's death _____ her life entirely.
v. to break suddenly into many pieces
27. His _____ of the situation led him to make a poor decision.
n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
28. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
29. She was mesmerized by the _____ colors.
n. an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain
30. University teaches the art of understanding the _____ of the matter.
n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
31. I choose a _____ death rather than a shameful life.
adj. having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor

ANSWERS: 24. peddler, 25. rubbed, 26. shattered, 27. ignorance, 28. victim, 29. rainbow's, 30. essence, 31. glorious

32. We visited the _____ to pay our respects to our deceased loved ones.

n. a burial ground or graveyard; a place where dead bodies are buried

33. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

34. I chose to _____ cancer by trying every possible treatment.

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

35. You should not _____ against minorities.

v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

36. He _____ in relief when he finally found his lost keys.

v. to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way

37. The trapped bear is running amok in its _____.

n. a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept

38. She has been practicing _____ for years and has won many tournaments.

n. a Japanese martial art that emphasizes hand and foot strikes, blocks, and evasions, often using a combination of techniques to overpower an opponent, also seen as a form of self-defense and physical training

39. The boxer clenched his _____ before throwing a punch.

n. a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist

ANSWERS: 32. cemetery, 33. courageous, 34. resist, 35. discriminate, 36. sighed, 37. cage, 38. karate, 39. fist

40. 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

41. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the _____ present in the community.

- n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

42. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

- adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

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

- adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

44. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.

- n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

45. 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

46. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.

- v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

47. She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated _____.

- n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

ANSWERS: 40. prayed, 41. racism, 42. eventually, 43. uneasy, 44. dawn, 45. generation, 46. denying, 47. kidnapping

48. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

49. He was _____ for embezzlement.

v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

50. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

51. The _____ firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

adj. having no fear; brave

52. We are optimistic about our final _____.

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

53. It is preferable to die in _____ than to live in dishonor.

n. great honor or success won by notable achievements

54. The new _____ album is getting a lot of attention.

n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

55. 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

56. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.

n. the condition of being extremely poor

ANSWERS: 48. protest, 49. imprisoned, 50. humming, 51. fearless, 52. victory, 53. glory, 54. rap, 55. warn, 56. poverty

57. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.
- n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
58. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
59. 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
60. A police officer has the authority to _____ a criminal.
- v.* to take into custody
61. Do you have a plan for a long _____
- n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
62. The stray _____ went through the window and hit the wall.
- n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

ANSWERS: 57. torture, 58. ignored, 59. decide, 60. arrest, 61. vacation?, 62. bullet