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Session 1: Word List

inbox

n. an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept

(1) **inbox** full of emails, (2) **inbox** folder

After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your **inbox**.

sect

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

synonym: group, faction, cult

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

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

babysitter

n. a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians

synonym: childcare provider, nanny, nurse

(1) need a trustworthy **babysitter**, (2) experienced **babysitter**

Our regular **babysitter** was sick, so we had to find a replacement at the last minute.

transgender

adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

synonym : non-binary

(1) **transgender** person, (2) **transgender** rights

Many **transgender** individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

plethora

n. an overabundance or excess of something; a state of having too much of something

synonym : abundance, excess, surplus

(1) **plethora** of information, (2) **plethora** of opportunities

The restaurant's menu offered a **plethora** of options for vegetarians.

quote

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

synonym : cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

bootcamp

n. a training program or course of study that is intensive, often focused on a specific skill or topic and designed to prepare participants quickly and efficiently for a particular job or task

synonym : training camp, military-style training

(1) **bootcamp** training, (2) fitness **bootcamp**

The military **bootcamp** challenged me physically and mentally in ways I never imagined.

sob

v. to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds

synonym : cry, weep, wail

(1) **sob** out a story, (2) **sob** quietly

She **sobbed** uncontrollably after hearing the news.

materialistic

adj. concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth

synonym : worldly, consumerist, acquisitive

(1) **materialistic** lifestyle, (2) **materialistic** values

Some people believe that the pursuit of wealth is a **materialistic** goal.

battalion

n. a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major

synonym : unit, regiment, squad

(1) infantry **battalion**, (2) armored **battalion**

The enemy forces were no match for the well-trained **battalion**.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

annoy

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
synonym: aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

irritating

adj. causing annoyance, frustration, or exasperation;
provoking impatience or irritation

synonym: annoying, bothersome, vexing

(1) **irritating** noise, (2) **irritating** behavior

The garbage can in the kitchen has been producing an **irritating** smell for days.

confuse

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

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

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

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

steroid

n. any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs

(1) **steroid** abuse, (2) a **steroid** hormone

Some **steroids** are banned for use by athletes because of their muscle-building effects.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym: Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

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.

saxophone

n. a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a single-reed mouthpiece and a curved metal or brass body; known for its mellow and smooth tone

synonym : sax, soprano, alto

(1) **saxophone** player, (2) **saxophone** music

The **saxophone** solo was the highlight of the concert.

unknowable

adj. impossible to know or comprehend; beyond the limits of human understanding

synonym : mysterious, enigmatic, unknowable

(1) **unknowable** complexity, (2) **unknowable** future

The mysteries of the universe are often considered **unknowable**.

sergeant

n. a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class

synonym : officer, serjeant, noncommissioned officer

(1) police **sergeant**, (2) army **sergeant**

The fire department **sergeant** instructed the firefighters on how to tackle the blaze.

propel

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

synonym : drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

epiphany

n. a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

synonym : revelation, enlightenment, insight

(1) **epiphany** about life, (2) Feast of **Epiphany**

She had an **epiphany** while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.

slay

v. to kill violently, especially with a weapon

synonym: kill, murder, eliminate

(1) **slay** a dragon, (2) **slay** civilians

The singer **slayed** the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.

swirl

v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern

synonym: spin, whirl, turn

(1) **swirl** the wine, (2) **swirl** up dirt and dust

The chef expertly **swirled** the sauce onto the plate.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

steer

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

synonym: guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

wrack

n. wreckage or debris from a destroyed structure; (verb) to cause destruction or great pain

synonym: wreckage, ruins, debris

(1) go to **wrack**, (2) **wrack** my brain

The **wrack** left behind by the storm was immense and widespread.

reverb

n. an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space

synonym : echo, sound reflection

(1) **reverb** effect, (2) **reverb** chamber

The singer's voice had a natural **reverb** that sounded beautiful in the acoustically-designed church.

firearm

n. a weapon that is designed to be fired and uses an explosive charge to propel a projectile, such as a bullet or a shell

synonym : gun, weapon

(1) stolen **firearm**, (2) legal **firearms**

I am a responsible **firearm** owner who follows all safety protocols.

convoy

n. a group of vehicles, ships, or other vessels that travel together, often for protection or mutual support; (verb) to accompany or escort a person or group while traveling

synonym : caravan, procession, escort

(1) **convoy** of trucks, (2) naval **convoy**

The military **convoy** cautiously traveled through the desert, watching for any signs of danger.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

enclose

v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include

synonym : surround, encase, contain

(1) **enclose** a check with a letter, (2) **enclose** area

The walls were **enclosed** to create a private outdoor space.

vibe

n. an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood

synonym : atmosphere, aura, feeling

(1) party **vibe**, (2) chill **vibe**

The music festival had a great **vibe**, with everyone enjoying the performances and having a good time.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym : nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

fathom

v. to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water

synonym : comprehend, understand, grasp

(1) **fathom** the depth, (2) **fathom** the mystery

I cannot **fathom** why some people enjoy horror movies.

instruct

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

synonym : train, coach, guide

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

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

ardent

adj. having or showing a strong enthusiasm or devotion; passionate

synonym : passionate, fervent, eager

(1) **ardent** supporter, (2) **ardent** love

His **ardent** desire to succeed motivated him to work harder.

bigot

n. a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people

synonym : sectarian, dogmatizer, intolerant

(1) **bigot** mentality, (2) religious **bigot**

His refusal to listen to other people's opinions made him a close-minded **bigot**.

intricate

adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together

synonym: complicated, convoluted, complex

(1) **intricate** details, (2) **intricate** lacework

The politician managed to deal with that **intricate** issue.

nuanced

adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

synonym: fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

monolithic

adj. characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity

synonym: massive, monumental, hulking

(1) **monolithic** block, (2) **monolithic** system

Big technology companies try to integrate customers' data into **monolithic** applications.

enlist

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

synonym: join, sign up, appoint

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

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

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

dissent

n. possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted

synonym : discord, conflict, disagreement

(1) **dissent** opinion, (2) with no **dissent**

The dictatorship crushes all **dissent** severely.

bravery

n. courage in the face of danger

synonym : courage, valor, heroism

(1) **bravery** against the enemy, (2) **bravery** under fire

His **bravery** in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

offline

adj. not connected to the internet

synonym : disconnected, not connected, unplugged

(1) **offline** course, (2) **offline** mode

The computer is **offline** and cannot be accessed at the moment.

mill

n. a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill

synonym : grinder, pulverizer, crusher

(1) **mill** flour, (2) water **mill**

The **mill's** work was a vital component of the local economy, providing flour to the bakeries and farmers in the area.

publicize

v. to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of

synonym : advertise, promote, announce

(1) **publicize** event, (2) **publicize** research findings

The company hired a PR firm to **publicize** its new product.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pl____ra of opportunities
n. an overabundance or excess of something; a state of having too much of something
2. s__y a dragon
v. to kill violently, especially with a weapon
3. tra_____er person
adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
4. a hard and re_____nt steel
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
5. unk_____le future
adj. impossible to know or comprehend; beyond the limits of human understanding
6. co___y of trucks
n. a group of vehicles, ships, or other vessels that travel together, often for protection or mutual support; (verb) to accompany or escort a person or group while traveling
7. tra_____er rights
adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
8. sen_____al damage
adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
9. pu_____ze event
v. to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of

ANSWERS: 1. plethora, 2. slay, 3. transgender, 4. resilient, 5. unknowable, 6. convoy, 7. transgender, 8. sentimental, 9. publicize

10. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
11. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
12. pr____l the ship *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
13. the common but nu_____d opinion *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
14. Feast of Ep_____ny *n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus
15. sw__l the wine *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
16. fa___m the depth *v.* to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
17. legal fi_____ms *n.* a weapon that is designed to be fired and uses an explosive charge to propel a projectile, such as a bullet or a shell
18. show di_____t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
19. bo_____mp training *n.* a training program or course of study that is intensive, often focused on a specific skill or topic and designed to prepare participants quickly and efficiently for a particular job or task
20. of_____e course *adj.* not connected to the internet
21. di_____t opinion *n.* possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted

ANSWERS: 10. terrifying, 11. terrifying, 12. propel, 13. nuanced, 14. epiphany, 15. swirl, 16. fathom, 17. firearm, 18. disgust, 19. bootcamp, 20. offline, 21. dissent

22. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
23. st__r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
24. pr___l growth *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
25. s__y civilians *v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
26. an__y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
27. re___b effect *n.* an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space
28. mi___r flour *n.* a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill
29. irr_____ng noise *adj.* causing annoyance, frustration, or exasperation; provoking impatience or irritation
30. naval co___y *n.* a group of vehicles, ships, or other vessels that travel together, often for protection or mutual support; (verb) to accompany or escort a person or group while traveling

ANSWERS: 22. trump, 23. steer, 24. propel, 25. slay, 26. annoy, 27. reverb, 28. miller, 29. irritating, 30. convoy

31. armored ba_____on *n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
32. experienced bab_____er *n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians
33. ar___t supporter *adj.* having or showing a strong enthusiasm or devotion; passionate
34. infantry ba_____on *n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
35. go to wr__k *n.* wreckage or debris from a destroyed structure; (verb) to cause destruction or great pain
36. in__x full of emails *n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
37. teaching of Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
38. mat_____tic values *adj.* concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth

ANSWERS: 31. battalion, 32. babysitter, 33. ardent, 34. battalion, 35. wrack, 36. inbox, 37. Christ, 38. materialistic

39. before Ch__t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
40. mon_____ic system *adj.* characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity
41. religious bi__t *n.* a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people
42. en_____e area *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
43. fitness bo_____mp *n.* a training program or course of study that is intensive, often focused on a specific skill or topic and designed to prepare participants quickly and efficiently for a particular job or task
44. en__t for a soldier *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
45. st_____d abuse *n.* any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs
46. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

ANSWERS: 39. Christ, 40. monolithic, 41. bigot, 42. enclose, 43. bootcamp, 44. enlist, 45. steroid, 46. tweet

47. nu____d view *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
48. mon_____ic block *adj.* characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity
49. army se____nt *n.* a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class
50. in____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
51. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
52. re___b chamber *n.* an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space
53. in_____te lacework *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
54. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
55. br_____y under fire *n.* courage in the face of danger
56. mat_____tic lifestyle *adj.* concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth

ANSWERS: 47. nuanced, 48. monolithic, 49. sergeant, 50. instruct, 51. opportune, 52. reverb, 53. intricate, 54. tweet, 55. bravery, 56. materialistic

57. br____y against the enemy *n.* courage in the face of danger
58. pu_____ze research findings *v.* to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of
59. sa_____ne player *n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a single-reed mouthpiece and a curved metal or brass body; known for its mellow and smooth tone
60. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
61. irr_____ng behavior *adj.* causing annoyance, frustration, or exasperation; provoking impatience or irritation
62. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
63. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
64. en_____e a check with a letter *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
65. a so_____ry traveler *adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
66. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 57. bravery, 58. publicize, 59. saxophone, 60. sect, 61. irritating, 62. opportune, 63. doe, 64. enclose, 65. solitary, 66. confuse

67. st__r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
68. in__x folder *n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
69. fa___m the mystery *v.* to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
70. bi__t mentality *n.* a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people
71. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
72. ep_____ny about life *n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus
73. of_____e mode *adj.* not connected to the internet
74. wr__k my brain *n.* wreckage or debris from a destroyed structure; (verb) to cause destruction or great pain
75. in_____ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

ANSWERS: 67. steer, 68. inbox, 69. fathom, 70. bigot, 71. confuse, 72. epiphany, 73. offline, 74. wrack, 75. instruct

76. sw__l up dirt and dust *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
77. in a sen_____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
78. police se_____nt *n.* a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class
79. s_b out a story *v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
80. en___t in a cause *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
81. unk_____le complexity *adj.* impossible to know or comprehend; beyond the limits of human understanding
82. chill v___e *n.* an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood
83. stolen fi_____m *n.* a weapon that is designed to be fired and uses an explosive charge to propel a projectile, such as a bullet or a shell
84. qu__e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
85. public di_____t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

ANSWERS: 76. swirl, 77. sentimental, 78. sergeant, 79. sob, 80. enlist, 81. unknowable, 82. vibe, 83. firearm, 84. quote, 85. disgust

86. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
87. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
88. an__y at the time *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
89. water mi___r *n.* a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill
90. need a trustworthy bab_____er *n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians
91. ar___t love *adj.* having or showing a strong enthusiasm or devotion; passionate
92. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
93. party v__e *n.* an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood
94. use of so_____ry confinement *adj.* existing, living, or doing without others

ANSWERS: 86. doe, 87. trump, 88. annoy, 89. miller, 90. babysitter, 91. ardent, 92. sect, 93. vibe, 94. solitary

95. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
96. in_____te details *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
97. a st_____d hormone *n.* any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs
98. pl_____ra of information *n.* an overabundance or excess of something; a state of having too much of something
99. with no di_____t *n.* possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted
100. sa_____ne music *n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a single-reed mouthpiece and a curved metal or brass body; known for its mellow and smooth tone
101. qu__e a source *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
102. s_b quietly *v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds

ANSWERS: 95. resilient, 96. intricate, 97. steroid, 98. plethora, 99. dissent, 100. saxophone, 101. quote, 102. sob

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The garbage can in the kitchen has been producing an _____ smell for days.
adj. causing annoyance, frustration, or exasperation; provoking impatience or irritation
2. The captain told him to _____ the ship north.
v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
3. The _____ left behind by the storm was immense and widespread.
n. wreckage or debris from a destroyed structure; (verb) to cause destruction or great pain
4. He never uttered a _____ word.
adj. existing, living, or doing without others
5. She had an _____ while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.
n. a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus
6. Big technology companies try to integrate customers' data into _____ applications.
adj. characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity
7. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 1. irritating, 2. steer, 3. wrack, 4. solitary, 5. epiphany, 6. monolithic, 7. confused

8. The politician managed to deal with that _____ issue.
adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together
9. He decided to _____ in the military after graduating from high school.
v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
10. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
11. The walls were _____ to create a private outdoor space.
v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
12. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
13. The singer's voice had a natural _____ that sounded beautiful in the acoustically-designed church.
n. an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space
14. Many _____ individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.
adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
15. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 8. intricate, 9. enlist, 10. opportune, 11. enclosed, 12. sect, 13. reverb, 14. transgender, 15. Christmas

16. The music festival had a great _____ with everyone enjoying the performances and having a good time.
- n.* an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood
17. His refusal to listen to other people's opinions made him a close-minded _____.
- n.* a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people
18. The singer _____ the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.
- v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
19. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
- adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
20. The _____ solo was the highlight of the concert.
- n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a single-reed mouthpiece and a curved metal or brass body; known for its mellow and smooth tone
21. In his speech, he _____ a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.
- v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
22. The sommelier can distinguish _____ variance in the flavor of the wine.
- adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
23. He was filled with _____ and fear for the threat of war.
- n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

ANSWERS: 16. vibe, 17. bigot, 18. slayed, 19. resilient, 20. saxophone, 21. quoted, 22. nuanced, 23. disgust

24. An increase in employment helps _____ economic growth.
v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
25. His _____ in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.
n. courage in the face of danger
26. The mysteries of the universe are often considered _____.
adj. impossible to know or comprehend; beyond the limits of human understanding
27. I cannot _____ why some people enjoy horror movies.
v. to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
28. The dictatorship crushes all _____ severely.
n. possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted
29. The military _____ challenged me physically and mentally in ways I never imagined.
n. a training program or course of study that is intensive, often focused on a specific skill or topic and designed to prepare participants quickly and efficiently for a particular job or task
30. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
adj. very frightening or intimidating
31. The restaurant's menu offered a _____ of options for vegetarians.
n. an overabundance or excess of something; a state of having too much of something

ANSWERS: 24. propel, 25. bravery, 26. unknowable, 27. fathom, 28. dissent, 29. bootcamp, 30. terrifying, 31. plethora

32. The enemy forces were no match for the well-trained _____.
- n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
33. Our regular _____ was sick, so we had to find a replacement at the last minute.
- n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians
34. The facility manager _____ the security guards to be on high alert.
- v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
35. Some _____ are banned for use by athletes because of their muscle-building effects.
- n.* any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs
36. The company hired a PR firm to _____ its new product.
- v.* to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of
37. She _____ uncontrollably after hearing the news.
- v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
38. The computer is _____ and cannot be accessed at the moment.
- adj.* not connected to the internet

ANSWERS: 32. battalion, 33. babysitter, 34. instructed, 35. steroids, 36. publicize, 37. sobbed, 38. offline

39. Her constant chatter was starting to _____ the neighbors.
v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
40. The chef expertly _____ the sauce onto the plate.
v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern
41. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
42. After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your _____.
n. an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
43. I am a responsible _____ owner who follows all safety protocols.
n. a weapon that is designed to be fired and uses an explosive charge to propel a projectile, such as a bullet or a shell
44. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.
adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
45. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
46. The _____ work was a vital component of the local economy, providing flour to the bakeries and farmers in the area.
n. a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill

ANSWERS: 39. annoy, 40. swirled, 41. tweet, 42. inbox, 43. firearm, 44. sentimental, 45. doe, 46. miller's

47. Some people believe that the pursuit of wealth is a _____ goal.

adj. concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth

48. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

49. The military _____ cautiously traveled through the desert, watching for any signs of danger.

n. a group of vehicles, ships, or other vessels that travel together, often for protection or mutual support; (verb) to accompany or escort a person or group while traveling

50. His _____ desire to succeed motivated him to work harder.

adj. having or showing a strong enthusiasm or devotion; passionate

51. The fire department _____ instructed the firefighters on how to tackle the blaze.

n. a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class

ANSWERS: 47. materialistic, 48. trump, 49. convoy, 50. ardent, 51. sergeant