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Session 1: Word List

carve

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

synonym: sculpt, engrave, cut

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

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

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

squander

v. to spend or use something wastefully; to waste by spending or using too freely

synonym: waste, fritter away, dissipate

(1) **squander** money, (2) **squander** a chance

He **squandered** his inheritance on frivolous purchases.

spar

v. to engage in boxing or other combat sports with a partner for practice or training purposes; to practice fighting or defending oneself using light blows or drills

synonym: fight, wrestle

(1) **spar** with a partner, (2) **spar** over ideas

The kayakers had to **spar** with the strong winds and waves to reach the shore.

stealth

n. the quality of remaining hidden or undetected; the ability to move or act with great secrecy and subtlety

synonym: sneakiness, secrecy, furtiveness

(1) **stealth** technology, (2) **stealth** bomber

The thief moved with **stealth**, careful not to make any noise and alert anyone to his presence.

insinuate

v. to suggest or imply something indirectly or subtly; to insert something gradually or subtly

synonym: hint, suggest, imply

(1) **insinuate** ideas, (2) **insinuate** doubt

He tried to **insinuate** that he was innocent, but nobody believed him.

steward

n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

synonym: caretaker, manager, custodian

(1) **steward** duties, (2) **steward** service

The **steward** on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

privatize

v. to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization

synonym: deregulate, denationalize

(1) **privatize** post offices, (2) **privatize** healthcare

The government wants to **privatize** specific industries to boost their efficiency.

derelict

adj. abandoned or neglectful; failing to fulfill one's duties or responsibilities

synonym: neglected, abandoned, forsaken

(1) **derelict** car, (2) **derelict** property

The park was filled with overgrown grass and **derelict** benches.

vow

v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

synonym: promise, pledge, swear

(1) **vow** allegiance to the new king, (2) **vow** never to give up

They **vowed** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

reinterpretation

n. a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork

synonym: re-evaluation, re-assessment, re-examination

(1) **reinterpretation** of history, (2) **reinterpretation** of the Constitution

The artist's **reinterpretation** of the classic painting received mixed reviews.

human-made

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

synonym: artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst **human-made** disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

agritecture

n. a design practice that combines elements of architecture, engineering, and agriculture to create sustainable and viable urban farming systems and structures

synonym: agricultural architecture

(1) **agritecture** design, (2) urban **agritecture**

The design of the vertical farm incorporates **agritecture**

principles to maximize yield.

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

subconscious

adj. relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior

synonym: unconscious, latent, hidden

(1) **subconscious** influence, (2) **subconscious** behavior

The **subconscious** mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.

relentless

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

synonym: unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure

The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

parenthesis

n. a pair of curved marks () used in writing as a way of separating and marking off a clause, phrase, or word that is not essential to the structure of the sentence but adds additional information or clarification

synonym: bracket, round bracket, curved bracket

(1) a sentence in **parenthesis**, (2) **parenthesis** in literature

Make sure to include all necessary information within the **parenthesis** in your citation.

seize

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

synonym: grab, grasp, capture

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

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

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.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym : re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

pivot

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

synonym : center point, fulcrum, heart

(1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point

The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.

basil

n. an herb with fragrant, green leaves that is used to flavor many different types of food, especially Italian and Thai cuisine

synonym : herb

(1) freshly chopped **basil**, (2) **basil** leaves

The **basil** in the garden was ready to be picked for tonight's pasta dish.

cathedral

n. the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

synonym : church, basilica, temple

(1) **cathedral** school, (2) **cathedral** choir

The **cathedral's** stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

repress

v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories

synonym: suppress, control, curb

(1) cannot **repress** laughter, (2) **repress** gene expression

He **repressed** the memories of his traumatic childhood.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

cosmopolitan

adj. having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries

synonym: worldly, multicultural, urbane

(1) **cosmopolitan** city, (2) **cosmopolitan** lifestyle

The city was known for its **cosmopolitan** culture and diverse population.

discotheque

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

synonym: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

unrest

n. a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace

synonym: disturbance, agitation, turmoil

(1) **unrest** in the city, (2) cause **unrest**

The recent political **unrest** in the country has led to widespread protests and civil disobedience.

meadow

n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

synonym: pasture, field, lawn

(1) graze in the **meadow**, (2) lowland **meadow**

The lush **meadow** was covered in wildflowers.

plaza

n. a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries

synonym: park, square, center

(1) main **plaza**, (2) memorial **plaza**

Three young men were busking in the shopping **plaza**.

open-ended

adj. without any limits or restrictions; allowing for a spontaneous response

synonym: unlimited, unrestricted, flexible

(1) an **open-ended** discussion, (2) **open-ended** agreements

Most people who saw the film were dissatisfied with the **open-ended** ending.

immersion

n. the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity

synonym: submergence, involvement, engagement

(1) baptism by **immersion**, (2) **immersion** in acid

I felt like I was in a different world because of the **immersion** experience of virtual reality.

politic

adj. wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions

synonym: wise, tactful, expedient

(1) a **politic** decision, (2) heal the body **politic**

She was **politic** in her behavior.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym : emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

corruptible

adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

synonym : bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

subvert

v. to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within

synonym : overthrow, undermine, sabotage

(1) **subvert** power, (2) **subvert** expectations

The rebels could **subvert** the government's plans by leaking classified information.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

greedy

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

synonym : avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

inadvertently

adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent

synonym : unknowingly, unintentionally, accidentally

(1) **inadvertently** deleted, (2) **inadvertently** omitted
I **inadvertently** left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.

urbanization

n. the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture

synonym: urban development, urban growth, urban expansion

(1) **urbanization** process, (2) non- **urbanization** area
Rapid **urbanization** has led to many environmental and social issues in cities.

gentrify

v. to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses

synonym: revitalize, renovate, renew

(1) **gentrify** a community, (2) **gentrify** a street
The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to **gentrify** the neighborhood.

unwitting

adj. without purpose or intent

synonym: unknowledgeable, inadvertent, unintended

(1) **unwitting** victims, (2) an **unwitting** mistake
His rudeness was **unwitting**, not intentional.

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym: force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention
The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity
The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

nostalgia

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

synonym: longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

irretrievable

adj. not able to be retrieved or recovered; irreparable or irreversible; not able to be rectified or undone

synonym: unrecoverable, irredeemable, hopeless

(1) an **irretrievable** mistake, (2) cause **irretrievable** damage

The damage to the computer's hard drive was **irretrievable**, and I lost all of my important files.

apprehension

n. the act of apprehending or arresting someone; a feeling of anxiety, worry, or uncertainty about something that may happen in the future; understanding or comprehension of something, particularly a complex or abstract concept or idea

synonym: anxiety, worry, unease

(1) criminal **apprehension**, (2) **apprehension** of danger

The company's CEO felt a sense of **apprehension** before making the major decision.

promenade

n. a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

synonym: stroll, walkway, boulevard

(1) evening **promenade**, (2) **promenade** in the park

The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful **promenade** for

tourists and locals alike.

strife

n. conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups

synonym: conflict, disagreement, dissension

(1) at **strife** over the land, (2) civil **strife**

The country has been wracked by political **strife** for many years.

swath

n. a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something

synonym: strip, band, fodder

(1) a large **swath** of territory, (2) a **swath** of green grass

The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast **swath** of the population.

palpable

adj. able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible

synonym: tangible, perceptible, noticeable

(1) **palpable** tumor, (2) **palpable** lie

The tension in the room was **palpable** as they waited for the results to come in.

opportunistic

adj. making use of a current situation to get power or advantage, especially regardless of planning or principle

synonym: timeserving, conciliatory

(1) **opportunistic** fungus, (2) **opportunistic** behavior

Many of the party's members joined for simply **opportunistic** reasons.

counterculture

n. a subculture whose values and norms of behavior differ substantially from those of mainstream society, often in opposition to it

synonym: counterculture, counter-establishment, counter-society

(1) **counterculture** movement, (2) **counterculture** art

The **counterculture** of the 1960s rejected the social norms of

the time.

ethos

n. the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person

synonym: principles, ideology, philosophy

(1) **ethos** of science, (2) corporate **ethos**

Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional **ethos** of a doctor.

inertia

n. the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act

synonym: sluggishness, lethargy, idleness

(1) **inertia** resistance, (2) Newton's law of **inertia**

The object's **inertia** kept it moving in a straight line until acted upon by an outside force.

outdo

v. to do better than someone; to surpass

synonym: excel, surpass, outshine

(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition

He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

horsepower

n. a unit of power used to measure the output of mechanical engines, specifically the amount of work that one horse can do in a set amount of time

synonym: HP, power, energy

(1) maximum **horsepower**, (2) engine **horsepower**

The company's new generator has a **horsepower** rating of 1000, making it ideal for large buildings.

visionary

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

synonym: prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas

The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

hunch

- v. to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof

synonym: crouch, guess, speculate

(1) **hunch** against the rain, (2) **hunch** up the shoulders
I **hunch** over my computer all day, and my back aches after a while.

dwindle

- v. to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

synonym: shrink, decrease, fade

(1) **dwindle** in importance, (2) **dwindle** to almost nothing
The crowds at the festival **dwindled** as the night went on.

forfeit

- v. to lose or give up something as a penalty for wrongdoing; to renounce a right or privilege

synonym: surrender, relinquish, abandon

(1) **forfeit** your deposit, (2) **forfeit** a legal right
The defendant may have to **forfeit** his assets as part of his punishment.

Session 2: Spelling

1. maximum hor_____er
n. a unit of power used to measure the output of mechanical engines, specifically the amount of work that one horse can do in a set amount of time
2. et__s of science
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4. su_____t power
v. to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
5. ou__o the competition
v. to do better than someone; to surpass
6. ge_____fy a street
v. to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
7. memorial pl__a
n. a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
8. app_____ion of danger
n. the act of apprehending or arresting someone; a feeling of anxiety, worry, or uncertainty about something that may happen in the future; understanding or comprehension of something, particularly a complex or abstract concept or idea

ANSWERS: 1. horsepower, 2. ethos, 3. dwindle, 4. subvert, 5. outdo, 6. gentrify, 7. plaza, 8. apprehension

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| 9. in_____a resistance | <i>n.</i> the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act |
| 10. de_____ct car | <i>adj.</i> abandoned or neglectful; failing to fulfill one's duties or responsibilities |
| 11. re_____s gene expression | <i>v.</i> to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories |
| 12. a large sw__h of territory | <i>n.</i> a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something |
| 13. v_w allegiance to the new king | <i>v.</i> to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn |
| 14. em___y a spirit of charity | <i>v.</i> to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea |
| 15. cou_____ure movement | <i>n.</i> a subculture whose values and norms of behavior differ substantially from those of mainstream society, often in opposition to it |
| 16. im_____on in acid | <i>n.</i> the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity |
| 17. graze in the me___w | <i>n.</i> a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay |
| 18. ca_____al school | <i>n.</i> the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area |
| 19. cause un___t | <i>n.</i> a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace |
| 20. rei_____ion of the
Constitution | <i>n.</i> a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork |

ANSWERS: 9. inertia, 10. derelict, 11. repress, 12. swath, 13. vow, 14. embody, 15. counterculture, 16. immersion, 17. meadow, 18. cathedral, 19. unrest, 20. reinterpretation

21. co___l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
22. sub_____ous influence *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
23. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
24. rei_____ion of history *n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork
25. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
26. co_____ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
27. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
28. par_____is in literature *n.* a pair of curved marks () used in writing as a way of separating and marking off a clause, phrase, or word that is not essential to the structure of the sentence but adds additional information or clarification
29. ope_____ed agreements *adj.* without any limits or restrictions; allowing for a spontaneous response
30. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

ANSWERS: 21. compel, 22. subconscious, 23. footprint, 24. reinterpretation, 25. opportune, 26. conceive, 27. aspiration, 28. parenthesis, 29. open-ended, 30. seize

31. em___y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
32. baptism by im_____on *n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity
33. dw_____e in importance *v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
34. li_____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
35. freshly chopped ba__l *n.* an herb with fragrant, green leaves that is used to flavor many different types of food, especially Italian and Thai cuisine
36. gr___y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
37. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
38. vi_____ry business *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
39. s__r with a partner *v.* to engage in boxing or other combat sports with a partner for practice or training purposes; to practice fighting or defending oneself using light blows or drills
40. ca_____al choir *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

ANSWERS: 31. embody, 32. immersion, 33. dwindle, 34. liberate, 35. basil, 36. greedy, 37. empower, 38. visionary, 39. spar, 40. cathedral

41. lowland me___w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
42. pi__t point *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
43. st_____d duties *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
44. heal the body po_____c *adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions
45. cause irr_____ble damage *adj.* not able to be retrieved or recovered; irreparable or irreversible; not able to be rectified or undone
46. an ope_____ed discussion *adj.* without any limits or restrictions; allowing for a spontaneous response
47. sq_____er money *v.* to spend or use something wastefully; to waste by spending or using too freely
48. an irr_____ble mistake *adj.* not able to be retrieved or recovered; irreparable or irreversible; not able to be rectified or undone
49. pr_____ze post offices *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization

ANSWERS: 41. meadow, 42. pivot, 43. steward, 44. politic, 45. irretrievable, 46. open-ended, 47. squander, 48. irretrievable, 49. privatize

50. st____h technology *n.* the quality of remaining hidden or undetected; the ability to move or act with great secrecy and subtlety
51. at st____e over the land *n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
52. re____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
53. v_w never to give up *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
54. main pl__a *n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
55. cor____le judges *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
56. re____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
57. re____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
58. a po____c decision *adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions
59. a sw__h of green grass *n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
60. re____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
61. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 50. stealth, 51. strife, 52. reimagine, 53. vow, 54. plaza, 55. corruptible, 56. reclaim, 57. reimagine, 58. politic, 59. swath, 60. reclaim, 61. opportune

62. corporate et__s *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
63. pr_____ze healthcare *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
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67. li_____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
68. co___l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
69. Newton's law of in_____a *n.* the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act
70. vi_____ry ideas *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

ANSWERS: 62. ethos, 63. privatize, 64. apprehension, 65. aspiration, 66. seize, 67. liberate, 68. compel, 69. inertia, 70. visionary

71. urban agr_____re
n. a design practice that combines elements of architecture, engineering, and agriculture to create sustainable and viable urban farming systems and structures
72. dis_____ue party
n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
73. un___t in the city
n. a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
74. co_____ve a child
v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
75. an un_____ng mistake
adj. without purpose or intent
76. dis_____ue scene
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77. ina_____tly deleted
adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
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81. engine hor_____er
n. a unit of power used to measure the output of mechanical engines, specifically the amount of work that one horse can do in a set amount of time

ANSWERS: 71. agritecture, 72. discotheque, 73. unrest, 74. conceive, 75. unwitting, 76. discotheque, 77. inadvertently, 78. human-made, 79. counterculture, 80. greedy, 81. horsepower

82. no_____ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
83. evening pr_____de *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
84. fo_____t your deposit *v.* to lose or give up something as a penalty for wrongdoing; to renounce a right or privilege
85. s__r over ideas *v.* to engage in boxing or other combat sports with a partner for practice or training purposes; to practice fighting or defending oneself using light blows or drills
86. ina_____tly omitted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
87. face rel_____ss pressure *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
88. hu__h up the shoulders *v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
89. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
90. un_____ng victims *adj.* without purpose or intent

ANSWERS: 82. nostalgia, 83. promenade, 84. forfeit, 85. spar, 86. inadvertently, 87. relentless, 88. hunch, 89. footprint, 90. unwitting

91. urb_____ion process *n.* the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture
92. ge_____fy a community *v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
93. cannot re_____s laughter *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
94. cos_____tan city *adj.* having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries
95. pa_____le tumor *adj.* able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible
96. ou__o him in trickery *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
97. cos_____tan lifestyle *adj.* having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries
98. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
99. fo_____t a legal right *v.* to lose or give up something as a penalty for wrongdoing; to renounce a right or privilege

ANSWERS: 91. urbanization, 92. gentrify, 93. repress, 94. cosmopolitan, 95. palpable, 96. outdo, 97. cosmopolitan, 98. empower, 99. forfeit

100. sq_____er a chance *v.* to spend or use something wastefully; to waste by spending or using too freely
101. pr_____de in the park *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
102. opp_____tic fungus *adj.* making use of a current situation to get power or advantage, especially regardless of planning or principle
103. non-urb_____ion area *n.* the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture
104. agr_____re design *n.* a design practice that combines elements of architecture, engineering, and agriculture to create sustainable and viable urban farming systems and structures
105. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
106. ba__l leaves *n.* an herb with fragrant, green leaves that is used to flavor many different types of food, especially Italian and Thai cuisine
107. the worst hum_____de disaster *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
108. rel_____ss attack *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

ANSWERS: 100. squander, 101. promenade, 102. opportunistic, 103. urbanization, 104. agritecture, 105. carve, 106. basil, 107. human-made, 108. relentless

109. in_____te ideas *v.* to suggest or imply something indirectly or subtly; to insert something gradually or subtly
110. a sentence in par_____is *n.* a pair of curved marks () used in writing as a way of separating and marking off a clause, phrase, or word that is not essential to the structure of the sentence but adds additional information or clarification
111. in_____te doubt *v.* to suggest or imply something indirectly or subtly; to insert something gradually or subtly
112. de_____ct property *adj.* abandoned or neglectful; failing to fulfill one's duties or responsibilities
113. opp_____tic behavior *adj.* making use of a current situation to get power or advantage, especially regardless of planning or principle
114. st_____d service *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
115. center-pi__t irrigation *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
116. a warm no_____ia *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

ANSWERS: 109. insinuate, 110. parenthesis, 111. insinuate, 112. derelict, 113. opportunistic, 114. steward, 115. pivot, 116. nostalgia

117. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
118. cor_____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
119. sub_____ous behavior *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
120. st_____h bomber *n.* the quality of remaining hidden or undetected; the ability to move or act with great secrecy and subtlety
121. civil st___e *n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
122. pa_____le lie *adj.* able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible
123. hu__h against the rain *v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
124. su_____t expectations *v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within

ANSWERS: 117. carve, 118. corruptible, 119. subconscious, 120. stealth, 121. strife, 122. palpable, 123. hunch, 124. subvert

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The damage to the computer's hard drive was _____ and I lost all of my important files.
adj. not able to be retrieved or recovered; irreparable or irreversible; not able to be rectified or undone
2. The company's new products _____ the values of innovation and sustainability.
v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
3. The bridge is a _____ structure and was built to span the river.
adj. created or produced by humans; artificial
4. The government wants to _____ specific industries to boost their efficiency.
v. to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
5. The ice cream truck's sound brought back _____ for my childhood.
n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
6. The design of the vertical farm incorporates _____ principles to maximize yield.
n. a design practice that combines elements of architecture, engineering, and agriculture to create sustainable and viable urban farming systems and structures
7. Most people who saw the film were dissatisfied with the _____ ending.
adj. without any limits or restrictions; allowing for a spontaneous response

ANSWERS: 1. irretrievable, 2. embody, 3. human-made, 4. privatize, 5. nostalgia, 6. agritecture, 7. open-ended

8. His rudeness was _____ not intentional.
adj. without purpose or intent
9. The artist's _____ of the classic painting received mixed reviews.
n. a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork
10. The rebels could _____ the government's plans by leaking classified information.
v. to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
11. The company's CEO felt a sense of _____ before making the major decision.
n. the act of apprehending or arresting someone; a feeling of anxiety, worry, or uncertainty about something that may happen in the future; understanding or comprehension of something, particularly a complex or abstract concept or idea
12. He _____ the memories of his traumatic childhood.
v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
13. His _____ behavior led him to steal from the company.
adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
14. He tried to _____ that he was innocent, but nobody believed him.
v. to suggest or imply something indirectly or subtly; to insert something gradually or subtly
15. The _____ in the garden was ready to be picked for tonight's pasta dish.
n. an herb with fragrant, green leaves that is used to flavor many different types of food, especially Italian and Thai cuisine

ANSWERS: 8. unwitting, 9. reinterpretation, 10. subvert, 11. apprehension, 12. repressed, 13. greedy, 14. insinuate, 15. basil

16. She was _____ in her behavior.

adj. wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions

17. The _____ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

18. The team needed to come up with a _____ strategy to turn things around.

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

19. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

20. The _____ stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

n. the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

21. He tried to _____ his rival by breaking the world record.

v. to do better than someone; to surpass

22. The company's new generator has a _____ rating of 1000, making it ideal for large buildings.

n. a unit of power used to measure the output of mechanical engines, specifically the amount of work that one horse can do in a set amount of time

23. Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional _____ of a doctor.

n. the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person

ANSWERS: 16. politic, 17. visionary, 18. pivot, 19. footprint, 20. cathedral's, 21. outdo, 22. horsepower, 23. ethos

24. The strict deadlines will _____ the team to work efficiently.
- v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
25. The kayakers had to _____ with the strong winds and waves to reach the shore.
- v.* to engage in boxing or other combat sports with a partner for practice or training purposes; to practice fighting or defending oneself using light blows or drills
26. The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to _____ the neighborhood.
- v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
27. I felt like I was in a different world because of the _____ experience of virtual reality.
- n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity
28. Many of the party's members joined for simply _____ reasons.
- adj.* making use of a current situation to get power or advantage, especially regardless of planning or principle
29. The city was known for its _____ culture and diverse population.
- adj.* having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries
30. The thief moved with _____ careful not to make any noise and alert anyone to his presence.
- n.* the quality of remaining hidden or undetected; the ability to move or act with great secrecy and subtlety

ANSWERS: 24. compel, 25. spar, 26. gentrify, 27. immersion, 28. opportunistic, 29. cosmopolitan, 30. stealth,

31. The defendant may have to _____ his assets as part of his punishment.
v. to lose or give up something as a penalty for wrongdoing; to renounce a right or privilege
32. The recent political _____ in the country has led to widespread protests and civil disobedience.
n. a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
33. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.
adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
34. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.
v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
35. I can't _____ he'd want to harm us.
v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
36. They _____ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.
v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
37. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.
v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
38. The _____ of the 1960s rejected the social norms of the time.
n. a subculture whose values and norms of behavior differ substantially from those of mainstream society, often in opposition to it
39. The athlete's _____ training paid off in the end.
adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

ANSWERS: 31. forfeit, 32. unrest, 33. corruptible, 34. reclaim, 35. conceive, 36. vowed, 37. seize, 38. counterculture, 39. relentless

40. He couldn't wait to hit the _____ and dance the night away.
n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
41. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
42. The tension in the room was _____ as they waited for the results to come in.
adj. able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible
43. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
44. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
45. The lush _____ was covered in wildflowers.
n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
46. The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast _____ of the population.
n. a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
47. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
48. Rapid _____ has led to many environmental and social issues in cities.
n. the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture

ANSWERS: 40. discotheque, 41. liberated, 42. palpable, 43. empowered, 44. opportune, 45. meadow, 46. swath, 47. aspiration, 48. urbanization

49. The _____ on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.
- n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
50. The crowds at the festival _____ as the night went on.
- v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
51. He _____ his inheritance on frivolous purchases.
- v.* to spend or use something wastefully; to waste by spending or using too freely
52. The country has been wracked by political _____ for many years.
- n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
53. Three young men were busking in the shopping _____.
- n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
54. Make sure to include all necessary information within the _____ in your citation.
- n.* a pair of curved marks () used in writing as a way of separating and marking off a clause, phrase, or word that is not essential to the structure of the sentence but adds additional information or clarification
55. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.
- v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
56. The park was filled with overgrown grass and _____ benches.
- adj.* abandoned or neglectful; failing to fulfill one's duties or responsibilities

ANSWERS: 49. steward, 50. dwindled, 51. squandered, 52. strife, 53. plaza, 54. parenthesis, 55. carved, 56. derelict

57. I _____ over my computer all day, and my back aches after a while.
- v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
58. The _____ mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.
- adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
59. The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful _____ for tourists and locals alike.
- n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
60. I _____ left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.
- adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
61. The object's _____ kept it moving in a straight line until acted upon by an outside force.
- n.* the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act
62. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.
- v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 57. hunch, 58. subconscious, 59. promenade, 60. inadvertently, 61. inertia, 62. reimagine