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Session 1: Word List

dusty

adj. covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

synonym : stale, filthy, grimy

(1) **dusty** road, (2) **dusty** bookshelf

The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of **dusty** debris.

salesperson

n. a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

synonym : dealer, seller, vendor

(1) a **salesperson** in a store, (2) a drapery **salesperson**

He received the title of the best **salesperson** in all our branches worldwide.

difficulty

n. a condition or state that causes problems

synonym : hardship, complication, problem

(1) the degree of **difficulty**, (2) **difficulty** in breathing

He has **difficulty** exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

traverse

v. to cross or move through a land or water area

synonym : cross, pass through, travel over

(1) **traverse** the region, (2) **traverse** a vast extent of sea
Approximately 1000 automobiles **traverse** the bridge every day.

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community;
a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

synonym: resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

wander

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

synonym: ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from home

I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

outskirt

n. the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.

synonym: suburb, periphery, edge

(1) the **outskirt** of the forest, (2) on the western **outskirts**

The **outskirt** of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym: mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

deserted

adj. empty or abandoned; lacking inhabitants or visitors; left alone or left behind

synonym : abandoned, empty, vacated

(1) **deserted** city, (2) **deserted** island

The **deserted** street was quiet and eerie, with no signs of life.

pitch

n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

synonym : angle, gradient, slope

(1) make a **pitch** for a new product, (2) a low- **pitched** sound

Her voice gradually increased in **pitch**.

yelp

n. a sharp, high-pitched bark or cry, typically made by a dog or fox

synonym : bark, cry, howl

(1) **yelp** in pain, (2) **yelp** of excitement

The dog let out a sharp **yelp** when he stepped on its tail.

scream

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

synonym : cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet

She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

discovery

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

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

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

synonym : catch, snare, pinfall

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

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

raccoon *n.* a nocturnal mammal with a distinctive black mask-like marking around the eyes, known for its omnivorous diet, dexterous paws, and bushy tail

(1) cunning **raccoon**, (2) **raccoon** fur

I saw a cute **raccoon** family crossing the road while driving home from camping.

creature *n.* a living being, especially an animal

synonym : being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

wily *adj.* characterized by slyness, deviousness, or cunning; using trickery or stratagems to achieve one's goals

synonym : cunning, sly, crafty

(1) **wily** politician, (2) **wily** tactics

The **wily** fox was able to outsmart the hunters and escape unscathed.

terrify *v.* to frighten someone very much

synonym : unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

powerless *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

synonym : helpless, impotent, feeble

(1) **powerless** position, (2) **powerless** in the organization

During the hurricane, we felt **powerless** against the winds and rain.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

bolt

n. a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly

synonym: lock, fastener, thunderbolt

(1) **bolt** diameter, (2) **bolt** from my bed

The lightning **bolt** twiggged in several directions.

undergrowth

n. the plants, bushes, and vegetation that grow beneath the surface of a forest or woodland; the layer of plant life that exists at ground level beneath the taller trees and shrubs in a natural ecosystem

synonym: underbrush, underwood, understory

(1) dense **undergrowth**, (2) jungle **undergrowth**

The **undergrowth** in the forest was so thick that it was difficult to see the trail.

trudge

v. to walk or march slowly and heavily, typically due to exhaustion, difficulty, or reluctance; to move with effort or laboriously

synonym: plod, slog, hike

(1) **trudge** through mud, (2) **trudge** up the hill

The hiker **trudged** through the dense forest, chopping his way with a machete.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

discard

v. to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need

synonym : throw away, reject, abandon

(1) **discard** old beliefs, (2) **discard** the downloaded data

He **discarded** the old torn shirt and bought a new one.

kettle

n. a metal container with a lid and handle, used for boiling water or other liquids over a heat source, commonly used for making tea or cooking pasta or soup

synonym : pot, cauldron, timpani

(1) electric **kettle**, (2) whistle **kettle**

The **kettle** on the stove started to whistle, signaling that the water was boiling.

rusty

adj. covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect

synonym : corroded, oxidized, weathered

(1) **rusty** metal, (2) **rusty** nail

The **rusty** gate creaked loudly as it opened.

monk

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym : friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

polish

n. a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

synonym : shine, buff, gloss

(1) **polish** finishing, (2) surface **polish**

I used a special **polish** to make my car's paint shine.

sparkle

v. to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy

synonym: shine, glimmer, twinkle

(1) **sparkle** like a gem, (2) **sparkle** from receiving light

The diamond **sparkled** in the sunlight.

temple

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

synonym: shrine, mosque, synagogue

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

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

solemn

adj. formal and dignified, often with an emphasis on religious or ceremonial attitudes or practices; characterized by an earnest sense of importance or gravity; serious or grave in tone or demeanor

synonym: serious, grave, somber

(1) **solemn** vow, (2) **solemn** ceremony

The priest led the **solemn** procession through the church.

handsome

adj. physically attractive and pleasing in appearance; attractive and generous

synonym: good-looking, attractive, beautiful

(1) a **handsome** young man, (2) a **handsome** salary

The politician was known for his **handsome** appearance and charm.

ceremony

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

synonym: ritual, rite, observance

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

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

reheat

v. to heat something again, typically to make it hot enough to eat or drink

(1) **reheat** bathwater, (2) **reheat** a pizza

Can you please help me **reheat** this food in the microwave?

squirm

v. to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness

synonym: squiggle, wiggle, writhe

(1) **squirm** uncomfortably, (2) **squirm** with excitement

The child **squirmed** out of his mother's grasp and ran off.

cheat

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

synonym: deceive, swindle, defraud

(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game

Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

examine

v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

synonym: study, probe, analyze

(1) **examine** the data studiously, (2) **examine** the issue

Initially, we must **examine** all project-related expenses.

hop

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

synonym: jump, bounce, skip

(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

sweat

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

synonym: perspiration, steam, hardwork

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

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

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**
Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

sprout

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

synonym: germinate, grow, bud

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

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

scrub

v. to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent

synonym: clean, wash, sanitize

(1) **scrub** off graffiti, (2) **scrub** dirt from potatoes

She decided to **scrub** the kitchen floor to remove all the dirt and grime.

furry

adj. covered in fur or a furry material; resembling fur

synonym: hairy, fuzzy, feathered

(1) the **furry** skin, (2) have **furry** leaves

The stuffed animal was so **furry** and soft that it was hard to resist hugging it.

paw

n. the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one

synonym: mitt, manus, talon

(1) **paw** print, (2) **paw** pad

The cat batted at the toy with its **paw**.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

shock

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

synonym: amazement, surprise, stunner

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

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

tale

n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

synonym: canard, fiction, fable

(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror

Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.

shape-shifter

n. a mythical or fictional being that can change its form or appearance, particularly about animals or supernatural creatures

synonym: changer, transformer

(1) **shape-shifter** creature, (2) mythological **shape-shifter**

The **shape-shifter's** ability to transform into different creatures was fascinating and terrifying.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

testicle

n. one of the two oval-shaped organs in men that produce sperm and testosterone; in animals, the equivalent organ responsible for producing sperm and often also regulating testosterone levels

synonym: ballock, gonad, ball

(1) **testicle** injury, (2) swollen **testicles**

The athlete was hit in the **testicle** during the game and had to be removed.

troublesome

adj. causing difficulty or annoyance for someone

synonym : disconcerting, unsettling, upsetting

(1) undertake a **troublesome** task, (2) **troublesome** behavior

He had to resolve a **troublesome** event that happened unexpectedly

trickster

n. a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology

synonym : swindler, cheat, deceiver

(1) **trickster** character, (2) cunning **trickster**

The con artist was known as a notorious **trickster** who scammed people out of their money.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

prank

n. a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others

synonym : hoax, trick, stunt

(1) **prank** caller, (2) harmless **prank**

The group of teenagers played an innocent **prank** on their teacher, but it backfired, and they got in trouble.

dissolve

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

synonym : disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

statue

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

in a lifelike or symbolic way

synonym : sculpture, figurine, monument

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

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

antic

adj. ludicrously strange and unusual; playful or amusing

synonym : comical, whimsical, capricious

(1) **antic** disposition, (2) comedic **antic**

The children's **antics** made everyone laugh.

unsuspecting

adj. unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious

synonym : unaware, unassuming, gullible

(1) **unsuspecting** boys and girls, (2) **unsuspecting** victim

The thief stole the wallet from the **unsuspecting** tourist.

repay

v. to give back or make restitution for money, debt, or other obligation that is owed; to compensate or reward someone for something done or given

synonym : compensate, refund, reimburse

(1) **repay** a kindness, (2) **repay** a debt

I must **repay** my loan on time to avoid late fees and penalties.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym : impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

honor

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

synonym : integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors

I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

esteem

n. great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone

synonym : respect, admiration, regard

(1) **esteem** for the other person, (2) boost my self- **esteem**
He is our loyal customer who should be held in high **esteem**.

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym : periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use
His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

amuse

v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

synonym : entertain, delight, divert

(1) **amuse** a baby with a rattle, (2) **amuse** guests
He **amused** himself by playing video games during his free time.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym : completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym : criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. te____le injury
n. one of the two oval-shaped organs in men that produce sperm and testosterone; in animals, the equivalent organ responsible for producing sperm and often also regulating testosterone levels
2. w__y tactics
adj. characterized by slyness, deviousness, or cunning; using trickery or stratagems to achieve one's goals
3. death from sh__k
n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
4. the fu__y skin
adj. covered in fur or a furry material; resembling fur
5. sp____t wings
v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
6. pr__k caller
n. a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others
7. a beautiful st____e
n. a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

ANSWERS: 1. testicle, 2. wily, 3. shock, 4. furry, 5. sprout, 6. prank, 7. statue

8. sha_____ter creature *n.* a mythical or fictional being that can change its form or appearance, particularly about animals or supernatural creatures
9. t__e of horror *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
10. ho__r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
11. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
12. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
13. po____h finishing *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
14. ex_____e the issue *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
15. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
16. an__c disposition *adj.* ludicrously strange and unusual; playful or amusing
17. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
18. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 8. shape-shifter, 9. tale, 10. honor, 11. largely, 12. suddenly, 13. polish, 14. examine, 15. entirely, 16. antic, 17. embarrass, 18. recognize

19. tr___e through mud *v.* to walk or march slowly and heavily, typically due to exhaustion, difficulty, or reluctance; to move with effort or laboriously
20. ch__t in a game *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
21. b__t from my bed *n.* a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly
22. sq___m with excitement *v.* to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness
23. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
24. fr_____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly
25. sc__b dirt from potatoes *v.* to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent
26. make a pi__h for a new product *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
27. po_____ss position *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
28. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

ANSWERS: 19. trudge, 20. cheat, 21. bolt, 22. squirm, 23. spot, 24. frequent, 25. scrub, 26. pitch, 27. powerless, 28. hop

29. tr____se the region *v.* to cross or move through a land or water area
30. po_____ss in the organization *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
31. the ou_____rt of the forest *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
32. a drapery sal_____on *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
33. jungle und_____th *n.* the plants, bushes, and vegetation that grow beneath the surface of a forest or woodland; the layer of plant life that exists at ground level beneath the taller trees and shrubs in a natural ecosystem
34. p_w pad *n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one
35. a low-pi__hed sound *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
36. undertake a tro_____me task *adj.* causing difficulty or annoyance for someone
37. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
38. sp_____e from receiving light *v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
39. ru__y nail *adj.* covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect

ANSWERS: 29. traverse, 30. powerless, 31. outskirts, 32. salesperson, 33. undergrowth, 34. paw, 35. pitch, 36. troublesome, 37. largely, 38. sparkle, 39. rusty

40. am__e a baby with a rattle *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
41. m__k lifestyle *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
42. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
43. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
44. uns_____ing boys and girls *adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
45. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
46. sp__t seeds *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
47. tro_____me behavior *adj.* causing difficulty or annoyance for someone
48. vi_____er community *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
49. di_____d old beliefs *v.* to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need
50. sw__t bath *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

ANSWERS: 40. amuse, 41. monk, 42. hop, 43. transform, 44. unsuspecting, 45. entirely, 46. sprout, 47. troublesome, 48. villager, 49. discard, 50. sweat

51. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
52. officially di_____ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
53. swollen te_____les *n.* one of the two oval-shaped organs in men that produce sperm and testosterone; in animals, the equivalent organ responsible for producing sperm and often also regulating testosterone levels
54. ru__y metal *adj.* covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect
55. fr_____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
56. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
57. sc_____m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
58. a fairy t__e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
59. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

ANSWERS: 51. discovery, 52. dissolve, 53. testicle, 54. rusty, 55. frequent, 56. terrify, 57. scream, 58. tale, 59. impressive

60. uns_____ing victim *adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
61. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
62. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
63. p_w print *n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one
64. sp_____e like a gem *v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
65. harmless pr__k *n.* a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others
66. a sal_____on in a store *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
67. di_____ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
68. du__y bookshelf *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

ANSWERS: 60. unsuspecting, 61. discovery, 62. trap, 63. paw, 64. sparkle, 65. prank, 66. salesperson, 67. dissolve, 68. dusty

69. ce____ny location *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
70. di____d the downloaded data *v.* to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need
71. st____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
72. du__y road *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
73. the threats te____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
74. tr____se a vast extent of sea *v.* to cross or move through a land or water area
75. surface po____h *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
76. em____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
77. es____m for the other person *n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
78. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
79. the ancient Egyptian st____es *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

ANSWERS: 69. ceremony, 70. discard, 71. struggle, 72. dusty, 73. terrify, 74. traverse, 75. polish, 76. embarrass, 77. esteem, 78. norm, 79. statue

80. wa___r far from home *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
81. dense und_____th *n.* the plants, bushes, and vegetation that grow beneath the surface of a forest or woodland; the layer of plant life that exists at ground level beneath the taller trees and shrubs in a natural ecosystem
82. y__p of excitement *n.* a sharp, high-pitched bark or cry, typically made by a dog or fox
83. boost my self-es___m *n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
84. de_____ed city *adj.* empty or abandoned; lacking inhabitants or visitors; left alone or left behind
85. electric ke___e *n.* a metal container with a lid and handle, used for boiling water or other liquids over a heat source, commonly used for making tea or cooking pasta or soup
86. womanly ho__r *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
87. te___e complex *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
88. mythological sha_____ter *n.* a mythical or fictional being that can change its form or appearance, particularly about animals or supernatural creatures

ANSWERS: 80. wander, 81. undergrowth, 82. yelp, 83. esteem, 84. deserted, 85. kettle, 86. honor, 87. temple, 88. shape-shifter

89. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
90. wa____r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
91. cunning tr_____er *n.* a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology
92. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
93. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
94. tr_____er character *n.* a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology
95. sc__b off graffiti *v.* to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent
96. local vi_____er *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
97. sq___m uncomfortably *v.* to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness
98. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

ANSWERS: 89. recognize, 90. wander, 91. trickster, 92. shock, 93. norm, 94. trickster, 95. scrub, 96. villager, 97. squirm, 98. transform

99. ch__t on my taxes *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
100. de____ed island *adj.* empty or abandoned; lacking inhabitants or visitors; left alone or left behind
101. cunning ra____n *n.* a nocturnal mammal with a distinctive black mask-like marking around the eyes, known for its omnivorous diet, dexterous paws, and bushy tail
102. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
103. re__t bathwater *v.* to heat something again, typically to make it hot enough to eat or drink
104. re__y a debt *v.* to give back or make restitution for money, debt, or other obligation that is owed; to compensate or reward someone for something done or given
105. ce____ny hall *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
106. cr____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
107. y__p in pain *n.* a sharp, high-pitched bark or cry, typically made by a dog or fox
108. dif_____ty in breathing *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
109. am__e guests *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
110. on the western ou____rts *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.

ANSWERS: 99. cheat, 100. deserted, 101. raccoon, 102. unfortunately, 103. reheat, 104. repay, 105. ceremony, 106. creature, 107. yelp, 108. difficulty, 109. amuse, 110. outskirts

111. ex____e the data studiously *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
112. ra____n fur *n.* a nocturnal mammal with a distinctive black mask-like marking around the eyes, known for its omnivorous diet, dexterous paws, and bushy tail
113. comedic an__c *adj.* ludicrously strange and unusual; playful or amusing
114. sc___m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
115. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
116. a ha_____me young man *adj.* physically attractive and pleasing in appearance; attractive and generous
117. artificial cr____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
118. so___n ceremony *adj.* formal and dignified, often with an emphasis on religious or ceremonial attitudes or practices; characterized by an earnest sense of importance or gravity; serious or grave in tone or demeanor
119. b__t diameter *n.* a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly
120. cloistered m__k *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

ANSWERS: 111. examine, 112. raccoon, 113. antic, 114. scream, 115. impressive, 116. handsome, 117. creature, 118. solemn, 119. bolt, 120. monk

121. re__y a kindness *v.* to give back or make restitution for money, debt, or other obligation that is owed; to compensate or reward someone for something done or given
122. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
123. whistle ke___e *n.* a metal container with a lid and handle, used for boiling water or other liquids over a heat source, commonly used for making tea or cooking pasta or soup
124. all in a sw__t *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
125. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
126. re__t a pizza *v.* to heat something again, typically to make it hot enough to eat or drink
127. the degree of dif_____ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
128. w__y politician *adj.* characterized by slyness, deviousness, or cunning; using trickery or stratagems to achieve one's goals
129. have fu__y leaves *adj.* covered in fur or a furry material; resembling fur
130. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
131. a tour guide at the te___e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

ANSWERS: 121. repay, 122. suddenly, 123. kettle, 124. sweat, 125. unfortunately, 126. reheat, 127. difficulty, 128. wily, 129. furry, 130. spot, 131. temple

132. a ha____me salary *adj.* physically attractive and pleasing in appearance; attractive and generous
133. st____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
134. so____n vow *adj.* formal and dignified, often with an emphasis on religious or ceremonial attitudes or practices; characterized by an earnest sense of importance or gravity; serious or grave in tone or demeanor
135. tr____e up the hill *v.* to walk or march slowly and heavily, typically due to exhaustion, difficulty, or reluctance; to move with effort or laboriously
136. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

ANSWERS: 132. handsome, 133. struggle, 134. solemn, 135. trudge, 136. trap

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Initially, we must _____ all project-related expenses.
v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
2. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.
adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
3. During the hurricane, we felt _____ against the winds and rain.
adj. lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
4. He _____ the old torn shirt and bought a new one.
v. to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need
5. He could not _____ against temptation.
v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
6. Her research team made an important _____.
n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
7. She decided to _____ the kitchen floor to remove all the dirt and grime.
v. to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent
8. The children's _____ made everyone laugh.
adj. ludicrously strange and unusual; playful or amusing

ANSWERS: 1. examine, 2. impressive, 3. powerless, 4. discarded, 5. struggle, 6. discovery, 7. scrub, 8. antics

9. He had to resolve a _____ event that happened unexpectedly
adj. causing difficulty or annoyance for someone
10. He received the title of the best _____ in all our branches worldwide.
n. a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
11. He has _____ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.
n. a condition or state that causes problems
12. Her voice gradually increased in _____.
n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
13. Nevada is _____ a desert state.
adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree
14. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
15. Who answers _____ knows little.
adv. quickly and unexpectedly
16. His heartaches are less _____ now.
adj. happening constantly
17. I used a special _____ to make my car's paint shine.
n. a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

ANSWERS: 9. troublesome, 10. salesperson, 11. difficulty, 12. pitch, 13. largely, 14. transformed, 15. suddenly, 16. frequent, 17. polish

18. The rabbit _____ over the fence.

- v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

19. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

- n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

20. I must _____ my loan on time to avoid late fees and penalties.

- v.* to give back or make restitution for money, debt, or other obligation that is owed; to compensate or reward someone for something done or given

21. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

- n.* a living being, especially an animal

22. The _____ gate creaked loudly as it opened.

- adj.* covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect

23. Approximately 1000 automobiles _____ the bridge every day.

- v.* to cross or move through a land or water area

24. Can you please help me _____ this food in the microwave?

- v.* to heat something again, typically to make it hot enough to eat or drink

25. The thief stole the wallet from the _____ tourist.

- adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious

ANSWERS: 18. hopped, 19. spot, 20. repay, 21. creature, 22. rusty, 23. traverse, 24. reheat, 25. unsuspecting

26. The diamond _____ in the sunlight.
v. to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
27. The athlete was hit in the _____ during the game and had to be removed.
n. one of the two oval-shaped organs in men that produce sperm and testosterone; in animals, the equivalent organ responsible for producing sperm and often also regulating testosterone levels
28. The _____ on the stove started to whistle, signaling that the water was boiling.
n. a metal container with a lid and handle, used for boiling water or other liquids over a heat source, commonly used for making tea or cooking pasta or soup
29. The stuffed animal was so _____ and soft that it was hard to resist hugging it.
adj. covered in fur or a furry material; resembling fur
30. He is our loyal customer who should be held in high _____.
n. great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
31. I often _____ around the park for half an hour.
v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
32. The ascetic _____ spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.
n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
33. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
v. to frighten someone very much
34. Even though he knew it was wrong, he _____ on the exam.
v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

ANSWERS: 26. sparkled, 27. testicle, 28. kettle, 29. furry, 30. esteem, 31. wander, 32. monk, 33. terrify, 34. cheated

35. She kept _____ for an ambulance.

- v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

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

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

37. The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of _____ debris.

- adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

38. The hiker _____ through the dense forest, chopping his way with a machete.

- v.* to walk or march slowly and heavily, typically due to exhaustion, difficulty, or reluctance; to move with effort or laboriously

39. The _____ street was quiet and eerie, with no signs of life.

- adj.* empty or abandoned; lacking inhabitants or visitors; left alone or left behind

40. The _____ of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.

- n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.

41. Ghosts in folk _____ are almost always malicious.

- n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

42. The _____ in the forest was so thick that it was difficult to see the trail.

- n.* the plants, bushes, and vegetation that grow beneath the surface of a forest or woodland; the layer of plant life that exists at ground level beneath the taller trees and shrubs in a natural ecosystem

ANSWERS: 35. screaming, 36. temple, 37. dusty, 38. trudged, 39. deserted, 40. outskirts, 41. tales, 42. undergrowth

43. The rural _____ were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.
- n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
44. The _____ fox was able to outsmart the hunters and escape unscathed.
- adj.* characterized by slyness, deviousness, or cunning; using trickery or stratagems to achieve one's goals
45. The lightning _____ twiggged in several directions.
- n.* a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly
46. He got an electric _____ at work.
- n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
47. I claim on my _____ that it is true.
- n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
48. The cat batted at the toy with its _____.
- n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one
49. The politician was known for his _____ appearance and charm.
- adj.* physically attractive and pleasing in appearance; attractive and generous
50. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
- adv.* completely

ANSWERS: 43. villagers, 44. wily, 45. bolt, 46. shock, 47. honor, 48. paw, 49. handsome, 50. entirely

51. The political party _____ after much internal fighting.
- v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
52. She wiped the _____ off her forehead with a towel.
- n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
53. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
- adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
54. The child _____ out of his mother's grasp and ran off.
- v.* to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness
55. I saw a cute _____ family crossing the road while driving home from camping.
- n.* a nocturnal mammal with a distinctive black mask-like marking around the eyes, known for its omnivorous diet, dexterous paws, and bushy tail
56. The group of teenagers played an innocent _____ on their teacher, but it backfired, and they got in trouble.
- n.* a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others
57. The _____ ability to transform into different creatures was fascinating and terrifying.
- n.* a mythical or fictional being that can change its form or appearance, particularly about animals or supernatural creatures
58. The priest led the _____ procession through the church.
- adj.* formal and dignified, often with an emphasis on religious or ceremonial attitudes or practices; characterized by an earnest sense of importance or gravity; serious or grave in tone or demeanor

ANSWERS: 51. dissolved, 52. sweat, 53. unfortunately, 54. squirmed, 55. raccoon, 56. prank, 57. shape-shifter's, 58. solemn

59. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
60. The flowers in the garden began to _____ after the first rain of the season.
- v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
61. The con artist was known as a notorious _____ who scammed people out of their money.
- n. a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology
62. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
- v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
63. The dog let out a sharp _____ when he stepped on its tail.
- n. a sharp, high-pitched bark or cry, typically made by a dog or fox
64. The enemy fell right into the _____.
- n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
65. He _____ himself by playing video games during his free time.
- v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
66. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
- n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

ANSWERS: 59. recognize, 60. sprout, 61. trickster, 62. embarrass, 63. yelp, 64. trap, 65. amused, 66. norms

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

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

68. The _____ of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.

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

ANSWERS: 67. ceremony, 68. statue