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Session 1: Word List

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym: mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

ransom

n. a large amount of money that is paid for being made to secure the release of a person being held captive

synonym: blackmail, release, exchange

(1) **ransom** money, (2) **ransom** demand

The kidnappers demanded a **ransom** for the release of the victim.

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.

comprehend

v. to understand the nature or meaning of something fully

synonym: understand, grasp, apprehend

(1) **comprehend** English, (2) **comprehend** instructions
She struggled to **comprehend** complex math problems.

doe *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**
Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

worthless *adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
synonym : valueless, useless, pointless

(1) **worthless** stock, (2) **worthless** coin
The product was found to be **worthless** as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.

pointless *adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
synonym : meaningless, purposeless, worthless

(1) **pointless** argument, (2) **pointless** task
The meeting was considered **pointless** since nothing was accomplished.

corpse *n.* the dead body of a human being
synonym : body, remains, cadaver

(1) desiccated **corpse**, (2) the **corpse** of an animal
The police found the **corpse** in the abandoned building.

siege *n.* the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it
synonym : blockade, encirclement, barricade

(1) hostage **siege**, (2) lay **siege** to his house
People began storing up food and supplies for the **siege**.

bard *n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories

through song

synonym : poet, minstrel, troubadour

(1) medieval **bard**, (2) a famous **bard**

The **bard's** performance at the festival was the highlight of the event.

memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym : learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

recite

v. to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,

synonym : repeat, replicate, recount

(1) **recite** a charm, (2) **recite** a long list of the article

He could **recite** all of Shakespeare's works.

cascade

n. a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units

synonym : waterfall, watercourse, step

(1) **cascade** connection, (2) transistor **cascade**

The **cascade** of waterfalls in the national park was a breathtaking sight.

retell

v. to tell someone about something again or differently

synonym : reiterate, repeat, restate

(1) **retell** a story, (2) **retell** an old tale

He **retells** the truth to plead not guilty.

rediscover

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

synonym : recover, get back, revive

(1) **rediscover** a value, (2) **rediscover** an old truth

The painting was **rediscovered** in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

subcontract

v. to enter into a contract with another party to complete a specific task or project as a part of a larger contract or agreement; to outsource a portion of work to another party

synonym: outsource, delegate, farm out

(1) **subcontract** services, (2) **subcontract** data entry work

The government agency put out a request for tenders to **subcontract** the maintenance of their facilities.

palliate

v. to make a disease, condition, or symptom appear less severe or intense than it actually is; to alleviate or ease symptoms without curing the underlying cause

synonym: extenuate, soothe, relieve

(1) **palliate** symptoms, (2) attempts to **palliate**

The charity provided meals and shelter to **palliate** the suffering of the homeless population.

hector

v. to intimidate or bully someone

synonym: intimidate, bulldoze, bully

(1) **hector** people, (2) **hector** them into shaking hands

He was known for **hectoring** his employees and making them work long hours.

decency

n. behavior that is appropriate or suitable in a given context, especially in terms of social norms and moral standards

synonym: morality, propriety, decorum

(1) an offense against **decency**, (2) **decency** standards

He always tried to act with **decency**, treating others with respect and kindness.

courageous

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

synonym : brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

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.

grieve

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

synonym : mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

recognizable

adj. easy to become aware of or identify

synonym : noticeable, perceptible, definite

(1) to a **recognizable** degree, (2) **recognizable** landmark

His car was easily **recognizable** in the parking lot.

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light
The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority
synonym: defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world
You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
synonym: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer
The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

resit

v. to retake or reattempt an examination or test that one has previously failed or did not pass with a satisfactory grade
synonym: retake, redo, repeat

(1) **resit** assessment, (2) **resit** a driving test
He will have to **resit** the exam if he wants to improve his grade.

rite

n. a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
synonym: ceremony, ritual, practice

(1) perform the **rite**, (2) **rite** of passage into adulthood
The bishop performed the **rite** of consecration for the new church.

dank

adj. unpleasantly damp and musty; (used in slang) considered cool or of high quality, particularly about cannabis and marijuana culture
synonym: musty, damp, humid

(1) **dank** basement, (2) **dank** smell

The old, **dank** cellar was the perfect place for storing wine.

lament

v. to express sadness, grief, or disappointment about something, often by complaining or mourning

synonym : mourn, grieve, bemoan

(1) **lament** my misfortunes, (2) **lament** the situation

She **lamented** the loss of her beloved cat.

bury

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

synonym : entomb, sink, forget

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

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

nostril

n. either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed

synonym : nose hole, nasal passage, naris

(1) bleeding **nostril**, (2) clogged **nostril**

She had a tissue ready to wipe her **nostril** after a sneeze.

instinctively

adv. as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training

synonym : inherently, intuitively, naturally

(1) **instinctively** grabbed the knife, (2) **instinctively** bad with children

Some researchers claim that even humans can **instinctively** sense earthquakes.

mammal

n. any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

(1) a primitive **mammal**, (2) a sort of **mammal**

Marine **mammal** populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

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.

mannequin

n. a life-sized model of the human body used for displaying clothes, especially in a store window

synonym: dummy, model, figure

(1) **mannequin** display, (2) pose **mannequin**

The store's window display featured a series of **mannequins** dressed in the latest fashion.

epiphany

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

synonym: revelation, enlightenment, insight

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

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

sag

v. to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something

synonym: droop, slump, bend

(1) **sag** my jaw, (2) **sag** with fatigue

The old mattress **sagged** in the middle, making it uncomfortable to sleep on.

bloodless

adj. lacking any evidence of violence, injury, or blood; figuratively, lacking emotional or visceral impact or intensity

synonym: anemic, pallid, ashen

(1) **bloodless** medicine, (2) **bloodless** battlefield

The surgery was performed with such precision that it was a nearly **bloodless** procedure.

ivory

n. a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

synonym : elephant tusk, bone, tooth

(1) tower of **ivory**, (2) **ivory** carving

The intricate carvings on the **ivory** tusk were a work of art.

animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

synonym : invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

kern

v. to adjust the spacing between letters or characters in typesetting, especially to reduce the space between two adjoining characters for a better visual fit; (noun) the part of a letter that projects beyond its nominal width

synonym : center, highlight, emphasize

(1) **kern** text, (2) **kern** spacing

The typographer must **kern** the headlines to make them more visually appealing.

revere

v. to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem

synonym : worship, venerate, admire

(1) **revere** a hero, (2) **revere** a deity

Many people **revere** their religious leaders and look up to them for guidance.

revered

v. highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities

synonym : respected, admired, honored

(1) **revered** figure, (2) the most **revered** President

The **revered** teacher was loved by her students.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

slay

v. to kill violently, especially with a weapon

synonym: kill, murder, eliminate

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

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

weep

v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain

synonym: cry, sob, mourn

(1) **weep** bitter tears, (2) **weep** for joy

I'm easily moved to tears, so I would **weep** in sympathy if I saw that movie.

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym: legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

raft

n. a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer

synonym: flatboat, boat, barge

(1) a **raft** for carrying horses, (2) a life **raft**

The rubber **raft** was swept out to sea.

afflict

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

synonym: trouble, distress, bother

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

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

sentimental

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

synonym: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

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

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

shroud

n. a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically

synonym : cover, veil, cloak

(1) **shroud** of mystery, (2) **shroud** of suspicion

The protective **shroud** covered the body in the coffin at the funeral.

coffin

n. a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin

synonym : casket, box, chest

(1) **coffin** lid, (2) wooden **coffin**

The priest prayed over the **coffin** before it was lowered into the ground.

irrevocable

adj. not able to be changed, reversed, or undone; final and permanent

synonym : irrevokable, irreversible, permanent

(1) **irrevocable** decision, (2) **irrevocable** letter of credit

Some actions can have irreparable and **irrevocable** consequences.

bereavement

n. the state of having lost a relative or close friend; grief or sadness caused by the loss of someone or something

synonym : grief, sorrow, loss

(1) his sad **bereavement**, (2) **bereavement** leave

She was in a state of **bereavement** after her mother passed away.

unflinching

adj. not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute

synonym : resolute, steadfast, unwavering

(1) **unflinching** commitment, (2) **unflinching** gaze

His **unflinching** courage in the face of danger was impressive.

forebear

n. an ancestor or a precursor

synonym : ancestor, predecessor, forefather

(1) a **forebear** of one of the tribes, (2) **forebear** predecessor
His **forebear** was one of the first settlers in the area.

immortal

adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

synonym : eternal, everlasting, undying

(1) **immortal** soul, (2) **immortal** love

Legends often describe mythical creatures as **immortal** beings.

murmur

v. to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

synonym : burble, gurgle, mutter

(1) **murmur** at low wages, (2) **murmur** a greeting

He always **murmurs** at the ill-treatment.

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

synonym : disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

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.

reconnect

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

synonym : reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

altruistic

adj. showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people

synonym : altruistic, philanthropic, generous

(1) **altruistic** behavior, (2) **altruistic** instincts in social animals

The company tried to build an **altruistic** image.

indivisible

adj. unable to be divided or separated; not subject to alteration or change

synonym : undividable, inseparable

(1) **indivisible** identity, (2) **indivisible** parts

Liberty and justice for all are **indivisible** concepts.

falter

v. to hesitate or stumble in action or speech; to lose strength or momentum; to become unsteady or shaky

synonym : hesitate, stumble, waver

(1) **falter** in decision-making, (2) **falter** in speech

My confidence began to **falter** as I gave my presentation in front of the class.

pluck

v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

synonym : grab, pull out, pick

(1) **pluck** a gray hair, (2) **pluck** out weeds

She **plucked** the flowers off the bush.

citadel

n. a fortress, typically on high ground, used to protect and defend a city, town, or other strategic location

synonym : fortress, stronghold, bastion

(1) medieval **citadel**, (2) fortress **citadel**

The ancient **citadel** provided a vantage point for soldiers to watch over the city.

rapture

n. a feeling of extreme pleasure and happiness or excitement

synonym : delight, bliss, elation

(1) with an expression of **rapture**, (2) feel great **rapture**

He gazed at the actor in **rapture**.

incarnate

adj. in bodily form; embodied

synonym : embodied, personified, manifested

(1) **incarnate** spirit, (2) a devil **incarnate**

The ancient people worshiped the **incarnate** deity.

Session 2: Spelling

1. d__k smell *adj.* unpleasantly damp and musty; (used in slang) considered cool or of high quality, particularly about cannabis and marijuana culture
2. sub_____ct services *v.* to enter into a contract with another party to complete a specific task or project as a part of a larger contract or agreement; to outsource a portion of work to another party
3. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
4. w__p bitter tears *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
5. re___e a deity *v.* to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem
6. k__n spacing *v.* to adjust the spacing between letters or characters in typesetting, especially to reduce the space between two adjoining characters for a better visual fit; (noun) the part of a letter that projects beyond its nominal width
7. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
8. re___e a long list of the article *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
9. k__n text *v.* to adjust the spacing between letters or characters in typesetting, especially to reduce the space between two adjoining characters for a better visual fit; (noun) the part of a letter that projects beyond its nominal width

ANSWERS: 1. dank, 2. subcontract, 3. bury, 4. weep, 5. revere, 6. kern, 7. frightening, 8. recite, 9. kern

10. pa____te symptoms *v.* to make a disease, condition, or symptom appear less severe or intense than it actually is; to alleviate or ease symptoms without curing the underlying cause
11. re__t a driving test *v.* to retake or reattempt an examination or test that one has previously failed or did not pass with a satisfactory grade
12. di____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
13. r__e of passage into adulthood *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
14. re_____ct a telephone *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
15. sh____d of mystery *n.* a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically
16. fo_____ar predecessor *n.* an ancestor or a precursor
17. bleeding no____l *n.* either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed
18. ind_____le identity *adj.* unable to be divided or separated; not subject to alteration or change
19. try hard to me____ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
20. a primitive ma____l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

ANSWERS: 10. palliate, 11. resit, 12. disguise, 13. rite, 14. reconnect, 15. shroud, 16. forebear, 17. nostril, 18. indivisible, 19. memorize, 20. mammal

21. ra___m demand *n.* a large amount of money that is paid for being made to secure the release of a person being held captive
22. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
23. gr___e at the sad news *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
24. pl__k out weeds *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
25. gr___e for loss *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
26. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
27. af_____t with the plague *v.* to cause pain, suffering, or distress to someone or something
28. in_____ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
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30. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
31. re__t assessment *v.* to retake or reattempt an examination or test that one has previously failed or did not pass with a satisfactory grade
32. an offense against de_____y *n.* behavior that is appropriate or suitable in a given context, especially in terms of social norms and moral standards

ANSWERS: 21. ransom, 22. moth, 23. grieve, 24. pluck, 25. grieve, 26. terrify, 27. afflict, 28. instruct, 29. terrify, 30. sham, 31. resit, 32. decency

33. re___e a hero *v.* to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem
34. fortress ci____l *n.* a fortress, typically on high ground, used to protect and defend a city, town, or other strategic location
35. fa___r in speech *v.* to hesitate or stumble in action or speech; to lose strength or momentum; to become unsteady or shaky
36. a famous b__d *n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song
37. mu___r at low wages *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
38. in____te spirit *adj.* in bodily form; embodied
39. bl____ss battlefield *adj.* lacking any evidence of violence, injury, or blood; figuratively, lacking emotional or visceral impact or intensity
40. the co___e of an animal *n.* the dead body of a human being
41. ma____in display *n.* a life-sized model of the human body used for displaying clothes, especially in a store window
42. im____al soul *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
43. co____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority

ANSWERS: 33. revere, 34. citadel, 35. falter, 36. bard, 37. murmur, 38. incarnate, 39. bloodless, 40. corpse, 41. mannequin, 42. immortal, 43. conquer

44. the most re_____d President *v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
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47. w__p for joy *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
48. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
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50. sub_____ct data entry work *v.* to enter into a contract with another party to complete a specific task or project as a part of a larger contract or agreement; to outsource a portion of work to another party
51. lay si__e to his house *n.* the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it
52. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
53. to a rec_____ble degree *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
54. rec_____ble landmark *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify

ANSWERS: 44. revered, 45. palliate, 46. raft, 47. weep, 48. carve, 49. courageous, 50. subcontract, 51. siege, 52. ancestor, 53. recognizable, 54. recognizable

55. an_____e his soul	<i>v.</i> to make something full of interest and energy
56. alt_____ic instincts in social animals	<i>adj.</i> showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people
57. po_____ss task	<i>adj.</i> having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
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59. en__t new legislation	<i>v.</i> to make a law; to put something into practice
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62. de_____y standards	<i>n.</i> behavior that is appropriate or suitable in a given context, especially in terms of social norms and moral standards
63. earliest human an_____or	<i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
64. co_____r the world	<i>v.</i> to bring under control by force or authority
65. clogged no_____l	<i>n.</i> either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed
66. ep_____ny about life	<i>n.</i> a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

ANSWERS: 55. animate, 56. altruistic, 57. pointless, 58. hector, 59. enact, 60. scatter, 61. rite, 62. decency, 63. ancestor, 64. conquer, 65. nostril, 66. epiphany

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77. me_____ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
78. af_____t the economy *v.* to cause pain, suffering, or distress to someone or something
79. im_____al love *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

ANSWERS: 67. moth, 68. sentimental, 69. comprehend, 70. sentimental, 71. animate, 72. instinctively, 73. indivisible, 74. sag, 75. powerless, 76. forebear, 77. memorize, 78. afflict, 79. immortal

80. co___n lid *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
81. ra___m money *n.* a large amount of money that is paid for being made to secure the release of a person being held captive
82. po_____ss position *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
83. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
84. a r__t for carrying horses *n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
85. fa___r in decision-making *v.* to hesitate or stumble in action or speech; to lose strength or momentum; to become unsteady or shaky
86. bl_____ss medicine *adj.* lacking any evidence of violence, injury, or blood; figuratively, lacking emotional or visceral impact or intensity
87. di_____se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
88. s__y civilians *v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
89. re___l an old tale *v.* to tell someone about something again or differently
90. la___t my misfortunes *v.* to express sadness, grief, or disappointment about something, often by complaining or mourning
91. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 80. coffin, 81. ransom, 82. powerless, 83. bury, 84. raft, 85. falter, 86. bloodless, 87. disguise, 88. slay, 89. retell, 90. lament, 91. doe

92. en__t the smoking ban *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
93. red_____er an old truth *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
94. medieval b__d *n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song
95. s__y a dragon *v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
96. feel great ra_____e *n.* a feeling of extreme pleasure and happiness or excitement
97. he___r them into shaking hands *v.* to intimidate or bully someone
98. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
99. alt_____ic behavior *adj.* showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people
100. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
101. re_____d figure *v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
102. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
103. po_____ss argument *adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
104. wo_____ss coin *adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

ANSWERS: 92. enact, 93. rediscover, 94. bard, 95. slay, 96. rapture, 97. hector, 98. doe, 99. altruistic, 100. carve, 101. revered, 102. frightening, 103. pointless, 104. worthless

105. desiccated co___e *n.* the dead body of a human being
106. with an expression of ra____e *n.* a feeling of extreme pleasure and happiness or excitement
107. a sort of ma___l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
108. hostage si__e *n.* the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it
109. tower of iv__y *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
110. com_____nd instructions *v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
111. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
112. a devil in_____te *adj.* in bodily form; embodied
113. irr_____le letter of credit *adj.* not able to be changed, reversed, or undone; final and permanent
114. d__k basement *adj.* unpleasantly damp and musty; (used in slang) considered cool or of high quality, particularly about cannabis and marijuana culture
115. ca_____e connection *n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units

ANSWERS: 105. corpse, 106. rapture, 107. mammal, 108. siege, 109. ivory, 110. comprehend, 111. courageous, 112. incarnate, 113. irrevocable, 114. dank, 115. cascade

116. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
117. unf_____ng commitment *adj.* not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute
118. his sad ber_____nt *n.* the state of having lost a relative or close friend; grief or sadness caused by the loss of someone or something
119. in_____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
120. Feast of Ep_____ny *n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus
121. ins_____ely grabbed the knife *adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
122. unf_____ng gaze *adj.* not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute
123. re____l a story *v.* to tell someone about something again or differently
124. irr_____le decision *adj.* not able to be changed, reversed, or undone; final and permanent
125. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
126. medieval ci_____l *n.* a fortress, typically on high ground, used to protect and defend a city, town, or other strategic location

ANSWERS: 116. embarrass, 117. unflinching, 118. bereavement, 119. instruct, 120. epiphany, 121. instinctively, 122. unflinching, 123. retell, 124. irrevocable, 125. embarrass, 126. citadel

127. ber_____nt leave *n.* the state of having lost a relative or close friend; grief or sadness caused by the loss of someone or something
128. re_____ct with family *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
129. la____t the situation *v.* to express sadness, grief, or disappointment about something, often by complaining or mourning
130. sh____d of suspicion *n.* a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically
131. s_g my jaw *v.* to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something
132. iv__y carving *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
133. pose ma_____in *n.* a life-sized model of the human body used for displaying clothes, especially in a store window
134. red_____er a value *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
135. pl__k a gray hair *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

ANSWERS: 127. bereavement, 128. reconnect, 129. lament, 130. shroud, 131. sag, 132. ivory, 133. mannequin, 134. rediscover, 135. pluck

136. sc____r seeds
v. to cause to separate and go in different directions
137. wo_____ss stock
adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
138. a s__m battle
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
139. re___e a charm
v. to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
140. transistor ca_____e
n. a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
141. wooden co___n
n. a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
142. mu___r a greeting
v. to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

ANSWERS: 136. scatter, 137. worthless, 138. sham, 139. recite, 140. cascade, 141. coffin, 142. murmur

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The old mattress _____ in the middle, making it uncomfortable to sleep on.
 - v. to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something

2. The government agency put out a request for tenders to _____ the maintenance of their facilities.
 - v. to enter into a contract with another party to complete a specific task or project as a part of a larger contract or agreement; to outsource a portion of work to another party

3. The store's window display featured a series of _____ dressed in the latest fashion.
 - n. a life-sized model of the human body used for displaying clothes, especially in a store window

4. The priest prayed over the _____ before it was lowered into the ground.
 - n. a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin

5. My confidence began to _____ as I gave my presentation in front of the class.
 - v. to hesitate or stumble in action or speech; to lose strength or momentum; to become unsteady or shaky

6. She _____ the flowers off the bush.
 - v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

7. She _____ the loss of her parents.
 - v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

ANSWERS: 1. sagged, 2. subcontract, 3. mannequins, 4. coffin, 5. falter, 6. plucked, 7. grieved

8. The disease can _____ both humans and animals.
v. to cause pain, suffering, or distress to someone or something
9. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.
adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
10. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
11. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
12. People began storing up food and supplies for the _____.
n. the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it
13. The ancient _____ provided a vantage point for soldiers to watch over the city.
n. a fortress, typically on high ground, used to protect and defend a city, town, or other strategic location
14. Hunters use a whistle that makes the _____ sound to lure stags.
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
15. The charity provided meals and shelter to _____ the suffering of the homeless population.
v. to make a disease, condition, or symptom appear less severe or intense than it actually is; to alleviate or ease symptoms without curing the underlying cause

ANSWERS: 8. afflict, 9. sentimental, 10. embarrass, 11. bury, 12. siege, 13. citadel, 14. doe, 15. palliate

16. The facility manager _____ the security guards to be on high alert.

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

17. The company tried to build an _____ image.

- adj.* showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people

18. The ancient people worshiped the _____ deity.

- adj.* in bodily form; embodied

19. He always _____ at the ill-treatment.

- v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

20. She _____ the loss of her beloved cat.

- v.* to express sadness, grief, or disappointment about something, often by complaining or mourning

21. During the hurricane, we felt _____ against the winds and rain.

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

22. Marine _____ populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

- n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

23. His car was easily _____ in the parking lot.

- adj.* easy to become aware of or identify

ANSWERS: 16. instructed, 17. altruistic, 18. incarnate, 19. murmurs, 20. lamented, 21. powerless, 22. mammal, 23. recognizable

24. Liberty and justice for all are _____ concepts.

adj. unable to be divided or separated; not subject to alteration or change

25. Some actions can have irreparable and _____ consequences.

adj. not able to be changed, reversed, or undone; final and permanent

26. She struggled to _____ complex math problems.

v. to understand the nature or meaning of something fully

27. Later it turned out that the politician _____ the fact from the public.

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

28. The kidnappers demanded a _____ for the release of the victim.

n. a large amount of money that is paid for being made to secure the release of a person being held captive

29. He always tried to act with _____ treating others with respect and kindness.

n. behavior that is appropriate or suitable in a given context, especially in terms of social norms and moral standards

30. The protective _____ covered the body in the coffin at the funeral.

n. a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically

31. His _____ courage in the face of danger was impressive.

adj. not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute

ANSWERS: 24. indivisible, 25. irrevocable, 26. comprehend, 27. disguised, 28. ransom, 29. decency, 30. shroud, 31. unflinching

32. The _____ of waterfalls in the national park was a breathtaking sight.
n. a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
33. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.
adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
34. The old, _____ cellar was the perfect place for storing wine.
adj. unpleasantly damp and musty; (used in slang) considered cool or of high quality, particularly about cannabis and marijuana culture
35. The singer _____ the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.
v. to kill violently, especially with a weapon
36. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.
v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
37. She had a tissue ready to wipe her _____ after a sneeze.
n. either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed
38. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.
v. to bring under control by force or authority
39. She was in a state of _____ after her mother passed away.
n. the state of having lost a relative or close friend; grief or sadness caused by the loss of someone or something
40. The intricate carvings on the _____ tusk were a work of art.
n. a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

ANSWERS: 32. cascade, 33. courageous, 34. dank, 35. slayed, 36. carved, 37. nostril, 38. conquer, 39. bereavement, 40. ivory

41. The surgery was performed with such precision that it was a nearly _____ procedure.
adj. lacking any evidence of violence, injury, or blood; figuratively, lacking emotional or visceral impact or intensity
42. The typographer must _____ the headlines to make them more visually appealing.
v. to adjust the spacing between letters or characters in typesetting, especially to reduce the space between two adjoining characters for a better visual fit; (noun) the part of a letter that projects beyond its nominal width
43. After a long period of estrangement, they _____ with each other.
v. to connect again after a break or interruption
44. The hunter's approach _____ the geese.
v. to cause to separate and go in different directions
45. The bishop performed the _____ of consecration for the new church.
n. a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
46. He could _____ all of Shakespeare's works.
v. to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
47. He gazed at the actor in _____.
n. a feeling of extreme pleasure and happiness or excitement
48. He _____ the truth to plead not guilty.
v. to tell someone about something again or differently

ANSWERS: 41. bloodless, 42. kern, 43. reconnected, 44. scattered, 45. rite, 46. recite, 47. rapture, 48. retells

49. The government _____ this law in 1925.

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

50. Legends often describe mythical creatures as _____ beings.

adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

51. She had an _____ while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.

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

52. The painting was _____ in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

53. He will have to _____ the exam if he wants to improve his grade.

v. to retake or reattempt an examination or test that one has previously failed or did not pass with a satisfactory grade

54. Some researchers claim that even humans can _____ sense earthquakes.

adv. as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training

55. His _____ was one of the first settlers in the area.

n. an ancestor or a precursor

56. The product was found to be _____ as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.

adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

ANSWERS: 49. enacted, 50. immortal, 51. epiphany, 52. rediscovered, 53. resit, 54. instinctively, 55. forebear, 56. worthless

57. The data he prepared was completely _____.
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
58. The _____ is a serious threat to the farm's output.
n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
59. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.
v. to make something full of interest and energy
60. The police found the _____ in the abandoned building.
n. the dead body of a human being
61. Many people _____ their religious leaders and look up to them for guidance.
v. to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem
62. Lawyers need to _____ even the most minor provisions of the law.
v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
63. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
64. The _____ performance at the festival was the highlight of the event.
n. a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song
65. The _____ teacher was loved by her students.
v. highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities

ANSWERS: 57. sham, 58. moth, 59. animated, 60. corpse, 61. revere, 62. memorize, 63. ancestor, 64. bard's, 65. revered

66. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

67. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.

v. to frighten someone very much

68. I'm easily moved to tears, so I would _____ in sympathy if I saw that movie.

v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain

69. He was known for _____ his employees and making them work long hours.

v. to intimidate or bully someone

70. The meeting was considered _____ since nothing was accomplished.

adj. having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless

71. The rubber _____ was swept out to sea.

n. a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer

ANSWERS: 66. frightening, 67. terrify, 68. weep, 69. hectoring, 70. pointless, 71. raft