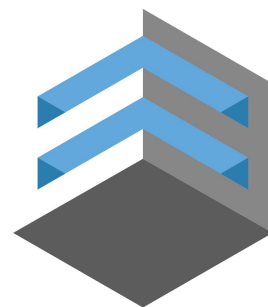


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Session 1: Word List

loophole

n. a gap or weakness in a legal or bureaucratic system that allows for the exploitation of unintended benefits or avoids penalties

synonym: loophole, escape clause, technicality

(1) legal **loophole**, (2) finding a **loophole**

A **loophole** in the tax code allows some people to avoid paying taxes legally.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

elector

n. a person who has the right to vote in an election

synonym: voter, constituent, citizen

(1) presidential **elector**, (2) qualified for an **elector**

The **elector** cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

concede

v. to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly

synonym : admit, acknowledge, allow

(1) **concede** a territory, (2) **concede** a point

He had to **concede** defeat after losing the game.

glitch

n. a minor problem or malfunction, especially in a computer program, system, or machine

synonym : malfunction, bug, fault

(1) computer **glitch**, (2) unanticipated **glitch**

The computer system had a minor **glitch** that caused a delay.

riot

n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

synonym : disturbance, unrest, upheaval

(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas

The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

bloodshed

n. the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict

synonym : carnage, violence, killing

(1) bloody **bloodshed**, (2) massive **bloodshed**

The negotiations failed, leading to threats of **bloodshed** between the two countries.

strife

n. conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups

synonym : conflict, disagreement, dissension

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

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

concession

n. something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park

synonym : agreement, compromise, deal

(1) an oil **concession**, (2) make a **concession**

The movie theater offered a special **concession** for seniors on Tuesdays.

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

contender

n. the contestant you hope to defeat

synonym : rival, competitor, challenger

(1) championship **contender**, (2) presidential **contender**

We were looking at a severe **contender** indeed.

congratulation

n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

synonym : praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

die-hard

adj. (of a person) extremely loyal, dedicated, or enthusiastic; unwilling to give up

synonym : dedicated, committed, steadfast

(1) **die-hard** fanatic, (2) **die-hard** militarist

He was a **die-hard** football team fan and never missed a game.

demobilize

v. to discharge or release soldiers, military personnel, or other personnel from active service or duty; to disband or break up a military unit or force; to withdraw or deactivate a military force or resource

synonym : disband, deactivate, release

(1) **demobilize** combatants, (2) **demobilize** soldiers

The board decided to **demobilize** some of the departments to streamline operations.

moreover

adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

synonym : furthermore, besides, in addition

(1) **moreover**, she decided to go, (2) but **moreover**, they work well together

The company is environmentally conscious, and **moreover**, it uses sustainable materials in its products.

begrudge

v. to feel resentment or ill-will towards someone because of their success, possessions, or achievements; to envy or covet something that belongs to someone else; to hesitate or be reluctant to give or allow something to someone

synonym : resent, envy

(1) **begrudge** him the opportunity to study abroad,

(2) **begrudge** spending money

I don't **begrudge** you for your success.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym :

sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me
She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

inauguration

n. the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event

synonym: swearing-in, investiture, initiation

(1) **inauguration** ceremony, (2) presidential **inauguration**
The **inauguration** of the new station was a great success.

reinstate

v. to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held

synonym: restore, bring back, revive

(1) **reinstate** a policy, (2) **reinstate** a team member
The boss decided to **reinstate** the recently fired employee after realizing their mistake.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship
Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

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.

caucus

n. a private meeting of a political group or party to discuss policies, tactics, and strategy; a closed meeting or assembly of people with shared interests or goals, often

to make decisions or coordinate actions

synonym: meeting, conference, assembly

(1) statewide **caucus**, (2) Democratic **caucus**

The politicians met privately in a **caucus** to discuss their party's platform.

confetti

n. small pieces of colored paper or other material that are thrown around on festive occasions, especially in celebration or as part of the decoration

(1) **confetti** party, (2) **confetti-filled** balloons

We threw **confetti** at the wedding to celebrate the happy couple.

gore

v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death;
(noun) coagulated blood from a wound

synonym: pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene

The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

discredit

v. to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable

synonym: disprove, undermine, disgrace

(1) **discredit** a theory, (2) **discredit** a witness

The company's unethical practices have **discredited** its brand image in the eyes of consumers.

pitchfork

n. a long-handled farm tool with two or three prongs at the end, used for turning over hay or other agricultural materials

synonym: hayfork, trident, pikestaff

(1) **pitchfork** attack, (2) **pitchfork** protest

The angry mob marched towards the mansion with **pitchforks** and torches in hand.

ferocious

adj. very fierce, savage, or cruel

synonym : savage, fierce, brutal

(1) **ferocious** beast, (2) **ferocious** predator

The lion's **ferocious** roar could be heard from miles away.

allege

v. to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

synonym : claim, assert, state

(1) **allege** abuse, (2) **allege** wrongdoing

The prosecution **alleged** that the defendant was guilty of the crime.

tally

n. a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers

synonym : count, record, score

(1) keep a **tally**, (2) **tally** sheet

Let's keep a **tally** of the votes to see who won the election.

congressperson

n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

synonym : lawmaker, politician, representative

(1) hawkish **congressperson**, (2) former **congressperson**

The term of a **congressperson** is two years.

anoint

v. to apply oil or some other substance to something or someone as part of a religious or ceremonial act; to smear or rub with oil or a similar substance as a form of treatment or protection; to designate or appoint someone for a special mission or duty

synonym : bless, consecrate, sanctify

(1) **anoint** with oil, (2) **anoint** him as king

The priest will **anoint** the sick with holy oil in hopes of a speedy recovery.

unpopular

adj. not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation

synonym : disliked, unloved, unsupported

(1) **unpopular** decision, (2) an **unpopular** opinion

The politician's stance on controversial issues made him an **unpopular** candidate for many voters.

lawmaker

n. a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws

synonym : lawgiver, legislator, solon

(1) female **lawmaker**, (2) incumbent **lawmaker**

This company has increased political contributions to federal **lawmakers**.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym : activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

gracious

adj. behaving in a kind, polite and generous way

synonym : cordial, affable, courteous

(1) in a **gracious** manner, (2) **gracious** hospitality

The staff is always helpful and **gracious**.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

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.

dictator

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

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers
A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

carnage

n. the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way

synonym : slaughter, massacre, bloodshed

(1) **carnage** on the battlefield, (2) brutal **carnage**

The battlefield was filled with **carnage**, a terrible reminder of the horrors of war.

nonviolence

n. the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change

synonym : pacifism, nonresistance, peacekeeping

(1) **nonviolence** movement, (2) **nonviolence** protest

Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of **nonviolence** in the fight for civil rights.

rogue

n. a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly

synonym : baddie, con artist, crook

(1) a **rogue** detective, (2) **rogue** state

The president states emphatically that the opponent country is a **rogue** state that supports terrorism.

militia

n. a military force comprised of trained soldiers who are usually a citizen or have other jobs

synonym : reserves

(1) **militia** groups, (2) armed **militia**

Militia suddenly occupied the presidential palace.

intimidate

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

synonym: frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

indefinitely

adv. without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time

synonym: endlessly, permanently, perpetually

(1) postpone a meeting **indefinitely**, (2) **indefinitely**

suspended

The construction project has been delayed **indefinitely** due to the pandemic.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

reimagine

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

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

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

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

prosecute

v. to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

synonym: charge, sue, bring to trial

(1) **prosecute** criminal, (2) **prosecute** case

The attorney decided to **prosecute** the suspect for stealing from the store.

intimidation

n. the act of instilling fear or anxiety in someone, often to make them feel inferior or submissive; the use of threats or coercion to deter someone from taking a certain course of action

synonym: frightening, bullying, harassment

(1) act of **intimidation**, (2) fear of **intimidation**

Using **intimidation** tactics in the workplace is unacceptable and should not be tolerated.

vigilant

adj. keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties

synonym: watchful, attentive, alert

(1) **vigilant** watch, (2) **vigilant** about hand-washing

The guards had to remain **vigilant** to ensure the safety of the high-security facility.

Session 2: Spelling

1. brutal ca_____e
n. the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way
2. an ir___c turn of events
adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
3. don't dis_____nt me
v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
4. un_____ar decision
adj. not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation
5. re_____te a policy
v. to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held
6. ina_____ion ceremony
n. the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
7. mo_____ze cooperation
v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
8. ro__e state
n. a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly

ANSWERS: 1. carnage, 2. ironic, 3. disappoint, 4. unpopular, 5. reinstate, 6. inauguration, 7. mobilize, 8. rogue

9. ind_____ely suspended *adv.* without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time
10. unanticipated gl___h *n.* a minor problem or malfunction, especially in a computer program, system, or machine
11. fe_____us predator *adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel
12. an un_____ar opinion *adj.* not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation
13. effectively int_____te a thief *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
14. di_____rd militarist *adj.* (of a person) extremely loyal, dedicated, or enthusiastic; unwilling to give up
15. an___t with oil *v.* to apply oil or some other substance to something or someone as part of a religious or ceremonial act; to smear or rub with oil or a similar substance as a form of treatment or protection; to designate or appoint someone for a special mission or duty
16. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
17. postpone a meeting ind_____ely *adv.* without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time
18. pi_____rk protest *n.* a long-handled farm tool with two or three prongs at the end, used for turning over hay or other agricultural materials

ANSWERS: 9. indefinitely, 10. glitch, 11. ferocious, 12. unpopular, 13. intimidate, 14. die-hard, 15. anoint, 16. confer, 17. indefinitely, 18. pitchfork

19. fear of int_____ion *n.* the act of instilling fear or anxiety in someone, often to make them feel inferior or submissive; the use of threats or coercion to deter someone from taking a certain course of action
20. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
21. pr_____te case *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
22. gr_____us hospitality *adj.* behaving in a kind, polite and generous way
23. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
24. presidential ina_____ion *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
25. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
26. act of int_____ion *n.* the act of instilling fear or anxiety in someone, often to make them feel inferior or submissive; the use of threats or coercion to deter someone from taking a certain course of action
27. ir____c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

ANSWERS: 19. intimidation, 20. reimagine, 21. prosecute, 22. gracious, 23. mobilize, 24. inauguration, 25. elevate, 26. intimidation, 27. ironic

28. mi____a groups *n.* a military force comprised of trained soldiers who are usually a citizen or have other jobs
29. a matter for con_____ion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
30. re____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
31. massive bl_____ed *n.* the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict
32. armed mi____a *n.* a military force comprised of trained soldiers who are usually a citizen or have other jobs
33. bloody bl_____ed *n.* the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict
34. el____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
35. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
36. non_____ce protest *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change

ANSWERS: 28. militia, 29. congratulation, 30. rethink, 31. bloodshed, 32. militia, 33. bloodshed, 34. elevate, 35. determinant, 36. nonviolence

37. former con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
38. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
39. vi_____nt about hand-washing *adj.* keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties
40. di_____rd fanatic *adj.* (of a person) extremely loyal, dedicated, or enthusiastic; unwilling to give up
41. legal lo_____le *n.* a gap or weakness in a legal or bureaucratic system that allows for the exploitation of unintended benefits or avoids penalties
42. dem_____ze combatants *v.* to discharge or release soldiers, military personnel, or other personnel from active service or duty; to disband or break up a military unit or force; to withdraw or deactivate a military force or resource
43. incumbent la_____er *n.* a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws
44. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
45. military di_____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

ANSWERS: 37. congressperson, 38. dictator, 39. vigilant, 40. die-hard, 41. loophole, 42. demobilize, 43. lawmaker, 44. well-being, 45. dictator

46. an___t him as king *v.* to apply oil or some other substance to something or someone as part of a religious or ceremonial act; to smear or rub with oil or a similar substance as a form of treatment or protection; to designate or appoint someone for a special mission or duty
47. make a con_____on *n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park
48. co_____e a point *v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
49. ind_____le identity *adj.* unable to be divided or separated; not subject to alteration or change
50. be_____ge spending money *v.* to feel resentment or ill-will towards someone because of their success, possessions, or achievements; to envy or covet something that belongs to someone else; to hesitate or be reluctant to give or allow something to someone
51. a ro__e detective *n.* a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly
52. in a gr_____us manner *adj.* behaving in a kind, polite and generous way
53. fe_____us beast *adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel

ANSWERS: 46. anoint, 47. concession, 48. concede, 49. indivisible, 50. begrudge, 51. rogue, 52. gracious, 53. ferocious

54. at st___e over the land *n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
55. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
56. al___e wrongdoing *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
57. presidential co____er *n.* the contestant you hope to defeat
58. re____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
59. r__t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
60. a sense of wel____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
61. qualified for an el____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
62. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
63. g__e him with a weapon *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
64. civil st___e *n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
65. dis____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

ANSWERS: 54. strife, 55. riot, 56. allege, 57. contender, 58. reimagine, 59. riot, 60. well-being, 61. elector, 62. confer, 63. gore, 64. strife, 65. disappoint

66. al___e abuse *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
67. co_____ti party *n.* small pieces of colored paper or other material that are thrown around on festive occasions, especially in celebration or as part of the decoration
68. non_____ce movement *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
69. re_____te a team member *v.* to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held
70. ca_____e on the battlefield *n.* the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way
71. be_____ge him the opportunity to study abroad *v.* to feel resentment or ill-will towards someone because of their success, possessions, or achievements; to envy or covet something that belongs to someone else; to hesitate or be reluctant to give or allow something to someone
72. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
73. presidential el_____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election

ANSWERS: 66. allege, 67. confetti, 68. nonviolence, 69. reinstate, 70. carnage, 71. begrudge, 72. terrify, 73. elector

74. di_____it a theory *v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
75. finding a lo_____le *n.* a gap or weakness in a legal or bureaucratic system that allows for the exploitation of unintended benefits or avoids penalties
76. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
77. ta__y sheet *n.* a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers
78. co_____ti-filled balloons *n.* small pieces of colored paper or other material that are thrown around on festive occasions, especially in celebration or as part of the decoration
79. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
80. hawkish con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
81. pi_____rk attack *n.* a long-handled farm tool with two or three prongs at the end, used for turning over hay or other agricultural materials
82. vi_____nt watch *adj.* keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties

ANSWERS: 74. discredit, 75. loophole, 76. rethink, 77. tally, 78. confetti, 79. determinant, 80. congressperson, 81. pitchfork, 82. vigilant

83. statewide ca___s *n.* a private meeting of a political group or party to discuss policies, tactics, and strategy; a closed meeting or assembly of people with shared interests or goals, often to make decisions or coordinate actions
84. but mo____er, they work well together *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
85. dem_____ze soldiers *v.* to discharge or release soldiers, military personnel, or other personnel from active service or duty; to disband or break up a military unit or force; to withdraw or deactivate a military force or resource
86. co_____e a territory *v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
87. championship co_____er *n.* the contestant you hope to defeat
88. Democratic ca___s *n.* a private meeting of a political group or party to discuss policies, tactics, and strategy; a closed meeting or assembly of people with shared interests or goals, often to make decisions or coordinate actions
89. di_____it a witness *v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
90. con_____ion on a promotion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

ANSWERS: 83. caucus, 84. moreover, 85. demobilize, 86. concede, 87. contender, 88. caucus, 89. discredit, 90. congratulation

91. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
92. mo_____er, she decided to go *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
93. ind_____le parts *adj.* unable to be divided or separated; not subject to alteration or change
94. female la_____er *n.* a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws
95. computer gl____h *n.* a minor problem or malfunction, especially in a computer program, system, or machine
96. an oil con_____on *n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park
97. pr_____te criminal *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
98. int_____te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
99. g__e scene *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound

ANSWERS: 91. terrify, 92. moreover, 93. indivisible, 94. lawmaker, 95. glitch, 96. concession, 97. prosecute, 98. intimidate, 99. gore

100. keep a ta__y

n. a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers

ANSWERS: 100. tally

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of _____ in the fight for civil rights.
 - n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change

2. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
 - v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

3. The computer system had a minor _____ that caused a delay.
 - n.* a minor problem or malfunction, especially in a computer program, system, or machine

4. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
 - v.* to frighten someone very much

5. A _____ in the tax code allows some people to avoid paying taxes legally.
 - n.* a gap or weakness in a legal or bureaucratic system that allows for the exploitation of unintended benefits or avoids penalties

6. The construction project has been delayed _____ due to the pandemic.
 - adv.* without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time

7. The hunter _____ the deer with an arrow.
 - v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound

ANSWERS: 1. nonviolence, 2. elevates, 3. glitch, 4. terrify, 5. loophole, 6. indefinitely, 7. gored

8. The board decided to _____ some of the departments to streamline operations.
- v.* to discharge or release soldiers, military personnel, or other personnel from active service or duty; to disband or break up a military unit or force; to withdraw or deactivate a military force or resource
9. Let's keep a _____ of the votes to see who won the election.
- n.* a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers
10. The country has been wracked by political _____ for many years.
- n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
11. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
- v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
12. The prosecution _____ that the defendant was guilty of the crime.
- v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
13. The movie theater offered a special _____ for seniors on Tuesdays.
- n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park
14. The politicians met privately in a _____ to discuss their party's platform.
- n.* a private meeting of a political group or party to discuss policies, tactics, and strategy; a closed meeting or assembly of people with shared interests or goals, often to make decisions or coordinate actions
15. The boss decided to _____ the recently fired employee after realizing their mistake.
- v.* to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held

ANSWERS: 8. demobilize, 9. tally, 10. strife, 11. rethink, 12. alleged, 13. concession, 14. caucus, 15. reinstate

16. The boss tried to _____ his subordinate with threats.
v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
17. He had to _____ defeat after losing the game.
v. to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
18. The _____ cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.
n. a person who has the right to vote in an election
19. We were looking at a severe _____ indeed.
n. the contestant you hope to defeat
20. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.
v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
21. The negotiations failed, leading to threats of _____ between the two countries.
n. the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict
22. The battlefield was filled with _____ a terrible reminder of the horrors of war.
n. the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way
23. The _____ from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.
n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

ANSWERS: 16. intimidate, 17. concede, 18. elector, 19. contender, 20. disappoint, 21. bloodshed, 22. carnage, 23. congratulations

24. Liberty and justice for all are _____ concepts.

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

25. The company's unethical practices have _____ its brand image in the eyes of consumers.

v. to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable

26. He was a _____ football team fan and never missed a game.

adj. (of a person) extremely loyal, dedicated, or enthusiastic; unwilling to give up

27. It was _____ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

28. The politician's stance on controversial issues made him an _____ candidate for many voters.

adj. not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation

29. The priest will _____ the sick with holy oil in hopes of a speedy recovery.

v. to apply oil or some other substance to something or someone as part of a religious or ceremonial act; to smear or rub with oil or a similar substance as a form of treatment or protection; to designate or appoint someone for a special mission or duty

30. The company is environmentally conscious, and _____ it uses sustainable materials in its products.

adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

ANSWERS: 24. indivisible, 25. discredited, 26. die-hard, 27. ironic, 28. unpopular, 29. anoint, 30. moreover,

31. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.
- v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
32. We threw _____ at the wedding to celebrate the happy couple.
- n.* small pieces of colored paper or other material that are thrown around on festive occasions, especially in celebration or as part of the decoration
33. The military _____ troops to the border.
- v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
34. The president states emphatically that the opponent country is a _____ state that supports terrorism.
- n.* a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly
35. _____ suddenly occupied the presidential palace.
- n.* a military force comprised of trained soldiers who are usually a citizen or have other jobs
36. The attorney decided to _____ the suspect for stealing from the store.
- v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
37. I don't _____ you for your success.
- v.* to feel resentment or ill-will towards someone because of their success, possessions, or achievements; to envy or covet something that belongs to someone else; to hesitate or be reluctant to give or allow something to someone
38. The guards had to remain _____ to ensure the safety of the high-security facility.
- adj.* keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties

ANSWERS: 31. reimagine, 32. confetti, 33. mobilized, 34. rogue, 35. Militia, 36. prosecute, 37. begrudge, 38. vigilant

39. The _____ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
- n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
40. This company has increased political contributions to federal _____.
- n.* a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws
41. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
42. The staff is always helpful and _____.
- adj.* behaving in a kind, polite and generous way
43. The angry mob marched towards the mansion with _____ and torches in hand.
- n.* a long-handled farm tool with two or three prongs at the end, used for turning over hay or other agricultural materials
44. Using _____ tactics in the workplace is unacceptable and should not be tolerated.
- n.* the act of instilling fear or anxiety in someone, often to make them feel inferior or submissive; the use of threats or coercion to deter someone from taking a certain course of action
45. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
- n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

ANSWERS: 39. riots, 40. lawmakers, 41. confer, 42. gracious, 43. pitchforks, 44. intimidation, 45. dictator

46. The term of a _____ is two years.

- n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

47. The _____ of the new station was a great success.

- n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event

48. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

49. The lion's _____ roar could be heard from miles away.

- adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel

50. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.

- n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

ANSWERS: 46. congressperson, 47. inauguration, 48. determinant, 49. ferocious, 50. well-being