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Session 1: Word List

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

picnic

n. an outdoor meal or social gathering where food is served and eaten in nature, typically in a park, forest, or other outdoor settings

synonym : outing, barbecue, walkover

(1) **picnic** basket, (2) **picnic** table

The family enjoyed a lovely **picnic** in the park on a sunny day.

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.

gorge

n. a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it

synonym : canyon, gully, ravine

(1) cast the **gorge**, (2) the **gorges** of the Yangtse River
We must pass through the narrow **gorge** with a stream running through it.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym : limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

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.

trunk

n. the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow

synonym : body, chest, torso

(1) the **trunk** of the tree, (2) the **trunk** of the body

Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the **trunk**.

blade

n. the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting

synonym : knife, sword, cutter

(1) a **blade** of grass, (2) the **blade** of a turbine

The **blade** of the katana itself is still in excellent condition.

vow

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

synonym : promise, pledge, swear

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

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

eternal

adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever

synonym : endless, everlasting, undying

(1) the hope of **eternal** life, (2) **eternal** quarreling

In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain **eternal** life.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

necklace

n. a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached

synonym : chain, choker, pendant

(1) beaded **necklace**, (2) pearl **necklace**

She received a beautiful **necklace** from her grandmother as a birthday gift.

needle

n. a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

synonym : thorn, spike, pin

(1) **needle** prick, (2) sewing **needle**

The acupuncturist inserted **needles** into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

split

v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

synonym : break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

chop

v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

synonym : cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife

The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

obstruct

v. to block or interfere with the passage, movement, or action of something or someone

synonym : block, impede, hinder

(1) **obstruct** an airway, (2) **obstruct** a bill

The road was blocked by a fallen tree, **obstructing** the path for all vehicles.

cradle

n. a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates

synonym : infancy, beginning, origin

(1) from the **cradle** to the grave, (2) **cradle** of civilization

The baby peacefully slept in her **cradle**, surrounded by stuffed animals and blankets.

cork

n. a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper

synonym : stopper, bung, plug

(1) **cork** a bottle, (2) **cork** flooring

She used a **cork** board to display her favorite photographs.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym : masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

gum

n. a soft, sticky substance that is chewed to freshen the breath or to clean the teeth; the flesh that surrounds the

teeth in the mouth

synonym: mucilage, glue, alveolar arch

(1) bubble **gum**, (2) chewing **gum**

I always like having a pack of **gum** to freshen my breath.

rustic

adj. relating to the countryside or rural life; lacking in refinement or sophistication; characterized by a simple and natural charm

synonym: rural, pastoral, bucolic

(1) **rustic** cuisine, (2) **rustic** farmhouse

The bed and breakfast had a **rustic** charm that appealed to visitors.

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.

manufacture

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

synonym: create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product

The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

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.

compose

v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

synonym: compile, constitute, build

(1) **compose** an essay, (2) **compose** my thoughts

The structure is **composed** of three main components.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym : idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

poem

n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

synonym : ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead

A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym : assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym : narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

margin

n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

synonym : edge, border, periphery

(1) **margin** error, (2) a profit **margin**

Unfortunately, the book's **margin** was too small to make notes.

disempower

v. to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective

synonym: disenfranchise, weaken, undermine

(1) **disempower** the employees, (2) **disempower** the opposition

The politician's efforts to **disempower** marginalized communities were met with widespread criticism.

periphery

n. the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people

synonym: edge, border, margin

(1) around the **periphery**, (2) **periphery** countries

The factory was located on the city's **periphery**, away from residential areas.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

visible

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

synonym: clear, observable, seeable

(1) **visible** stars, (2) **visible** by X-ray

My home is easily **visible** from the shore.

unheard

adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

synonym: unknown, obscure

(1) an **unheard** story, (2) previously **unheard-of** economic development

The **unheard** melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

demagoguery

n. the practice of gaining power or influence through impassioned appeals to the emotions and prejudices of a group rather than through rational or factual argument; the use of manipulative or inflammatory rhetoric to sway public opinion

synonym: charisma, manipulation, exploitation

(1) racial **demagoguery**, (2) rise of **demagoguery**

The politician's **demagoguery** was met with skepticism by many voters.

apathy

n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm

synonym: affectlessness, dispassion, indifference

(1) **apathy** in the election, (2) political **apathy**

The global economic crisis has led to pervasive **apathy** and powerlessness.

untold

adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

synonym: countless, immeasurable, innumerable

(1) **untold** riches, (2) an **untold** number of people

The **untold** stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.

entrenched

adj. established firmly and securely

synonym: deep-rooted, confirmed, ingrained

(1) **entrenched** ideas, (2) **entrenched** positions

The monarch exploited the peasants using its **entrenched** power.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a

star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

precedent

n. a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future

synonym : example, model, pattern

(1) break with **precedent**, (2) a bad **precedent**

The court used previous **precedents** to make its decision.

ecology

n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

(1) science of **ecology**, (2) the **ecology** of the island

Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of **ecology** for sustainable development.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

disconnect

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

synonym : unplug, detach, take apart

(1) **disconnect** a plug, (2) **disconnect** the water supply

She finally decided to **disconnect** herself from the company.

sensitize

v. to make someone or something more responsive to a particular stimulus or condition; to increase awareness or understanding of an issue, problem, or situation

synonym : acclimate, sensitize, alert

(1) **sensitize** the immune system, (2) **sensitize** cells to radiation

We need to **sensitize** our staff to the needs of customers with disabilities.

indifferent

adj. having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral

synonym : apathetic, disinterested, unmoved

(1) an **indifferent** glance, (2) emotionally **indifferent**

Despite the good news, she remained **indifferent** to the situation.

linear

adj. of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph

synonym : straight, direct, right

(1) **linear** trend, (2) a **linear** equation

People tend to make **linear** predictions.

neat

adj. clean or tidy, with everything in its place

synonym : tidy, uncluttered, refined

(1) a **neat** piece of work, (2) **neat** idea

She has **neat** habits.

continuum

n. a series of similar items in which no part or portion is distinct or distinguishable from adjacent parts

synonym : continuation, continuity

(1) a space-time **continuum**, (2) the **continuum** of events

Our life is a **continuum** of experience in which events pass from the future through the present to the past.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym : lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story
Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way
synonym: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

pristine

adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination
synonym: chaste, pure, immaculate

(1) **pristine** beach, (2) maintain the **pristine** condition

It is terrific to camp in **pristine** nature.

untouched

adj. not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way
synonym: untarnished, pristine, intact

(1) **untouched** wilderness, (2) **untouched** landscape

The abandoned house was **untouched** for years, with vines growing all over it.

circular

adj. shaped like a circle; having a round form
synonym: round, loopy, oblique

(1) **circular** economy, (2) non- **circular** orbit

The **circular** shape of the planet makes it difficult to determine which direction is north.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can

hear you

synonym : murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

Session 2: Spelling

1. c__k flooring
n. a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper
2. co___n lid
n. a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
3. co_____e my thoughts
v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
4. an in_____le asset
adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see
5. ci_____ar economy
adj. shaped like a circle; having a round form
6. non-ci_____ar orbit
adj. shaped like a circle; having a round form
7. a narrative p__m
n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
8. cr___e of civilization
n. a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates
9. pearl ne_____ce
n. a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached

ANSWERS: 1. cork, 2. coffin, 3. compose, 4. invisible, 5. circular, 6. circular, 7. poem, 8. cradle, 9. necklace

10. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
11. de____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
12. a bl__e of grass *n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
13. c__w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
14. dis_____er the employees *v.* to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective
15. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
16. bubble g_m *n.* a soft, sticky substance that is chewed to freshen the breath or to clean the teeth; the flesh that surrounds the teeth in the mouth
17. dis_____er the opposition *v.* to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective
18. c__k a bottle *n.* a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper

ANSWERS: 10. numb, 11. destroy, 12. blade, 13. chew, 14. disempower, 15. numb, 16. gum, 17. disempower, 18. cork

19. ru___c farmhouse *adj.* relating to the countryside or rural life; lacking in refinement or sophistication; characterized by a simple and natural charm
20. dis_____ct a plug *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
21. man_____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
22. st_____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
23. an ind_____nt glance *adj.* having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral
24. rise of dem_____ry *n.* the practice of gaining power or influence through impassioned appeals to the emotions and prejudices of a group rather than through rational or factual argument; the use of manipulative or inflammatory rhetoric to sway public opinion
25. maintain the pr_____ne condition *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
26. ru___c cuisine *adj.* relating to the countryside or rural life; lacking in refinement or sophistication; characterized by a simple and natural charm
27. pi___c basket *n.* an outdoor meal or social gathering where food is served and eaten in nature, typically in a park, forest, or other outdoor settings

ANSWERS: 19. rustic, 20. disconnect, 21. manufacture, 22. stretch, 23. indifferent, 24. demagoguery, 25. pristine, 26. rustic, 27. picnic

28. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
29. v_w never to give up *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
30. pi___c table *n.* an outdoor meal or social gathering where food is served and eaten in nature, typically in a park, forest, or other outdoor settings
31. an un___d number of people *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
32. previously un_____d-of economic development *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
33. the go__es of the Yangtse River *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
34. chewing g_m *n.* a soft, sticky substance that is chewed to freshen the breath or to clean the teeth; the flesh that surrounds the teeth in the mouth
35. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
36. cast the go__e *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
37. ne___e prick *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

ANSWERS: 28. silent, 29. vow, 30. picnic, 31. untold, 32. unheard, 33. gorge, 34. gum, 35. bury, 36. gorge, 37. needle

38. co_____e an essay *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
39. ob_____ct an airway *v.* to block or interfere with the passage, movement, or action of something or someone
40. the hope of et_____l life *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
41. racial dem_____ry *n.* the practice of gaining power or influence through impassioned appeals to the emotions and prejudices of a group rather than through rational or factual argument; the use of manipulative or inflammatory rhetoric to sway public opinion
42. c__p wood *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
43. ma_____n error *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
44. si____t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
45. ent_____ed ideas *adj.* established firmly and securely
46. br____h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
47. c__p a meet with a knife *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

ANSWERS: 38. compose, 39. obstruct, 40. eternal, 41. demagoguery, 42. chop, 43. margin, 44. silent, 45. entrenched, 46. branch, 47. chop

48. a n__t piece of work *adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place
49. un_____ed landscape *adj.* not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way
50. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
51. n__t idea *adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place
52. v_w allegiance to the new king *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
53. ap___y in the election *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
54. et_____l quarreling *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
55. pl__k a gray hair *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
56. the bl__e of a turbine *n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
57. sp__t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
58. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
59. st_____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
60. we__e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

ANSWERS: 48. neat, 49. untouched, 50. storytelling, 51. neat, 52. vow, 53. apathy, 54. eternal, 55. pluck, 56. blade, 57. split, 58. storytelling, 59. stretch, 60. weave

61. li___r trend *adj.* of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph
62. from the cr___e to the grave *n.* a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates
63. political ap___y *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
64. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
65. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
66. a li___r equation *adj.* of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph
67. ro_____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
68. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
69. the co_____um of events *n.* a series of similar items in which no part or portion is distinct or distinguishable from adjacent parts
70. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
71. around the pe_____ry *n.* the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people
72. vi_____e by X-ray *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view

ANSWERS: 61. linear, 62. cradle, 63. apathy, 64. invisible, 65. destroy, 66. linear, 67. romantic, 68. suppose, 69. continuum, 70. carve, 71. periphery, 72. visible

73. ro____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
74. the tr__k of the body *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
75. pl__k out weeds *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
76. the ec____y of the island *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
77. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
78. a space-time co_____um *n.* a series of similar items in which no part or portion is distinct or distinguishable from adjacent parts
79. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
80. emotionally ind_____nt *adj.* having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral
81. un_____ed wilderness *adj.* not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way
82. sp__t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

ANSWERS: 73. romantic, 74. trunk, 75. pluck, 76. ecology, 77. planet, 78. continuum, 79. planet, 80. indifferent, 81. untouched, 82. split

83. su____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
84. we__e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
85. pe_____ry countries *n.* the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people
86. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
87. ent_____ed positions *adj.* established firmly and securely
88. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
89. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
90. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
91. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 83. suppose, 84. weave, 85. periphery, 86. deem, 87. entrenched, 88. bury, 89. branch, 90. claim, 91. claim

92. answer in a wh_____r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
93. sewing ne____e *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
94. se_____ze the immune system *v.* to make someone or something more responsive to a particular stimulus or condition; to increase awareness or understanding of an issue, problem, or situation
95. c__w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
96. a profit ma____n *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
97. p__m to the dead *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
98. pr_____ne beach *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
99. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
100. the tr__k of the tree *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow

ANSWERS: 92. whisper, 93. needle, 94. sensitize, 95. chew, 96. margin, 97. poem, 98. pristine, 99. humming, 100. trunk

101. full of em____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
102. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
103. wooden co____n *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
104. dis_____ct the water supply *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
105. beaded ne____ce *n.* a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached
106. un____d riches *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
107. se_____ze cells to radiation *v.* to make someone or something more responsive to a particular stimulus or condition; to increase awareness or understanding of an issue, problem, or situation
108. the wh____r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
109. d__m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
110. an un____d story *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

ANSWERS: 101. empathy, 102. carve, 103. coffin, 104. disconnect, 105. necklace, 106. untold, 107. sensitize, 108. whisper, 109. deem, 110. unheard

111. science of ec____y *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
112. man_____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
113. break with pr_____nt *n.* a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future
114. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
115. ob_____ct a bill *v.* to block or interfere with the passage, movement, or action of something or someone
116. a bad pr_____nt *n.* a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future
117. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
118. vi_____e stars *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view

ANSWERS: 111. ecology, 112. manufacture, 113. precedent, 114. humming, 115. obstruct, 116. precedent, 117. empathy, 118. visible

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The family enjoyed a lovely _____ in the park on a sunny day.
n. an outdoor meal or social gathering where food is served and eaten in nature, typically in a park, forest, or other outdoor settings
2. The _____ melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.
adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
3. The factory was located on the city's _____ away from residential areas.
n. the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people
4. Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of _____ for sustainable development.
n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
5. The global economic crisis has led to pervasive _____ and powerlessness.
n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
6. The politician's _____ was met with skepticism by many voters.
n. the practice of gaining power or influence through impassioned appeals to the emotions and prejudices of a group rather than through rational or factual argument; the use of manipulative or inflammatory rhetoric to sway public opinion
7. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

ANSWERS: 1. picnic, 2. unheard, 3. periphery, 4. ecology, 5. apathy, 6. demagoguery, 7. humming

8. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.
v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
9. The structure is _____ of three main components.
v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
10. She has _____ habits.
adj. clean or tidy, with everything in its place
11. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.
adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see
12. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.
n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
13. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
adj. without any or little sound
14. It was his first _____ love.
adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
15. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
16. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 8. carved, 9. composed, 10. neat, 11. invisible, 12. margin, 13. silent, 14. romantic, 15. destroyed, 16. claim

17. In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain _____ life.

adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever

18. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

19. The bed and breakfast had a _____ charm that appealed to visitors.

adj. relating to the countryside or rural life; lacking in refinement or sophistication; characterized by a simple and natural charm

20. I always like having a pack of ____ to freshen my breath.

n. a soft, sticky substance that is chewed to freshen the breath or to clean the teeth; the flesh that surrounds the teeth in the mouth

21. Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the _____.

n. the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow

22. People tend to make _____ predictions.

adj. of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph

23. The cook _____ the vegetables for the soup.

v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

24. The girl _____ a garland for her friend.

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

ANSWERS: 17. eternal, 18. branch, 19. rustic, 20. gum, 21. trunk, 22. linear, 23. chopped, 24. weaves

25. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
- n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
26. It is terrific to camp in _____ nature.
- adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
27. She finally decided to _____ herself from the company.
- v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
28. The _____ of the katana itself is still in excellent condition.
- n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
29. Our life is a _____ of experience in which events pass from the future through the present to the past.
- n.* a series of similar items in which no part or portion is distinct or distinguishable from adjacent parts
30. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.
- v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
31. My left arm became _____.
- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
32. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.
- v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

ANSWERS: 25. Empathy, 26. pristine, 27. disconnect, 28. blade, 29. continuum, 30. manufactured, 31. numb, 32. stretch

33. They _____ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.
v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
34. The monarch exploited the peasants using its _____ power.
adj. established firmly and securely
35. My home is easily _____ from the shore.
adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view
36. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.
v. to consider or decide something in a particular way
37. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
38. The _____ shape of the planet makes it difficult to determine which direction is north.
adj. shaped like a circle; having a round form
39. She used a _____ board to display her favorite photographs.
n. a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper
40. The court used previous _____ to make its decision.
n. a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future

ANSWERS: 33. vowed, 34. entrenched, 35. visible, 36. deemed, 37. storytelling, 38. circular, 39. cork, 40. precedents

41. The _____ stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.
adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
42. The acupuncturist inserted _____ into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.
n. a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
43. The road was blocked by a fallen tree, _____ the path for all vehicles.
v. to block or interfere with the passage, movement, or action of something or someone
44. The abandoned house was _____ for years, with vines growing all over it.
adj. not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way
45. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
46. The politician's efforts to _____ marginalized communities were met with widespread criticism.
v. to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective
47. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
48. She _____ the flowers off the bush.
v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

ANSWERS: 41. untold, 42. needles, 43. obstructing, 44. untouched, 45. bury, 46. disempower, 47. suppose, 48. plucked

49. My dog loves to _____ on bones.

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

50. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

51. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

52. She received a beautiful _____ from her grandmother as a birthday gift.

n. a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached

53. A great _____ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

54. The baby peacefully slept in her _____ surrounded by stuffed animals and blankets.

n. a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates

55. We must pass through the narrow _____ with a stream running through it.

n. a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it

56. Despite the good news, she remained _____ to the situation.

adj. having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral

ANSWERS: 49. chew, 50. whispered, 51. planet, 52. necklace, 53. poem, 54. cradle, 55. gorge, 56. indifferent

57. Companies often _____ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.
- v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
58. 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
59. We need to _____ our staff to the needs of customers with disabilities.
- v. to make someone or something more responsive to a particular stimulus or condition; to increase awareness or understanding of an issue, problem, or situation

ANSWERS: 57. split, 58. coffin, 59. sensitize