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Session 1: Word List

swastika

n. an ancient symbol consisting of a cross with arms bent at right angles, often used by cultures around the world as a symbol of good fortune or well-being, but more recently and unfortunately, associated with the Nazi party and its atrocities during World War II

synonym : hakenkreuz, fylfot, gammadion

(1) **swastika** symbol, (2) **swastika** tattoo

The use of the **swastika** sign during World War II has forever tarnished its once-positive connotations in many cultures.

tiki

n. a carved wooden or stone statue or figurine in Polynesian art and culture, often depicting humanoid gods or ancestors

synonym : statue, carving, figurehead

(1) **tiki** bar, (2) **tiki** statue

The **tiki** torches added a festive touch to the outdoor party.

torch

n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

synonym : flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

perpetrate

v. to commit or carry out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception; to be responsible for the creation or continuation of a negative situation

synonym: commit, perform, execute

(1) **perpetrate** harassment, (2) **perpetrate** a fraud

The criminal decided to **perpetrate** another robbery despite his previous arrest.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym: extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym: legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

puzzled

adj. confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

synonym: confused, perplexed, bewildered

(1) **puzzled** expression, (2) **puzzled** by the question

She was **puzzled** by the strange behavior of her cat.

unending

adj. seeming to have no end

synonym: endless, eternal, lasting

(1) **unending** battle, (2) the **unending** bliss

Creating amazing shows requires constant **unending** effort.

unarmed

adj. without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons

synonym: defenseless, vulnerable, helpless

(1) **unarmed** combat, (2) **unarmed** robbery

The **unarmed** protesters marched peacefully through the streets.

massacre

n. the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

synonym : slaughter, bloodbath, butchery

(1) **massacre** in the village, (2) animal **massacre**

The **massacre** of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

overt

adj. open, evident, or clear, especially in a way that is not intended to be secret

synonym : open, unhidden, obvious

(1) **overt** hostility, (2) **overt** symptoms

His **overt** lack of enthusiasm was noticeable to everyone in the room.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

stubborn

adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

synonym : persistent, obstinate, determined

(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains

He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

segregation

n. the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation

synonym : isolation, separation, discrimination

(1) racial **segregation**, (2) **segregation** of power
Segregation based on race or ethnicity is illegal and unjust.

inequity

n. a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice

synonym: injustice, unfairness, bias

(1) **inequity** in education, (2) market **inequity**

There's an **inequity** in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

supremacy

n. the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

synonym: dominance, superiority, preeminence

(1) a race for **supremacy**, (2) **supremacy** of a country

The empire's military power ensured its **supremacy** over the neighboring states.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

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.

melanin

n. a natural pigment found in the skin, hair, and eyes of animals, responsible for the color and tone of these features

synonym: pigment, coloration, hue

(1) **melanin** production, (2) **melanin** deficiency

People with more **melanin** in their skin can better protect themselves from the sun's harmful rays.

speculate

v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

synonym: assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

barbarous

adj. extremely brutal, savage, or cruel; uncivilized, primitive, or lacking refinement

synonym: barbaric, savage, cruel

(1) **barbarous** behavior, (2) **barbarous** language
Human rights groups condemned the **barbarous** treatment of prisoners.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym: coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people
Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

exhaustive

adj. comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned

synonym: thorough, complete, comprehensive

(1) **exhaustive** study, (2) **exhaustive** review

The team conducted an **exhaustive** search for the missing hiker, but unfortunately, she was never found.

culprit

n. someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: criminal, felon, fugitive

(1) the **culprit** of global warming, (2) the arrest of the **culprit**

They finally found the **culprit** of the bug after a long time.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

kidnapping

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

synonym: abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

inferiority

n. the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others

synonym: lower status, low self-esteem, inadequacy

(1) **inferiority** complex, (2) **inferiority** mindset

The professor's scathing comments left the student with a sense of **inferiority** about their work.

chattel

n. personal property, especially that which is movable and not fixed to land

synonym: property, possession, asset

(1) **chattel** mortgage, (2) personal property **chattels**

The enslaved people were treated as **chattel** and had no rights or freedoms.

handout

n. giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need

synonym: contribution, aid, brochure

(1) plead for **handouts**, (2) three-page **handout**

All those eligible will receive financial **handouts**.

takeaway

n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

synonym: conclusion, message, insight

(1) **takeaway** pizza, (2) **takeaway** message

The main **takeaway** from the meeting was the need for better communication.

bigotry

n. intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself

synonym: intolerance, prejudice, bias

(1) ethnic **bigotry**, (2) self-righteous **bigotry**

Bigotry and discrimination have no place in our society.

stratify

v. to arrange or divide into layers or strata based on characteristics such as social, economic, or cultural status

synonym: layer, classify, arrange in layers

(1) **stratify** populations, (2) **stratify** data

Society tends to **stratify** people into different economic classes.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym: status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

mystification

n. the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate

synonym: puzzle, perplexity, confusion

(1) **mystification** of the public, (2) **mystification** of the subject

The magician's tricks were a source of **mystification** for the audience.

fuss

n. a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance

synonym: commotion, agitation, disturbance

(1) make a **fuss**, (2) get into a **fuss**

There was a **fuss** about the broken vase, but it was quickly forgotten.

pocketbook

n. a small bag or purse usually carried in a pocket or worn on the wrist or shoulder for carrying money and other small personal items; a book or guide that contains information or tips on a particular subject, such as travel or fashion

synonym: wallet, purse, billfold

(1) **pocketbook** issues, (2) leather **pocketbook**

She pulled her wallet out of her **pocketbook** to pay for the groceries.

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.

sideline

n. a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

synonym: sidestep, periphery, (verb) ignore

(1) **sideline** reporter, (2) lucrative **sideline**

The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the **sideline** for the entire game.

dismantle

v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

synonym: take apart, demolish, take down

(1) **dismantle** a machine, (2) **dismantle** a system

The old building had to be **dismantled** because it was structurally unsound.

complicit

adj. involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group

synonym: compliant, involved, accessory

(1) **complicit** behavior, (2) **complicit** in cover-up

The accomplice was **complicit** in the crime committed by her partner.

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**.

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.

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.

unjust

adj. not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

synonym: unfair, inequitable

(1) **unjust** verdict, (2) **unjust** accusation

The ruling was considered **unjust** by many people in the community.

grudgingly

adv. in a manner that shows reluctance or unwillingness; with resentment or discontent

synonym: reluctantly, unwillingly, begrudgingly

(1) assume **grudgingly**, (2) **grudgingly** apologize

He **grudgingly** agreed to help his neighbor move her furniture.

accomplice

n. a person who helps someone else commit a crime or wrongdoing; a partner or associate in a questionable or immoral activity

synonym: confederate, partner, collaborator

(1) **accomplice** in crime, (2) secret **accomplice**

The detectives found evidence that suggested the suspect acted as an **accomplice** in the murder.

humility

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

synonym : humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

synonym : antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force

Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

Session 2: Spelling

1. racial seg_____on
n. the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation
2. status q_o politician
n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
3. assume gru_____ly
adv. in a manner that shows reluctance or unwillingness; with resentment or discontent
4. t__i bar
n. a carved wooden or stone statue or figurine in Polynesian art and culture, often depicting humanoid gods or ancestors
5. a race for su_____cy
n. the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
6. sp_____te about the reason
v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
7. inf_____ty mindset
n. the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others
8. t__i statue
n. a carved wooden or stone statue or figurine in Polynesian art and culture, often depicting humanoid gods or ancestors

ANSWERS: 1. segregation, 2. quo, 3. grudgingly, 4. tiki, 5. supremacy, 6. speculate, 7. inferiority, 8. tiki

9. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
10. un___t verdict *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
11. mis_____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
12. mys_____ion of the subject *n.* the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
13. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
14. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
15. un_____d robbery *adj.* without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons
16. un___t accusation *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
17. un_____d combat *adj.* without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons
18. acc_____ce in crime *n.* a person who helps someone else commit a crime or wrongdoing; a partner or associate in a questionable or immoral activity

ANSWERS: 9. smartphone, 10. unjust, 11. misunderstand, 12. mystification, 13. ancestor, 14. misunderstand, 15. unarmed, 16. unjust, 17. unarmed, 18. accomplice

19. per_____te a fraud *v.* to commit or carry out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception; to be responsible for the creation or continuation of a negative situation
20. si_____ne reporter *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
21. st_____rn attitude *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
22. exh_____ve review *adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
23. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
24. mys_____ion of the public *n.* the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
25. co_____it behavior *adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group
26. inf_____ty complex *n.* the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others

ANSWERS: 19. perpetrate, 20. sideline, 21. stubborn, 22. exhaustive, 23. smartphone, 24. mystification, 25. complicit, 26. inferiority

27. kid_____ng attempt *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
28. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
29. pe_____ve language *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
30. the pe_____ve odor of garlic *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
31. di_____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
32. secret acc_____ce *n.* a person who helps someone else commit a crime or wrongdoing; a partner or associate in a questionable or immoral activity
33. the arrest of the cu_____t *n.* someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing
34. di_____le a machine *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
35. sw_____ka tattoo *n.* an ancient symbol consisting of a cross with arms bent at right angles, often used by cultures around the world as a symbol of good fortune or well-being, but more recently and unfortunately, associated with the Nazi party and its atrocities during World War II
36. mass kid_____ng *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
37. ethnic bi_____y *n.* intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself

ANSWERS: 27. kidnapping, 28. writ, 29. pervasive, 30. pervasive, 31. disturb, 32. accomplice, 33. culprit, 34. dismantle, 35. swastika, 36. kidnapping, 37. bigotry

38. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
39. market in_____ty *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
40. lack of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
41. ch_____l mortgage *n.* personal property, especially that which is movable and not fixed to land
42. sp_____te on the outcome *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
43. di_____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
44. pu_____d by the question *adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
45. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
46. in_____ty in education *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
47. di_____le a system *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
48. animal ma_____re *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
49. ba_____us behavior *adj.* extremely brutal, savage, or cruel; uncivilized, primitive, or lacking refinement

ANSWERS: 38. storytelling, 39. inequity, 40. humility, 41. chattel, 42. speculate, 43. disturb, 44. puzzled, 45. intellect, 46. inequity, 47. dismantle, 48. massacre, 49. barbarous

50. personal property ch____ls *n.* personal property, especially that which is movable and not fixed to land
51. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
52. per_____te harassment *v.* to commit or carry out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception; to be responsible for the creation or continuation of a negative situation
53. op_____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
54. 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
55. un_____ng battle *adj.* seeming to have no end
56. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
57. the cu_____t of global warming *n.* someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing
58. leather poc_____ok *n.* a small bag or purse usually carried in a pocket or worn on the wrist or shoulder for carrying money and other small personal items; a book or guide that contains information or tips on a particular subject, such as travel or fashion

ANSWERS: 50. chattel, 51. intellect, 52. perpetrate, 53. oppress, 54. sham, 55. unending, 56. embarrass, 57. culprit, 58. pocketbook

59. st____fy populations *v.* to arrange or divide into layers or strata based on characteristics such as social, economic, or cultural status
60. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
61. sw____ka symbol *n.* an ancient symbol consisting of a cross with arms bent at right angles, often used by cultures around the world as a symbol of good fortune or well-being, but more recently and unfortunately, associated with the Nazi party and its atrocities during World War II
62. the to__h of learning *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
63. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
64. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
65. exh____ve study *adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
66. op____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
67. pu____d expression *adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
68. ba____us language *adj.* extremely brutal, savage, or cruel; uncivilized, primitive, or lacking refinement

ANSWERS: 59. stratify, 60. quo, 61. swastika, 62. torch, 63. doe, 64. writ, 65. exhaustive, 66. oppress, 67. puzzled, 68. barbarous

69. plead for ha_____ts *n.* giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need
70. su_____cy of a country *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
71. st_____fy data *v.* to arrange or divide into layers or strata based on characteristics such as social, economic, or cultural status
72. me_____n production *n.* a natural pigment found in the skin, hair, and eyes of animals, responsible for the color and tone of these features
73. en_____e poor peasants *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
74. sub_____an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
75. ov__t symptoms *adj.* open, evident, or clear, especially in a way that is not intended to be secret
76. get into a f__s *n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
77. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
78. en_____e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
79. me_____n deficiency *n.* a natural pigment found in the skin, hair, and eyes of animals, responsible for the color and tone of these features

ANSWERS: 69. handout, 70. supremacy, 71. stratify, 72. melanin, 73. enslave, 74. sub-Saharan, 75. overt, 76. fuss, 77. trump, 78. enslave, 79. melanin

80. st____rn stains *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
81. the un____ng bliss *adj.* seeming to have no end
82. lucrative si____ne *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
83. de____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
84. ma____re in the village *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
85. de____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
86. ta____ay message *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
87. sub____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
88. gru____ly apologize *adv.* in a manner that shows reluctance or unwillingness; with resentment or discontent

ANSWERS: 80. stubborn, 81. unending, 82. sideline, 83. descend, 84. massacre, 85. descend, 86. takeaway, 87. sub-Saharan, 88. grudgingly

89. 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
90. self-righteous bi____y *n.* intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
91. to__h song *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
92. three-page ha____t *n.* giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need
93. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
94. seg_____on of power *n.* the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation
95. co_____it in cover-up *adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group
96. ta_____ay pizza *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
97. 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

ANSWERS: 89. sham, 90. bigotry, 91. torch, 92. handout, 93. trump, 94. segregation, 95. complicit, 96. takeaway, 97. doe

98. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
99. ov__t hostility *adj.* open, evident, or clear, especially in a way that is not intended to be secret
100. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
101. poc_____ok issues *n.* a small bag or purse usually carried in a pocket or worn on the wrist or shoulder for carrying money and other small personal items; a book or guide that contains information or tips on a particular subject, such as travel or fashion
102. develop an attitude of hu____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
103. make a f__s *n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
104. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

ANSWERS: 98. ancestor, 99. overt, 100. storytelling, 101. pocketbook, 102. humility, 103. fuss, 104. embarrass

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command
2. The enslaved people were treated as _____ and had no rights or freedoms.
n. personal property, especially that which is movable and not fixed to land
3. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
4. The company has been successful in maintaining the status _____.
n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
5. The coffee producers in _____ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.
adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
6. She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated _____.
n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
7. They finally found the _____ of the bug after a long time.
n. someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing
8. 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

ANSWERS: 1. writ, 2. chattel, 3. ancestor, 4. quo, 5. sub-Saharan, 6. kidnapping, 7. culprit, 8. doe

9. Suspicion and worry were _____ in our minds.

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

10. He _____ agreed to help his neighbor move her furniture.

adv. in a manner that shows reluctance or unwillingness; with resentment or discontent

11. The criminal decided to _____ another robbery despite his previous arrest.

v. to commit or carry out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception; to be responsible for the creation or continuation of a negative situation

12. The detectives found evidence that suggested the suspect acted as an _____ in the murder.

n. a person who helps someone else commit a crime or wrongdoing; a partner or associate in a questionable or immoral activity

13. There's an _____ in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.

n. a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice

14. The main _____ from the meeting was the need for better communication.

n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

15. The _____ torches added a festive touch to the outdoor party.

n. a carved wooden or stone statue or figurine in Polynesian art and culture, often depicting humanoid gods or ancestors

16. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

ANSWERS: 9. pervasive, 10. grudgingly, 11. perpetrate, 12. accomplice, 13. inequity, 14. takeaway, 15. tiki, 16. storytelling

17. He _____ that this investment would lead to success.
v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
18. The magician's tricks were a source of _____ for the audience.
n. the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
19. The _____ protesters marched peacefully through the streets.
adj. without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons
20. He was so _____ about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.
adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
21. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
22. All those eligible will receive financial _____.
n. giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need
23. The professor's scathing comments left the student with a sense of _____ about their work.
n. the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others
24. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

ANSWERS: 17. speculated, 18. mystification, 19. unarmed, 20. stubborn, 21. trump, 22. handouts, 23. inferiority, 24. oppressed

25. The empire's military power ensured its _____ over the neighboring states.
n. the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
26. His _____ lack of enthusiasm was noticeable to everyone in the room.
adj. open, evident, or clear, especially in a way that is not intended to be secret
27. The _____ of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.
n. the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
28. Creating amazing shows requires constant _____ effort.
adj. seeming to have no end
29. She was _____ by the strange behavior of her cat.
adj. confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
30. 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
31. Her beauty _____ me completely.
v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
32. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 25. supremacy, 26. overt, 27. massacre, 28. unending, 29. puzzled, 30. sham, 31. enslaved, 32. intellect

33. The old building had to be _____ because it was structurally unsound.
- v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
34. People with more _____ in their skin can better protect themselves from the sun's harmful rays.
- n. a natural pigment found in the skin, hair, and eyes of animals, responsible for the color and tone of these features
35. _____ based on race or ethnicity is illegal and unjust.
- n. the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation
36. She pulled her wallet out of her _____ to pay for the groceries.
- n. a small bag or purse usually carried in a pocket or worn on the wrist or shoulder for carrying money and other small personal items; a book or guide that contains information or tips on a particular subject, such as travel or fashion
37. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.
- v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
38. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
- v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
39. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.
- v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
40. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.
- v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

ANSWERS: 33. dismantled, 34. melanin, 35. Segregation, 36. pocketbook, 37. misunderstand, 38. embarrass, 39. disturb, 40. descended

41. The accomplice was _____ in the crime committed by her partner.
adj. involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group
42. The ruling was considered _____ by many people in the community.
adj. not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
43. She used an electric _____ to light her way through the dark cave.
n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
44. There was a _____ about the broken vase, but it was quickly forgotten.
n. a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
45. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
46. The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the _____ for the entire game.
n. a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
47. The team conducted an _____ search for the missing hiker, but unfortunately, she was never found.
adj. comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
48. The use of the _____ sign during World War II has forever tarnished its once-positive connotations in many cultures.
n. an ancient symbol consisting of a cross with arms bent at right angles, often used by cultures around the world as a symbol of good fortune or well-being, but more recently and unfortunately, associated with the Nazi party and its atrocities during World War II

ANSWERS: 41. complicit, 42. unjust, 43. torch, 44. fuss, 45. smartphones, 46. sideline, 47. exhaustive, 48. swastika

49. Human rights groups condemned the _____ treatment of prisoners.

adj. extremely brutal, savage, or cruel; uncivilized, primitive, or lacking refinement

50. _____ and discrimination have no place in our society.

n. intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself

51. We were filled with _____ at the sight of the Queen.

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

52. Society tends to _____ people into different economic classes.

v. to arrange or divide into layers or strata based on characteristics such as social, economic, or cultural status

ANSWERS: 49. barbarous, 50. Bigotry, 51. humility, 52. stratify