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Session 1: Word List

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym: intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

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**.

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym: envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

tuck

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

synonym : insert, wrap, pinch

(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another cigarette

You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

lad *n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way

synonym : boy, youth, youngster

(1) working-class **lad**, (2) local **lad**

The older man gave the young **lad** some helpful life advice.

thoughtless *adj.* lacking consideration for others; inconsiderate; not reflecting on one's actions or words; showing a lack of thought or intelligence

synonym : unthinking, careless, insensitive

(1) **thoughtless** comment, (2) **thoughtless** mistake

The **thoughtless** actions of the students caused damage to the school property.

stroll *v.* to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim

synonym : amble, roam, mope

(1) **stroll** across a street, (2) **stroll** through the countryside

We could **stroll** into town if you like.

carefree *adj.* without worries or concerns; free from anxiety, responsibility, or constraints

synonym : light-hearted, carefree, easygoing

(1) **carefree** attitude, (2) **carefree** vacation

I miss the **carefree** days of my childhood when I didn't have to worry about anything.

pave *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym : surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

defiant

adj. showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms

synonym : rebellious, disobedient, insubordinate

(1) a **defiant** attitude, (2) **defiant** eye

The **defiant** student refused to follow the teacher's instructions and continued to talk during class.

defiance

n. behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something

synonym : disobedience, disregard, confrontation

(1) fierce **defiance**, (2) adopt an attitude of **defiance**

He acted in **defiance** of our decision.

poke

v. to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

synonym : prod, jab, push

(1) **poke** around the desk, (2) **poke** a fire

They **poked** fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

spat

n. a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat

synonym : argument, disagreement, oyster

(1) minor **spat**, (2) clean up the **spat**

The **spat** between the two neighbors escalated into a heated argument.

posh

adj. elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper classes or a high level of social status

synonym : elegant, fancy, luxurious

(1) **posh** district, (2) **posh** restaurant

The CEO's office was decorated in a **posh** and elegant style.

homophobia

n. a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

synonym : prejudice, discrimination, bigotry

(1) **homophobia** awareness, (2) **homophobia** in sports
The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated **homophobia**.

ridicule

n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

synonym : derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense
The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

scorn

n. a feeling of contempt or disdain for someone or something seen as unworthy or inferior; an expression of contempt or ridicule

synonym : contempt, disdain, disrespect

(1) treat with **scorn**, (2) expression of **scorn**
The politician responded to the heckler with a look of **scorn**.

imprison

v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

synonym : incarcerate, detain, confine

(1) **imprison** illegal immigrant, (2) **imprison** myself within the room
He was **imprisoned** for embezzlement.

malign

v. to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence

synonym: defame, vilify, (adjective) evil

(1) **malign** influence, (2) **malign** the politician in the media
The article **maligned** the company's reputation with false accusations.

assimilate

v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate

synonym: absorb, incorporate, integrate

(1) **assimilate** into society, (2) **assimilate** a language
The immigrant struggled to **assimilate** into the new culture.

infuse

v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

synonym: instill, fill, permeate

(1) **infuse** with spirit, (2) **infuse** life with meaning
She **infused** fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

drip

v. to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

synonym: drop, drizzle, trickle

(1) **drip** liquid, (2) **drip** from the vicious wound
Water is **dripping** from the faucet.

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.

sneer

v. to show contempt or ridicule for someone or something through a facial expression or tone of voice; (noun) a contemptuous or scornful smile or remark

synonym: mock, deride, ridicule

(1) **sneer** openly at him, (2) **sneer** hatefully

She **sneered** at his attempts to impress her.

celibate

adj. abstaining from sexual relations, typically for religious reasons; unmarried or single

synonym: abstinent, unmarried, chaste

(1) **celibate** life, (2) **celibate** priest

As a monk, he took a vow of **celibate** and refrained from any romantic relationships.

pulpit

n. a raised platform or lectern in a church or synagogue from which a member of the clergy delivers a sermon or religious address

synonym: soapbox, podium, lectern

(1) church **pulpit**, (2) standing at the **pulpit**

The preacher delivered a sermon from the **pulpit**, inspiring the congregation.

scrawl

v. to write or draw something in a careless or untidy way, often with difficulty or haste

synonym: scribble, scratch, squiggle

(1) **scrawl** my signature, (2) **scrawl** a message

She quickly **scrawled** her phone number on paper before running out the door.

graffiti

n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

synonym: street art, tagging, vandalism

(1) **graffiti** art, (2) **graffiti** tag

The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the **graffiti** on the buildings downtown.

animosity

n. strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will

synonym: enmity, hostility, bitterness

(1) personal **animosity**, (2) deep-seated **animosity**

The **animosity** between the two political parties has only

grown stronger over the years.

glean

v. to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products

synonym: cull, collect, extract

(1) **glean** important information, (2) **glean** the fields

He carefully interviewed the victims and tried to **glean** the details of the culprit.

courtyard

n. an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings

synonym: patio, garden, atrium

(1) quiet **courtyard**, (2) spacious **courtyard**

The hotel's beautiful **courtyard** was the perfect spot for a wedding reception.

coronation

n. a ceremony at which a person becomes king or queen

synonym: crowning, enthronement, investiture

(1) **coronation** ceremony, (2) the **coronation** robes

The **coronation** of the new king was a grand event.

decorate

v. to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc

synonym: adorn, embellish, beautify

(1) **decorate** a wall, (2) **decorate** for Christmas

They **decorated** the room with balloons and streamers for the birthday party.

phobia

n. an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder

synonym: fear, dread, terror

(1) **phobia** treatment, (2) social **phobia**

She has a **phobia** of spiders and always avoids them.

cower

v. to crouch or curl up in fear or apprehension; to shrink or recoil from something threatening, usually physically or mentally

synonym : crouch, tremble, cringe

(1) **cower** in fear, (2) **cower** under pressure

The actress **cowered** in humiliation as the audience booed her performance.

irrational

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking;
(mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

synonym : illogical, ludicrous, senseless

(1) an **irrational** request, (2) **irrational** numbers

They continued to endure **irrational** treatment by the dictatorship.

decriminalize

v. to eliminate or reduce the criminal penalties associated with an act or behavior; to make legal or permissible something that was previously outlawed or punishable by law

synonym : legalize, decriminalization, depenalize

(1) **decriminalize** abortion, (2) **decriminalize** public drunkenness

Many activists are pushing for laws to **decriminalize** marijuana use.

spectacle

n. something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

synonym : marvel, sensation, phenomenon

(1) pretty **spectacle**, (2) **spectacle** lens

She could not help watching the sad **spectacle**.

animus

n. hostility or ill-feeling, often shown in prejudice or bias; a feeling of strong motivation or intention towards a particular goal or objective

synonym : antagonism, resentment, hatred

(1) ideological **animus**, (2) **animus** toward minorities

The company's decision to close the factory was motivated

by a deep **animus** toward its workers.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym : nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

scramble

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

synonym : jumble, disarrange

(1) **scramble** my mind, (2) **scramble** for support

Local business owners **scrambled** to find skilled workers.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym : formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

orphanage

n. an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)

synonym : home for orphans, children's home, foster home

(1) build an **orphanage**, (2) **orphanage** director

He grew up in a Christian **orphanage** and never knew his biological parents.

piffle

n. meaningless or foolish talk, often used to imply that something is trivial, insignificant, or unimportant

synonym : nonsense, silliness, rubbish

(1) pointless **piffle**, (2) filled with empty **piffle**

His explanation was a load of **piffle**, lacking any substance or logical reasoning.

crossfire

n. a situation in which people or groups are firing weapons at each other from different directions

synonym: gunfire, shooting, barrage

(1) **crossfire** casualty, (2) **crossfire** of criticism

The soldiers found themselves caught in the **crossfire** of the enemy's artillery barrage.

Sodom

n. a city that, according to the Bible, was destroyed by God because of the wickedness of its inhabitants; also refer as sodomy, anal intercourse between men

(1) **Sodom** and Gomorrah, (2) the city of **Sodom**

The term "**Sodom**" has become synonymous with acts of homosexuality and is used as a derogatory term for gay people.

feverish

adj. having or showing symptoms of a high temperature, such as sweating and shivering; characterized by or showing strong feelings of excitement or energy

synonym: heated, hot, agitated

(1) feel **feverish**, (2) at a **feverish** pitch

She had a **feverish** look in her eyes as she struggled with illness.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

firefighter

n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires

(1) forest **firefighter**, (2) decided to be a **firefighter**

The **firefighter** broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.

Hibernian

adj. relating to or characteristic of Ireland or its people

synonym: Irish, Celtic, Gaelic

(1) **Hibernian** mythology, (2) **Hibernian** accent

The **Hibernian** culture is deeply rooted in Celtic traditions.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

aisle

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

synonym: corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

fret

v. to feel or express worry, anxiety, or annoyance about something; to wear away or corrode a surface by rubbing repeatedly; to form a series of parallel ridges or grooves in a material

synonym: worry, agonize, fuss

(1) **fret** over every little thing, (2) **fret** about the future

I couldn't help but **fret** over the presentation I have to give tomorrow.

trampoline

n. a strong fabric sheet attached by springs to a frame, used for bouncing on

synonym: rebounder, bouncer, springboard

(1) **trampoline** park, (2) **trampoline** jump

I love jumping on the **trampoline** in my backyard.

stonewall

v. to refuse to answer questions or provide information; to delay discussion or decision

synonym: obstruct, block, impede

(1) **stonewall** the investigation, (2) **stonewall** their attempts
The government **stonewalled** the opposition party's efforts to access information about the project.

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.

unremarkable

adj. ordinary and not particularly interesting

synonym: commonplace, unmemorable, mundane

(1) completely ordinary and **unremarkable**,
(2) **unremarkable** in looks

He was very busy at work but otherwise led an **unremarkable** life.

Session 2: Spelling

1. tho_____ss mistake *adj.* lacking consideration for others; inconsiderate; not reflecting on one's actions or words; showing a lack of thought or intelligence
2. gl__n the fields *v.* to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products
3. the center ai__e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
4. tra_____ne park *n.* a strong fabric sheet attached by springs to a frame, used for bouncing on
5. adopt an attitude of de_____ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
6. unr_____ble in looks *adj.* ordinary and not particularly interesting
7. p__h restaurant *adj.* elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper classes or a high level of social status
8. 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

ANSWERS: 1. thoughtless, 2. glean, 3. aisle, 4. trampoline, 5. defiance, 6. unremarkable, 7. posh, 8. intimidation

9. church pu___t *n.* a raised platform or lectern in a church or synagogue from which a member of the clergy delivers a sermon or religious address
10. ce_____te priest *adj.* abstaining from sexual relations, typically for religious reasons; unmarried or single
11. st_____ll the investigation *v.* to refuse to answer questions or provide information; to delay discussion or decision
12. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
13. Hi_____an accent *adj.* relating to or characteristic of Ireland or its people
14. forest fir_____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
15. filled with empty pi___e *n.* meaningless or foolish talk, often used to imply that something is trivial, insignificant, or unimportant
16. minor s__t *n.* a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat
17. ideological an___s *n.* hostility or ill-feeling, often shown in prejudice or bias; a feeling of strong motivation or intention towards a particular goal or objective

ANSWERS: 9. pulpit, 10. celibate, 11. stonewall, 12. riot, 13. Hibernian, 14. firefighter, 15. piffle, 16. spat, 17. animus

18. or_____ge director *n.* an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)
19. feel fe_____sh *adj.* having or showing symptoms of a high temperature, such as sweating and shivering; characterized by or showing strong feelings of excitement or energy
20. public di_____t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
21. ca_____ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
22. gr_____ti tag *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
23. an irr_____al request *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
24. cor_____on ceremony *n.* a ceremony at which a person becomes king or queen
25. ri_____le at his expense *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
26. ob____s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 18. orphanage, 19. feverish, 20. disgust, 21. Catholic, 22. graffiti, 23. irrational, 24. coronation, 25. ridicule, 26. obsess

27. standing at the pu___t *n.* a raised platform or lectern in a church or synagogue from which a member of the clergy delivers a sermon or religious address
28. im_____on illegal immigrant *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
29. treat with sc___n *n.* a feeling of contempt or disdain for someone or something seen as unworthy or inferior; an expression of contempt or ridicule
30. turn out to be all s___m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
31. co___r under pressure *v.* to crouch or curl up in fear or apprehension; to shrink or recoil from something threatening, usually physically or mentally
32. gl___n important information *v.* to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products
33. con_____ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
34. dec_____ize public drunkenness *v.* to eliminate or reduce the criminal penalties associated with an act or behavior; to make legal or permissible something that was previously outlawed or punishable by law
35. p___e a fire *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

ANSWERS: 27. pulpit, 28. imprison, 29. scorn, 30. sham, 31. cower, 32. glean, 33. consciously, 34. decriminalize, 35. poke

36. in___e life with meaning *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
37. show di_____t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
38. ma___n influence *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
39. act con_____ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
40. public ri_____le *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
41. f__t about the future *v.* to feel or express worry, anxiety, or annoyance about something; to wear away or corrode a surface by rubbing repeatedly; to form a series of parallel ridges or grooves in a material
42. tra_____ne jump *n.* a strong fabric sheet attached by springs to a frame, used for bouncing on
43. t__k a baby in the blanket *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
44. co__r in fear *v.* to crouch or curl up in fear or apprehension; to shrink or recoil from something threatening, usually physically or mentally

ANSWERS: 36. infuse, 37. disgust, 38. malign, 39. consciously, 40. ridicule, 41. fret, 42. trampoline, 43. tuck, 44. cower

45. hom_____ia in sports *n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
46. clean up the s__t *n.* a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat
47. st_____ll their attempts *v.* to refuse to answer questions or provide information; to delay discussion or decision
48. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
49. completely ordinary and unr_____ble *adj.* ordinary and not particularly interesting
50. the cor_____on robes *n.* a ceremony at which a person becomes king or queen
51. p__h district *adj.* elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper classes or a high level of social status
52. expression of sc__n *n.* a feeling of contempt or disdain for someone or something seen as unworthy or inferior; an expression of contempt or ridicule

ANSWERS: 45. homophobia, 46. spat, 47. stonewall, 48. institutionalize, 49. unremarkable, 50. coronation, 51. posh, 52. scorn

53. t__k into another cigarette *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
54. je____sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
55. 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
56. the city of So__m *n.* a city that, according to the Bible, was destroyed by God because of the wickedness of its inhabitants; also refer as sodomy, anal intercourse between men
57. sp_____le lens *n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
58. ca_____ee attitude *adj.* without worries or concerns; free from anxiety, responsibility, or constraints
59. ca_____ee vacation *adj.* without worries or concerns; free from anxiety, responsibility, or constraints
60. de_____t eye *adj.* showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms
61. d__p from the vicious wound *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

ANSWERS: 53. tuck, 54. jealousy, 55. riot, 56. Sodom, 57. spectacle, 58. carefree, 59. carefree, 60. defiant, 61. drip

62. quiet co_____rd *n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
63. spacious co_____rd *n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
64. st___l across a street *v.* to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
65. burn with je_____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
66. irr_____al numbers *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
67. sc___l my signature *v.* to write or draw something in a careless or untidy way, often with difficulty or haste
68. So__m and Gomorrah *n.* a city that, according to the Bible, was destroyed by God because of the wickedness of its inhabitants; also refer as sodomy, anal intercourse between men
69. cr_____re casualty *n.* a situation in which people or groups are firing weapons at each other from different directions
70. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

ANSWERS: 62. courtyard, 63. courtyard, 64. stroll, 65. jealousy, 66. irrational, 67. scrawl, 68. Sodom, 69. crossfire, 70. pave

71. im_____on myself within the room *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
72. ce_____te life *adj.* abstaining from sexual relations, typically for religious reasons; unmarried or single
73. 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
74. he is ob____sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
75. ass_____te a language *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
76. pointless pi____e *n.* meaningless or foolish talk, often used to imply that something is trivial, insignificant, or unimportant
77. sn__r openly at him *v.* to show contempt or ridicule for someone or something through a facial expression or tone of voice; (noun) a contemptuous or scornful smile or remark
78. sc___l a message *v.* to write or draw something in a careless or untidy way, often with difficulty or haste
79. working-class l_d *n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way
80. sc_____le for support *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

ANSWERS: 71. imprison, 72. celibate, 73. intimidation, 74. obsess, 75. assimilate, 76. piffle, 77. sneer, 78. scrawl, 79. lad, 80. scramble

81. cr_____re of criticism *n.* a situation in which people or groups are firing weapons at each other from different directions
82. 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
83. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
84. pretty sp_____le *n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
85. tho_____ss comment *adj.* lacking consideration for others; inconsiderate; not reflecting on one's actions or words; showing a lack of thought or intelligence
86. Hi_____an mythology *adj.* relating to or characteristic of Ireland or its people
87. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
88. p__e around the desk *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
89. de_____te for Christmas *v.* to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc
90. the Ca_____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

ANSWERS: 81. crossfire, 82. sham, 83. institutionalize, 84. spectacle, 85. thoughtless, 86. Hibernian, 87. aspiration, 88. poke, 89. decorate, 90. Catholic

91. hom_____ia awareness *n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
92. st___l through the countryside *v.* to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
93. build an or_____ge *n.* an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)
94. at a fe_____sh pitch *adj.* having or showing symptoms of a high temperature, such as sweating and shivering; characterized by or showing strong feelings of excitement or energy
95. ai__e seat *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
96. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
97. social ph___a *n.* an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder
98. de_____te a wall *v.* to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc
99. local l_d *n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way

ANSWERS: 91. homophobia, 92. stroll, 93. orphanage, 94. feverish, 95. aisle, 96. aspiration, 97. phobia, 98. decorate, 99. lad

110. sn__r hatefully *v.* to show contempt or ridicule for someone or something through a facial expression or tone of voice; (noun) a contemptuous or scornful smile or remark
111. an___s toward minorities *n.* hostility or ill-feeling, often shown in prejudice or bias; a feeling of strong motivation or intention towards a particular goal or objective
112. gr____ti art *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
113. ph___a treatment *n.* an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder
114. ma___n the politician in the media *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
115. decided to be a fir____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
116. f__t over every little thing *v.* to feel or express worry, anxiety, or annoyance about something; to wear away or corrode a surface by rubbing repeatedly; to form a series of parallel ridges or grooves in a material

ANSWERS: 110. sneer, 111. animus, 112. graffiti, 113. phobia, 114. malign, 115. firefighter, 116. fret

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company's decision to close the factory was motivated by a deep _____ toward its workers.
n. hostility or ill-feeling, often shown in prejudice or bias; a feeling of strong motivation or intention towards a particular goal or objective
2. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
3. The politician responded to the heckler with a look of _____.
n. a feeling of contempt or disdain for someone or something seen as unworthy or inferior; an expression of contempt or ridicule
4. They continued to endure _____ treatment by the dictatorship.
adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
5. Water is _____ from the faucet.
v. to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
6. I couldn't help but _____ over the presentation I have to give tomorrow.
v. to feel or express worry, anxiety, or annoyance about something; to wear away or corrode a surface by rubbing repeatedly; to form a series of parallel ridges or grooves in a material
7. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.
adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

ANSWERS: 1. animus, 2. aspiration, 3. scorn, 4. irrational, 5. dripping, 6. fret, 7. catholic

8. He _____ criticizes her in the publicity.
adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner
9. 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
10. I miss the _____ days of my childhood when I didn't have to worry about anything.
adj. without worries or concerns; free from anxiety, responsibility, or constraints
11. The older man gave the young ____ some helpful life advice.
n. a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way
12. He acted in _____ of our decision.
n. behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
13. She _____ fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.
v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
14. The _____ culture is deeply rooted in Celtic traditions.
adj. relating to or characteristic of Ireland or its people
15. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
16. The _____ of the new king was a grand event.
n. a ceremony at which a person becomes king or queen

ANSWERS: 8. consciously, 9. riots, 10. carefree, 11. lad, 12. defiance, 13. infused, 14. Hibernian, 15. obsessed, 16. coronation

17. The term " _____ " has become synonymous with acts of homosexuality and is used as a derogatory term for gay people.
- n.* a city that, according to the Bible, was destroyed by God because of the wickedness of its inhabitants; also refer as sodomy, anal intercourse between men
18. 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
19. The CEO's office was decorated in a _____ and elegant style.
- adj.* elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper classes or a high level of social status
20. She quickly _____ her phone number on paper before running out the door.
- v.* to write or draw something in a careless or untidy way, often with difficulty or haste
21. The _____ between the two neighbors escalated into a heated argument.
- n.* a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat
22. Local business owners _____ to find skilled workers.
- v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
23. The _____ student refused to follow the teacher's instructions and continued to talk during class.
- adj.* showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms

ANSWERS: 17. Sodom", 18. sham, 19. posh, 20. scrawled, 21. spat, 22. scrambled, 23. defiant

24. The _____ broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.
n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires
25. His explanation was a load of _____ lacking any substance or logical reasoning.
n. meaningless or foolish talk, often used to imply that something is trivial, insignificant, or unimportant
26. The government _____ the opposition party's efforts to access information about the project.
v. to refuse to answer questions or provide information; to delay discussion or decision
27. They _____ fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.
v. to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
28. The _____ actions of the students caused damage to the school property.
adj. lacking consideration for others; inconsiderate; not reflecting on one's actions or words; showing a lack of thought or intelligence
29. The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated _____.
n. a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
30. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.
v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

ANSWERS: 24. firefighter, 25. piffle, 26. stonewalled, 27. poked, 28. thoughtless, 29. homophobia, 30. paved

31. She could not help watching the sad _____.
- n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
32. He was _____ for embezzlement.
- v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
33. The immigrant struggled to _____ into the new culture.
- v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
34. The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the _____ on the buildings downtown.
- n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
35. She walked down the _____ to the front of the church.
- n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
36. He carefully interviewed the victims and tried to _____ the details of the culprit.
- v.* to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products
37. We could _____ into town if you like.
- v.* to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
38. They _____ the room with balloons and streamers for the birthday party.
- v.* to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc

ANSWERS: 31. spectacle, 32. imprisoned, 33. assimilate, 34. graffiti, 35. aisle, 36. glean, 37. stroll, 38. decorated

39. The actress _____ in humiliation as the audience booed her performance.
- v. to crouch or curl up in fear or apprehension; to shrink or recoil from something threatening, usually physically or mentally
40. He was very busy at work but otherwise led an _____ life.
- adj. ordinary and not particularly interesting
41. She has a _____ of spiders and always avoids them.
- n. an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder
42. You should _____ your shirt into your trousers.
- v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
43. The soldiers found themselves caught in the _____ of the enemy's artillery barrage.
- n. a situation in which people or groups are firing weapons at each other from different directions
44. Many activists are pushing for laws to _____ marijuana use.
- v. to eliminate or reduce the criminal penalties associated with an act or behavior; to make legal or permissible something that was previously outlawed or punishable by law
45. The preacher delivered a sermon from the _____ inspiring the congregation.
- n. a raised platform or lectern in a church or synagogue from which a member of the clergy delivers a sermon or religious address
46. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
- v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 39. covered, 40. unremarkable, 41. phobia, 42. tuck, 43. crossfire, 44. decriminalize, 45. pulpit, 46. institutionalize

47. He grew up in a Christian _____ and never knew his biological parents.
n. an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)
48. 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
49. The _____ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.
n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
50. She had a _____ look in her eyes as she struggled with illness.
adj. having or showing symptoms of a high temperature, such as sweating and shivering; characterized by or showing strong feelings of excitement or energy
51. The article _____ the company's reputation with false accusations.
v. to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
52. As a monk, he took a vow of _____ and refrained from any romantic relationships.
adj. abstaining from sexual relations, typically for religious reasons; unmarried or single
53. The hotel's beautiful _____ was the perfect spot for a wedding reception.
n. an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings

ANSWERS: 47. orphanage, 48. intimidation, 49. ridicule, 50. feverish, 51. maligned, 52. celibate, 53. courtyard

54. The _____ between the two political parties has only grown stronger over the years.
- n.* strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will
55. I love jumping on the _____ in my backyard.
- n.* a strong fabric sheet attached by springs to a frame, used for bouncing on
56. She _____ at his attempts to impress her.
- v.* to show contempt or ridicule for someone or something through a facial expression or tone of voice; (noun) a contemptuous or scornful smile or remark
57. His _____ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.
- n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
58. He was filled with _____ and fear for the threat of war.
- n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

ANSWERS: 54. animosity, 55. trampoline, 56. sneered, 57. jealousy, 58. disgust