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Session 1: Word List

transgender

adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

synonym : non-binary

(1) **transgender** person, (2) **transgender** rights

Many **transgender** individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

intersect

v. to meet or cross one another

synonym : cross, bisect, cut

(1) **intersect** at a point, (2) railways **intersect** the country

Her multidisciplinary works **intersect** music and picture with writing.

superlative

adj. of the highest degree, quality, or intensity; surpassing all others, used to describe comparisons that are extreme or the highest in a particular category

synonym : excellent, exceptional, supreme

(1) **superlative** quality, (2) **superlative** achievement

The restaurant's exotic dishes received **superlative** reviews from food critics.

exalted

adj. lifted or elevated, especially to a high or noble position; held in high esteem or regarded as superior; characterized by great dignity, honor, or prestige

synonym : noble, elevated, sublime

(1) **exalted** status, (2) **exalted** rank

The **exalted** position of CEO comes with a lot of responsibility.

curative

adj. having the power to cure or heal; relating to or intended for medical treatment or healing

synonym : healing, therapeutic, medicinal

(1) **curative** treatment, (2) **curative** effect

The natural hot springs were said to have **curative** properties for those with sore muscles and joints.

unmitigated

adj. absolute or unqualified, often used to describe something unpleasant, undesirable, or extreme; not moderated or softened in any way

synonym : outright, absolute, complete

(1) **unmitigated** disaster, (2) **unmitigated** failure

The CEO's **unmitigated** greed led to the company's downfall.

paramount

adj. more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position

synonym : central, major, crucial

(1) the lord **paramount**, (2) **paramount** to all the others

This country became a country of **paramount** geostrategic importance to us.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym : challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

cling

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

synonym: stick, adhere, attach

(1) **cling** onto power, (2) **cling** tightly to the skin

He **clings** to the hope that he will find a job soon.

lore

n. traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature

synonym: mythology, legend, tradition

(1) military **lore**, (2) mythological **lore**

The village's **lore** passed down stories of their ancestors and their traditions.

proclaim

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

synonym: announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

vanguard

n. the leading or forefront position in a movement, campaign, or trend; a person or group that is at the forefront of something new or innovative

synonym: forefront, avant-garde, cutting edge

(1) intellectual **vanguard**, (2) artistic **vanguard**

The company is at the **vanguard** of technological innovation in its industry.

emancipation

n. the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence

synonym: liberation, freedom, release

(1) self- **emancipation**, (2) history of **emancipation**

His **emancipation** from his parents was a defining moment and gave him newfound freedom.

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.

unseen

adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived

synonym : invisible, hidden, undercover

(1) **unseen** danger, (2) an **unseen** force

The consequences of the pandemic remain **unseen** as scientists continue to research the virus.

queer

adj. strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

synonym : strange, odd, unusual

(1) **queer** money, (2) **queer** fashion

The behavior of the clown at the party was quite **queer**.

transphobia

n. prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations

synonym : gender bias, gender bigotry

(1) overcome **transphobia**, (2) experience **transphobia**

Discrimination and harassment against transgender individuals is a form of **transphobia** still prevalent in many parts of the world.

antagonism

n. active hostility or opposition towards someone or something; a feeling of dislike or resentment

synonym : enmity, hostility, animosity

(1) **antagonism** of dopamine, (2) deep-seated **antagonism**

The **antagonism** between the two groups was palpable during the debate.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

sapphire

n. a transparent precious stone of deep blue color, often used in jewelry; any of several other gemstones or minerals that are blue or blue-green

synonym: blue stone, jewel, gemstone

(1) **sapphire** ring, (2) pink **sapphire**

She wore a stunning **sapphire** necklace to the ball.

fanciful

adj. characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or concepts; existing or perceived only in the imagination

synonym: imaginative, whimsical, fantastic

(1) **fanciful** idea, (2) **fanciful** tale

Her **fanciful** imagination allowed her to dream up incredible stories.

alligator

n. a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China

synonym: crocodile, caiman, gator

(1) **alligator** habitat, (2) **alligator** watch strap

Alligator skin is used to make purses, boots, and other luxury goods.

sow

v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

synonym: plant, scatter, seed

(1) **sow** wheat in a field, (2) **sow** discord

She carefully **sowed** the seeds in the garden.

ox

n. a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavyset body

synonym: cow, bullock, steer

(1) **ox** cart, (2) water **ox**

The sacrifice of an **ox** was a common religious ritual in ancient cultures.

plow

n. a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

synonym: plough, cultivator, hoe

(1) **plow** equipment, (2) deeply **plow** the soil

The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the **plow**.

genital

adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs

synonym: reproductive, genetic, sexual

(1) **genital** bleeding, (2) pain in the **genital** area

The **genital** organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.

gentile

n. a person who is not Jewish; in some contexts, more generally, a non-Christian, non-Muslim, or non-Jewish person

synonym: non-Jew, heathen, pagan

(1) **gentile** neighbor, (2) righteous **gentile**

The Jewish community has a history of persecution by **gentile** rulers.

tulle

n. a lightweight, fine netting fabric often used for bridal veils, dresses, and dance costumes

synonym: netting, mesh, lace

(1) sparkly **tulle**, (2) **tulle** skirt

The bride's dress was adorned with **tulle** and lace.

humanize

v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

synonym: civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room

The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

endanger

v. to put someone or something in a risky situation

synonym: threaten, imperil, jeopardize

(1) **endanger** my health, (2) **endanger** a close relationship
Their actions **endangered** the lives of innocent people.

chivalry

n. the medieval knightly system of ethics and honor, especially concerning bravery, courtesy, and protection of the weak

synonym: gallantry, bravery, noble conduct

(1) **chivalry** code, (2) romance of **chivalry**

The knight's display of **chivalry** impressed the princess.

outmatched

adj. surpassed or beaten by someone or something superior in strength, skill, or ability

synonym: outgunned, overpowered, overwhelmed

(1) **outmatched** skills, (2) **outmatched** team

The professional athlete's opponents were **outmatched** during the competition.

flaccid

adj. lacking firmness or stiffness; weak or ineffective; lacking energy or force

synonym: limp, soft, drooping

(1) **flaccid** economy, (2) **flaccid** response

The patient's muscles were so weak that they felt completely **flaccid** when the doctor examined them.

farce

n. a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor

synonym: comedy, parody, spoof

(1) sports **farce**, (2) theatrical **farce**

The political scandal was like a **farce** straight out of a TV sitcom.

- jest** *n.* playful or humorous activity or behavior; a joke or amusing remark
synonym : joke, laugh, prank
(1) crack a **jest**, (2) a harmless **jest**
His jokes and **jest**s always had us laughing until our stomachs hurt.
- transgress** *v.* to break the law or moral code; to go beyond or exceed the limits or boundaries of something
synonym : trespass, violate, infringe
(1) **transgress** boundaries, (2) **transgress** against the rules
The company was fined for **transgressing** environmental regulations.
- blackness** *n.* the quality or condition of being black or dark; an absence of light; a state or condition of darkness, bleakness, or depression; the fact of being part of a group of individuals with dark skin who originate from or whose ancestors originated from Africa
synonym : darkness, obscurity, void
(1) the **blackness** of the night, (2) anti- **blackness** racism
The forest's darkness was complete, with a **blackness** that seemed to swallow everything.
- fugitive** *n.* a person who is running away or hiding from the law, often to avoid arrest or prosecution
synonym : escapee, runaway, deserter
(1) **fugitive** from justice, (2) **fugitive** methane emissions
The police are searching for the **fugitive** who escaped from prison.
- douse** *v.* to extinguish or soak something completely with a liquid, typically water; to pour the liquid over something or someone in a sudden and heavy manner
synonym : drench, soak, saturate
(1) **douse** his anger, (2) **douse** the lights
The firefighters had to **douse** the flames to put out the fire in

the building.

recess

n. a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court

synonym : break, interval, pause

(1) a court **recess**, (2) during noon **recess**

The company decided to take a **recess** and reconvene the meeting later that day.

wrought

adj. made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering

synonym : made, produced, created

(1) well- **wrought** steel, (2) tragedy **wrought** by hurricane

He won an award for his photographs of the ruins **wrought** by the war.

enclose

v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include

synonym : surround, encase, contain

(1) **enclose** a check with a letter, (2) **enclose** area

The walls were **enclosed** to create a private outdoor space.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym : charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

effeminate

adj. having qualities or characteristics traditionally associated with women, especially delicacy, softness, and a lack of strength or assertiveness

synonym : unmanly, delicate, soft

(1) **effeminate** gestures, (2) **effeminate** voice

His **effeminate** mannerisms made others question his masculinity.

butch

adj. a slang term that has been used to describe a woman who exhibits masculine traits, often used to describe lesbians, but it can also be used to describe any woman who does not conform to traditional feminine gender roles

synonym : masculine, rugged, burly

(1) **butch** identity, (2) **butch** clothing

The **butch** haircut has been popular among women in recent years.

womanhood

n. the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman

synonym : femininity, womanliness, womanly nature

(1) **womanhood** experience, (2) embrace **womanhood**

The celebration of **womanhood** is often disregarded in male-dominated industries.

acidic

adj. having a pH lower than 7; having characteristics of an acid, such as tasting sour or corroding metal

synonym : sour, tart, acrid

(1) **acidic** solution, (2) **acidic** taste

The soil in this region is too **acidic** for most crops to grow well.

blanch

v. to become pale due to fear; to prepare food for cooking by briefly plunging it into boiling water and then into cold water

synonym : wash out, whiten, pale

(1) **blanch** broccoli, (2) **blanch** with fear

The chef **blanched** the vegetables before adding them to the soup.

masculinity

n. the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly

synonym : manliness, virility, machismo

(1) **masculinity** norms, (2) toxic **masculinity**
Research has shown that rigid ideas of **masculinity** can contribute to domestic violence and other forms of abuse.

indelible

adj. cannot be removed, erased, or forgot

synonym: enduring, lasting, unforgettable

(1) an **indelible** ink, (2) an **indelible** disgrace

She left an **indelible** mark on our country's literature.

loom

v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

synonym: appear, come on, overshadow

(1) **loom** over the global economy, (2) **loom** on the horizon

The issue of divorce **loomed** large in his mind.

inoculate

v. to introduce a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease

synonym: vaccinate, immunize, protect

(1) **inoculate** against disease, (2) **inoculate** with a virus

The doctor **inoculated** the child with a vaccine.

morph

v. to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

synonym: alter, modify, transform

(1) **morph** into a different shape, (2) **morph** into something entirely different

This company **morphed** into an enterprise company.

twilight

n. the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset

synonym: dusk, sunset, gloaming

(1) **twilight** sky, (2) **twilight** of an era

The sky was a beautiful pink and orange color at **twilight**.

brute

n. a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a

physical force or power

synonym : beast, savage, animal

(1) **brute** beasts, (2) **brute** force

The **brute** behavior of the football players caused the game to be canceled.

stun

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

synonym : shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

kinship

n. the state or fact of being related to someone

synonym : family, relationship, connection

(1) **kinship** ties, (2) **kinship** relations

She felt a sense of **kinship** with her new colleagues.

savior

n. a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth

synonym : hero, rescuer, redeemer

(1) political **savior**, (2) pray to the **savior**

The guru of that religion thought of himself as a **savior**.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym : emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

ethic

n. a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

synonym : moral code, code of conduct, principles

(1) moral **ethic**, (2) professional **ethic**

Having a strong work **ethic** is important for success in any field.

pronoun

n. a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"

(1) **pronoun** usage, (2) possessive **pronoun**

In English, personal **pronouns** such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. moral et__c | <i>n.</i> a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems |
| 2. bl___h broccoli | <i>v.</i> to become pale due to fear; to prepare food for cooking by briefly plunging it into boiling water and then into cold water |
| 3. mo__h into a different shape | <i>v.</i> to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another |
| 4. hu_____ze my pet | <i>v.</i> to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans |
| 5. history of ema_____ion | <i>n.</i> the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence |
| 6. tra_____ss boundaries | <i>v.</i> to break the law or moral code; to go beyond or exceed the limits or boundaries of something |
| 7. unm_____ed disaster | <i>adj.</i> absolute or unqualified, often used to describe something unpleasant, undesirable, or extreme; not moderated or softened in any way |
| 8. al_____or watch strap | <i>n.</i> a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China |

ANSWERS: 1. ethic, 2. blanch, 3. morph, 4. humanize, 5. emancipation, 6. transgress, 7. unmitigated, 8. alligator

9. unm_____ed failure *adj.* absolute or unqualified, often used to describe something unpleasant, undesirable, or extreme; not moderated or softened in any way
10. ch_____ry code *n.* the medieval knightly system of ethics and honor, especially concerning bravery, courtesy, and protection of the weak
11. in_____te with a virus *v.* to introduce a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease
12. sup_____ve achievement *adj.* of the highest degree, quality, or intensity; surpassing all others, used to describe comparisons that are extreme or the highest in a particular category
13. p__w equipment *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
14. deeply p__w the soil *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
15. righteous ge_____e *n.* a person who is not Jewish; in some contexts, more generally, a non-Christian, non-Muslim, or non-Jewish person
16. sports fa__e *n.* a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor

ANSWERS: 9. unmitigated, 10. chivalry, 11. inoculate, 12. superlative, 13. plow, 14. plow, 15. gentile, 16. farce

17. ant_____sm of dopamine *n.* active hostility or opposition towards someone or something; a feeling of dislike or resentment
18. deep-seated ant_____sm *n.* active hostility or opposition towards someone or something; a feeling of dislike or resentment
19. en_____er my health *v.* to put someone or something in a risky situation
20. the bl_____ss of the night *n.* the quality or condition of being black or dark; an absence of light; a state or condition of darkness, bleakness, or depression; the fact of being part of a group of individuals with dark skin who originate from or whose ancestors originated from Africa
21. the lord pa_____nt *adj.* more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
22. during noon re____s *n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
23. br__e beasts *n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
24. tu__e skirt *n.* a lightweight, fine netting fabric often used for bridal veils, dresses, and dance costumes
25. military l__e *n.* traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature

ANSWERS: 17. antagonism, 18. antagonism, 19. endanger, 20. blackness, 21. paramount, 22. recess, 23. brute, 24. tulle, 25. lore

26. li____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
27. ge____e neighbor *n.* a person who is not Jewish; in some contexts, more generally, a non-Christian, non-Muslim, or non-Jewish person
28. in____ct at a point *v.* to meet or cross one another
29. qu__r fashion *adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
30. st_____ll the investigation *v.* to refuse to answer questions or provide information; to delay discussion or decision
31. an in_____le disgrace *adj.* cannot be removed, erased, or forgot
32. pray to the sa____r *n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
33. st_____ll their attempts *v.* to refuse to answer questions or provide information; to delay discussion or decision
34. li____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
35. pr_____im law *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
36. theatrical fa__e *n.* a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor

ANSWERS: 26. liberate, 27. gentile, 28. intersect, 29. queer, 30. stonewall, 31. indelible, 32. savior, 33. stonewall, 34. liberate, 35. proclaim, 36. farce

37. fa____ul tale *adj.* characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or concepts; existing or perceived only in the imagination
38. fl____d response *adj.* lacking firmness or stiffness; weak or ineffective; lacking energy or force
39. fu____ve from justice *n.* a person who is running away or hiding from the law, often to avoid arrest or prosecution
40. ac____e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
41. l__m on the horizon *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
42. experience tra______ia *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations
43. ki____p ties *n.* the state or fact of being related to someone
44. s_w wheat in a field *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
45. wo____od experience *n.* the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman
46. well-wr____t steel *adj.* made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering

ANSWERS: 37. fanciful, 38. flaccid, 39. fugitive, 40. accuse, 41. loom, 42. transphobia, 43. kinship, 44. sow, 45. womanhood, 46. wrought

47. cl__g tightly to the skin
v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
48. eff_____te voice
adj. having qualities or characteristics traditionally associated with women, especially delicacy, softness, and a lack of strength or assertiveness
49. ex_____d rank
adj. lifted or elevated, especially to a high or noble position; held in high esteem or regarded as superior; characterized by great dignity, honor, or prestige
50. romance of ch_____ry
n. the medieval knightly system of ethics and honor, especially concerning bravery, courtesy, and protection of the weak
51. an in_____le ink
adj. cannot be removed, erased, or forgot
52. al_____or habitat
n. a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China
53. pr_____n usage
n. a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
54. professional et__c
n. a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
55. sa_____re ring
n. a transparent precious stone of deep blue color, often used in jewelry; any of several other gemstones or minerals that are blue or blue-green

ANSWERS: 47. cling, 48. effeminate, 49. exalted, 50. chivalry, 51. indelible, 52. alligator, 53. pronoun, 54. ethic, 55. sapphire

56. tw____ht sky *n.* the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset
57. mythological l__e *n.* traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature
58. s__n an audience *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
59. en____e a check with a letter *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
60. tra____er person *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
61. ge____l bleeding *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
62. un____n danger *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
63. self-ema____ion *n.* the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence
64. pa____nt to all the others *adj.* more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
65. cu____ve treatment *adj.* having the power to cure or heal; relating to or intended for medical treatment or healing

ANSWERS: 56. twilight, 57. lore, 58. stun, 59. enclose, 60. transgender, 61. genital, 62. unseen, 63. emancipation, 64. paramount, 65. curative

66. in_____te against disease *v.* to introduce a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease
67. pain in the ge_____l area *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
68. d__y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
69. crack a j__t *n.* playful or humorous activity or behavior; a joke or amusing remark
70. fu_____ve methane emissions *n.* a person who is running away or hiding from the law, often to avoid arrest or prosecution
71. toxic mas_____ty *n.* the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly
72. pr_____im victory *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
73. tragedy wr_____t by hurricane *adj.* made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering
74. artistic va_____rd *n.* the leading or forefront position in a movement, campaign, or trend; a person or group that is at the forefront of something new or innovative
75. do__e his anger *v.* to extinguish or soak something completely with a liquid, typically water; to pour the liquid over something or someone in a sudden and heavy manner

ANSWERS: 66. inoculate, 67. genital, 68. defy, 69. jest, 70. fugitive, 71. masculinity, 72. proclaim, 73. wrought, 74. vanguard, 75. douse

76. out_____ed skills *adj.* surpassed or beaten by someone or something superior in strength, skill, or ability
77. br__e force *n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
78. d__y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
79. mo__h into something entirely different *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
80. ox cart *n.* a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavyset body
81. an un___n force *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
82. political sa___r *n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
83. fa____ul idea *adj.* characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or concepts; existing or perceived only in the imagination
84. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 76. outmatched, 77. brute, 78. defy, 79. morph, 80. ox, 81. unseen, 82. savior, 83. fanciful, 84. sect

85. tra_____ss against the rules *v.* to break the law or moral code; to go beyond or exceed the limits or boundaries of something
86. bl___h with fear *v.* to become pale due to fear; to prepare food for cooking by briefly plunging it into boiling water and then into cold water
87. cu_____ve effect *adj.* having the power to cure or heal; relating to or intended for medical treatment or healing
88. possessive pr_____n *n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
89. out_____ed team *adj.* surpassed or beaten by someone or something superior in strength, skill, or ability
90. s__n fish *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
91. bu__h clothing *adj.* a slang term that has been used to describe a woman who exhibits masculine traits, often used to describe lesbians, but it can also be used to describe any woman who does not conform to traditional feminine gender roles
92. fl_____d economy *adj.* lacking firmness or stiffness; weak or ineffective; lacking energy or force
93. qu__r money *adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

ANSWERS: 85. transgress, 86. blanch, 87. curative, 88. pronoun, 89. outmatched, 90. stun, 91. butch, 92. flaccid, 93. queer

94. railways in_____ct the country *v.* to meet or cross one another
95. bu__h identity *adj.* a slang term that has been used to describe a woman who exhibits masculine traits, often used to describe lesbians, but it can also be used to describe any woman who does not conform to traditional feminine gender roles
96. sparkly tu__e *n.* a lightweight, fine netting fabric often used for bridal veils, dresses, and dance costumes
97. a harmless j__t *n.* playful or humorous activity or behavior; a joke or amusing remark
98. ex_____d status *adj.* lifted or elevated, especially to a high or noble position; held in high esteem or regarded as superior; characterized by great dignity, honor, or prestige
99. sup_____ve quality *adj.* of the highest degree, quality, or intensity; surpassing all others, used to describe comparisons that are extreme or the highest in a particular category
100. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
101. hu_____ze a room *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

ANSWERS: 94. intersect, 95. butch, 96. tulle, 97. jest, 98. exalted, 99. superlative, 100. sect, 101. humanize

102. I__m over the global economy *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
103. s_w discord *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
104. water ox *n.* a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavyset body
105. ac___c solution *adj.* having a pH lower than 7; having characteristics of an acid, such as tasting sour or corroding metal
106. cl__g onto power *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
107. overcome tra_____ia *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations
108. mas_____ty norms *n.* the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly
109. intellectual va_____rd *n.* the leading or forefront position in a movement, campaign, or trend; a person or group that is at the forefront of something new or innovative
110. ac___e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
111. anti-bl_____ss racism *n.* the quality or condition of being black or dark; an absence of light; a state or condition of darkness, bleakness, or depression; the fact of being part of a group of individuals with dark skin who originate from or whose ancestors originated from Africa

ANSWERS: 102. loom, 103. sow, 104. ox, 105. acidic, 106. cling, 107. transphobia, 108. masculinity, 109. vanguard, 110. accuse, 111. blackness

112. en____er a close relationship *v.* to put someone or something in a risky situation
113. ki____p relations *n.* the state or fact of being related to someone
114. en____e area *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
115. ac____c taste *adj.* having a pH lower than 7; having characteristics of an acid, such as tasting sour or corroding metal
116. embrace wo____od *n.* the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman
117. pink sa____re *n.* a transparent precious stone of deep blue color, often used in jewelry; any of several other gemstones or minerals that are blue or blue-green
118. tw____ht of an era *n.* the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset
119. eff____te gestures *adj.* having qualities or characteristics traditionally associated with women, especially delicacy, softness, and a lack of strength or assertiveness
120. a court re____s *n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court

ANSWERS: 112. endanger, 113. kinship, 114. enclose, 115. acidic, 116. womanhood, 117. sapphire, 118. twilight, 119. effeminate, 120. recess

121. tra_____er rights

adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

122. do__e the lights

v. to extinguish or soak something completely with a liquid, typically water; to pour the liquid over something or someone in a sudden and heavy manner

ANSWERS: 121. transgender, 122. douse

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The Jewish community has a history of persecution by _____ rulers.
n. a person who is not Jewish; in some contexts, more generally, a non-Christian, non-Muslim, or non-Jewish person
2. The knight's display of _____ impressed the princess.
n. the medieval knightly system of ethics and honor, especially concerning bravery, courtesy, and protection of the weak
3. The guru of that religion thought of himself as a _____.
n. a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
4. The CEO's _____ greed led to the company's downfall.
adj. absolute or unqualified, often used to describe something unpleasant, undesirable, or extreme; not moderated or softened in any way
5. The political scandal was like a _____ straight out of a TV sitcom.
n. a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor
6. The sky was a beautiful pink and orange color at _____.
n. the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset
7. The company decided to take a _____ and reconvene the meeting later that day.
n. a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court

ANSWERS: 1. gentile, 2. chivalry, 3. savior, 4. unmitigated, 5. farce, 6. twilight, 7. recess

8. She wore a stunning _____ necklace to the ball.
- n.* a transparent precious stone of deep blue color, often used in jewelry; any of several other gemstones or minerals that are blue or blue-green
9. In English, personal _____ such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.
- n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
10. The sacrifice of an ___ was a common religious ritual in ancient cultures.
- n.* a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavyset body
11. The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the _____.
- n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
12. The village's _____ passed down stories of their ancestors and their traditions.
- n.* traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature
13. She tried to _____ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.
- v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
14. The _____ position of CEO comes with a lot of responsibility.
- adj.* lifted or elevated, especially to a high or noble position; held in high esteem or regarded as superior; characterized by great dignity, honor, or prestige

ANSWERS: 8. sapphire, 9. pronouns, 10. ox, 11. plow, 12. lore, 13. defy, 14. exalted

15. The walls were _____ to create a private outdoor space.
v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
16. Having a strong work _____ is important for success in any field.
n. a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
17. The natural hot springs were said to have _____ properties for those with sore muscles and joints.
adj. having the power to cure or heal; relating to or intended for medical treatment or healing
18. The doctor _____ the child with a vaccine.
v. to introduce a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease
19. The professional athlete's opponents were _____ during the competition.
adj. surpassed or beaten by someone or something superior in strength, skill, or ability
20. _____ skin is used to make purses, boots, and other luxury goods.
n. a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China
21. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
22. Discrimination and harassment against transgender individuals is a form of _____ still prevalent in many parts of the world.
n. prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations

ANSWERS: 15. enclosed, 16. ethic, 17. curative, 18. inoculated, 19. outmatched, 20. Alligator, 21. liberated, 22. transphobia

23. Many _____ individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

24. The soil in this region is too _____ for most crops to grow well.

adj. having a pH lower than 7; having characteristics of an acid, such as tasting sour or corroding metal

25. The forest's darkness was complete, with a _____ that seemed to swallow everything.

n. the quality or condition of being black or dark; an absence of light; a state or condition of darkness, bleakness, or depression; the fact of being part of a group of individuals with dark skin who originate from or whose ancestors originated from Africa

26. The _____ behavior of the football players caused the game to be canceled.

n. a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power

27. 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

28. She carefully _____ the seeds in the garden.

v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

29. The company was fined for _____ environmental regulations.

v. to break the law or moral code; to go beyond or exceed the limits or boundaries of something

ANSWERS: 23. transgender, 24. acidic, 25. blackness, 26. brute, 27. stonewalled, 28. sowed, 29. transgressing

30. She left an _____ mark on our country's literature.

adj. cannot be removed, erased, or forgot

31. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

32. The leader _____ a state of emergency in the country.

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

33. The _____ haircut has been popular among women in recent years.

adj. a slang term that has been used to describe a woman who exhibits masculine traits, often used to describe lesbians, but it can also be used to describe any woman who does not conform to traditional feminine gender roles

34. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

35. He won an award for his photographs of the ruins _____ by the war.

adj. made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering

36. The restaurant's exotic dishes received _____ reviews from food critics.

adj. of the highest degree, quality, or intensity; surpassing all others, used to describe comparisons that are extreme or the highest in a particular category

37. The bride's dress was adorned with _____ and lace.

n. a lightweight, fine netting fabric often used for bridal veils, dresses, and dance costumes

ANSWERS: 30. indelible, 31. accused, 32. proclaimed, 33. butch, 34. sect, 35. wrought, 36. superlative, 37. tulle

38. Their actions _____ the lives of innocent people.

v. to put someone or something in a risky situation

39. The behavior of the clown at the party was quite _____.

adj. strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

40. He _____ to the hope that he will find a job soon.

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

41. The chef _____ the vegetables before adding them to the soup.

v. to become pale due to fear; to prepare food for cooking by briefly plunging it into boiling water and then into cold water

42. The charity event aims to _____ the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

43. This sprinter _____ the world with his speed.

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

44. His jokes and _____ always had us laughing until our stomachs hurt.

n. playful or humorous activity or behavior; a joke or amusing remark

45. The company is at the _____ of technological innovation in its industry.

n. the leading or forefront position in a movement, campaign, or trend; a person or group that is at the forefront of something new or innovative

ANSWERS: 38. endangered, 39. queer, 40. clings, 41. blanched, 42. humanize, 43. stunned, 44. jests, 45. vanguard

46. This country became a country of _____ geostrategic importance to us.
adj. more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
47. She felt a sense of _____ with her new colleagues.
n. the state or fact of being related to someone
48. His _____ from his parents was a defining moment and gave him newfound freedom.
n. the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence
49. The issue of divorce _____ large in his mind.
v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
50. The _____ organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.
adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
51. This company _____ into an enterprise company.
v. to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
52. His _____ mannerisms made others question his masculinity.
adj. having qualities or characteristics traditionally associated with women, especially delicacy, softness, and a lack of strength or assertiveness
53. Research has shown that rigid ideas of _____ can contribute to domestic violence and other forms of abuse.
n. the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly

ANSWERS: 46. paramount, 47. kinship, 48. emancipation, 49. loomed, 50. genital, 51. morphed, 52. effeminate, 53. masculinity

54. The consequences of the pandemic remain _____ as scientists continue to research the virus.

adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived

55. Her multidisciplinary works _____ music and picture with writing.

v. to meet or cross one another

56. Her _____ imagination allowed her to dream up incredible stories.

adj. characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or concepts; existing or perceived only in the imagination

57. The _____ between the two groups was palpable during the debate.

n. active hostility or opposition towards someone or something; a feeling of dislike or resentment

58. The patient's muscles were so weak that they felt completely _____ when the doctor examined them.

adj. lacking firmness or stiffness; weak or ineffective; lacking energy or force

59. The firefighters had to _____ the flames to put out the fire in the building.

v. to extinguish or soak something completely with a liquid, typically water; to pour the liquid over something or someone in a sudden and heavy manner

60. The celebration of _____ is often disregarded in male-dominated industries.

n. the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman

61. The police are searching for the _____ who escaped from prison.

n. a person who is running away or hiding from the law, often to avoid arrest or prosecution

ANSWERS: 54. unseen, 55. intersect, 56. fanciful, 57. antagonism, 58. flaccid, 59. douse, 60. womanhood, 61. fugitive

ANSWERS: