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Session 1: Word List

tribe

n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

synonym : family, clan, kinsfolk

(1) aboriginal **tribe**, (2) mountain **tribe**

The **tribe** had distinctly defined gender roles.

fierce

adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening

synonym : ferocious, convulsive, forceful

(1) **fierce** competition, (2) a **fierce** animal

The **fierce** thunders echoed across the plain.

warrior

n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

synonym : fighter, soldier, combatant

(1) armored **warrior**, (2) **warrior** spirit

The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary **warrior**.

cloak

n. a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise

synonym : cape, mantle, shroud

(1) **cloak** room, (2) hooded **cloak**

The magician seemed to disappear when he threw his **cloak** over himself.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym: ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

feast

n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion

synonym: banquet, celebration, dinner

(1) a **feast** for the eyes, (2) a nightly **feast**

The royal **feast** celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.

faraway

adj. located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible

synonym: distant, remote, far-off

(1) **faraway** land, (2) **faraway** dream

The view from the **faraway** hilltop was breathtakingly beautiful.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

synonym: imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

monument

n. a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

synonym: memorial, marker, statue

(1) humanity's **monument**, (2) **monument** honoring

The stone **monument** was built to commemorate the war heroes.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

enthusiastically

adv. in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval

synonym: fervently, eagerly, passionately

(1) **enthusiastically** applauded, (2) discuss

enthusiastically

The study participants **enthusiastically** participated in the discussion, showing genuine interest.

unusually

adv. in a way that is not typical or expected

synonym: exceptionally, remarkably, outstandingly

(1) **unusually** cheerful, (2) look **unusually** serious

The team's performance has been **unusually** poor this season.

reincarnation

n. the rebirth of a soul in a new body

synonym: rebirth, regeneration, metempsychosis

(1) **reincarnation** cycle, (2) **reincarnation** belief
Some religions believe in the **reincarnation** of souls after death.

reborn

adj. brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature
synonym: regenerated, revived, renewed

(1) **reborn** soul, (2) **reborn** identity

After recovering from her illness, she felt like a **reborn** person with a new perspective on life.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
synonym: donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

fearless

adj. having no fear; brave
synonym: brave, courageous, daring

(1) **fearless** attitude, (2) **fearless** bravery

The **fearless** firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

scoff

v. to laugh and talk about a person or idea in a way that makes it clear that you think they are stupid or silly
synonym: mock, gibe, jeer

(1) **scoff** at a rumor, (2) **scoff** at the idea

We tend to **scoff** at the education, habits, and tastes of people from very different cultures.

trophy

n. an object or prize, such as a cup or plaque, awarded to the winner of a competition or contest

synonym: prize, award, accolade

(1) **trophy** case, (2) **trophy** room

The soccer team won the **trophy** after a hard-fought

competition.

possess

v. to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.

synonym: keep, maintain, own

(1) **possess** a basic knowledge, (2) **possess** divine powers
He **possesses** a good sense of humor.

sever

v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

synonym: cut apart, separate, detach

(1) **sever** a rope, (2) **sever** a positive relationship
He **severed** a branch from a tree quickly.

foe

n. an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another

synonym: enemy, adversary, opponent

(1) a political **foe**, (2) bitter **foe**

The superhero's arch- **foe** was an evil mastermind who always got away.

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym: conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage
They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

jar

n. a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

synonym: container, vessel, pot

(1) a **jar** of jam, (2) a water **jar**

He placed the coins in a **jar** to save for a trip.

cedar

n. a type of fragrant, evergreen tree that is known for its reddish-brown wood and its use in furniture, building materials, and as an ornamental plant

synonym : juniper, redwood, pine

(1) **cedar** wood, (2) **cedar** bark

Tall **cedar** trees surrounded the cabin in the woods.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym : employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

mercenary

n. a professional soldier who will fight for any country or organization that offers payment

synonym : soldier of fortune, financially-motivated

(1) **mercenary** killers, (2) a **mercenary** enterprise

It would be best if you did your work without any **mercenary** spirit.

craftsman

n. a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

synonym : artisan, mechanic, workman

(1) **craftsman** skill, (2) a subtle **craftsman**

The adept **craftsman** carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

poet

n. a person who writes poetry

synonym : versifier, rhymer, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

bard

n. a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song

synonym : poet, minstrel, troubadour

(1) medieval **bard**, (2) a famous **bard**

The **bard's** performance at the festival was the highlight of the event.

brave

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

synonym: courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

deed

n. something that people do or cause to happen; a legal document signed and sealed and delivered to effect a transfer of property and to show the legal right to possess it

synonym: act, stunt, doing

(1) **deed** of assignment, (2) do good **deeds**

There was a significant difference between word and **deed**.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

praise

n. an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something

synonym: acclaim, honor, commendation

(1) attain critical **praise**, (2) universal **praise**

The drama series mainly received **praise**.

accomplishment

n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training

synonym: success, achievement, complete

(1) proud of his **accomplishments**, (2) the **accomplishment** of a social goal

Graduating from college was a major **accomplishment** for her.

compose

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

synonym: compile, constitute, build

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

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

satire

n. a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques

synonym: irony, mockery, ridicule

(1) **satire** magazine, (2) a pungent **satire**

The comedian's **satire** on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.

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.

worship

v. to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god

synonym: adore, idolize

(1) **worship** god, (2) absolutely **worship**

They traditionally **worship** their guru.

priest

n. a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith

synonym: clergyman, minister, pastor

(1) **priest** in clerical garb, (2) faithful **priest**

He was ordained as a **priest** in the Catholic Church.

druid

n. a member of an ancient Celtic order of priests, often associated with nature worship and divination

synonym : pagan, shaman, spiritualist

(1) **druid** ritual, (2) **druid** priestess

The ancient **druids** believed in the power of nature and conducted rituals to honor it.

oversee

v. to watch and direct someone or something to make sure that it is being done correctly

synonym : manage, command, supervise

(1) **oversee** the process, (2) properly **oversee** the staff

A committee was appointed to **oversee** a huge budget.

memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym : learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

supervise

v. to watch over and direct someone or something, especially in a position of responsibility

synonym : oversee, manage, control

(1) **supervise** entrance test takers, (2) **supervise** team activity

She was asked to **supervise** the construction project.

sacrifice

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

synonym : forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead

You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of your time or money.

heal

v. to make a wound or injury to become well again
synonym: recover, bring around, mend

(1) **heal** a broken bone, (2) **heal** the hurt mind
It will take time for her mental scars to **heal**.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

dare

v. to have the courage to do something

synonym: challenge, risk, attempt

(1) **dare** not go, (2) **dare** to take risks

I wouldn't **dare** to speak to him like that.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

encroach

v. to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.

synonym: invade, impinge, infringe

(1) **encroach** on the realm, (2) **encroach** on the habitat of the animal

You have no right to **encroach** on my leisure time.

territory

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

synonym: domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym: defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

defeat

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

synonym: conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym: preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

tribal

adj. relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society

synonym: indigenous, ethnic, traditional

(1) **tribal** culture, (2) **tribal** community

The **tribal** leaders gathered for a summit to discuss important issues.

division

n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

synonym: branch, separator, section

(1) cellular **division**, (2) **division** chief

Which **division** of the company do you work in?

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

synonym: parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east

The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

bribery

n. the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage

synonym : graft, bribe

(1) **bribery** scandal, (2) vulnerable to **bribery**

He is currently under accusation of fraud and **bribery**.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

countless

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

synonym : innumerable, myriad, numerous

(1) **countless** hours, (2) answer **countless** questions

There are **countless** methods for dealing with stress.

enslave

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

synonym : coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

surrounding

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something

synonym : circumferent, encircling, neighboring

(1) **surrounding** areas, (2) a fence **surrounding** a castle

The **surrounding** mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

holdout

n. a person or group who refuses to agree to a deal or settlement, often to gain an advantage or more favorable terms

synonym : resister

(1) land **holdout**, (2) **holdout** bidder

The real estate developer was the last **holdout** in negotiations with the city council.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym : intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

revolt

n. to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler

synonym : rebellion, uprising, insurgence

(1) **revolt** against existing ways of thinking, (2) **revolt** against the dictator

The people tried to **revolt** to oust the tyrant.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

untouched

adj. not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way

synonym : untarnished, pristine, intact

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

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

ruin

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

synonym : bankrupt, demolish, destroy

(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation

He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. sc__f at the idea | <i>v.</i> to laugh and talk about a person or idea in a way that makes it clear that you think they are stupid or silly |
| 2. su_____se team activity | <i>v.</i> to watch over and direct someone or something, especially in a position of responsibility |
| 3. dr__d priestess | <i>n.</i> a member of an ancient Celtic order of priests, often associated with nature worship and divination |
| 4. sa_____ce anything to get ahead | <i>n.</i> the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important |
| 5. co_____e an essay | <i>v.</i> to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it |
| 6. br_____y scandal | <i>n.</i> the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage |
| 7. rei_____ion belief | <i>n.</i> the rebirth of a soul in a new body |
| 8. a fence sur_____ng a castle | <i>adj.</i> that is near or around, or closely encircling something |
| 9. br__e soldier | <i>adj.</i> showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity |

ANSWERS: 1. scoff, 2. supervise, 3. druid, 4. sacrifice, 5. compose, 6. bribery, 7. reincarnation, 8. surrounding, 9. brave

10. h__l the hurt mind *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
11. re___n soul *adj.* brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature
12. en____ch on the realm *v.* to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.
13. dr__d ritual *n.* a member of an ancient Celtic order of priests, often associated with nature worship and divination
14. hooded cl__k *n.* a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise
15. bitter f_e *n.* an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
16. universal pr___e *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
17. 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
18. pr___t in clerical garb *n.* a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith

ANSWERS: 10. heal, 11. reborn, 12. encroach, 13. druid, 14. cloak, 15. foe, 16. praise, 17. cower, 18. priest

19. try hard to me_____ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
20. su_____se entrance test takers *v.* to watch over and direct someone or something, especially in a position of responsibility
21. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
22. medieval b__d *n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song
23. se__r a positive relationship *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
24. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
25. proud of his acc_____ents *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
26. ce__r bark *n.* a type of fragrant, evergreen tree that is known for its reddish-brown wood and its use in furniture, building materials, and as an ornamental plant
27. co_____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
28. vulnerable to br_____y *n.* the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage

ANSWERS: 19. memorize, 20. supervise, 21. maintain, 22. bard, 23. sever, 24. invite, 25. accomplishment, 26. cedar, 27. conquer, 28. bribery

29. ov_____e the process *v.* to watch and direct someone or something to make sure that it is being done correctly
30. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
31. 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
32. a me_____ry enterprise *n.* a professional soldier who will fight for any country or organization that offers payment
33. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
34. co_____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
35. pr_____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
36. small sa_____ce for a great cause *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
37. ce__r wood *n.* a type of fragrant, evergreen tree that is known for its reddish-brown wood and its use in furniture, building materials, and as an ornamental plant

ANSWERS: 29. oversee, 30. independence, 31. cower, 32. mercenary, 33. independence, 34. conquer, 35. preserve, 36. sacrifice, 37. cedar

38. a fe__t for the eyes *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
39. tr___l community *adj.* relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society
40. un_____ly cheerful *adv.* in a way that is not typical or expected
41. mo_____nt honoring *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
42. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
43. h__l a broken bone *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
44. rei_____ion cycle *n.* the rebirth of a soul in a new body
45. a political f_e *n.* an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
46. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
47. sa___e magazine *n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques
48. discuss ent_____lly *adv.* in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval
49. fa_____y dream *adj.* located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible

ANSWERS: 38. feast, 39. tribal, 40. unusually, 41. monument, 42. ancestor, 43. heal, 44. reincarnation, 45. foe, 46. hire, 47. satire, 48. enthusiastically, 49. faraway

50. the acc_____ent of a social goal
n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
51. en_____e poor peasants
v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
52. do good d__ds
n. something that people do or cause to happen; a legal document signed and sealed and delivered to effect a transfer of property and to show the legal right to possess it
53. look un_____ly serious
adv. in a way that is not typical or expected
54. co_____ss hours
adj. too numerous to be counted or very many
55. mountain tr__e
n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
56. a j_r of jam
n. a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials
57. re_____on sociology
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
58. cl__k room
n. a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise

ANSWERS: 50. accomplishment, 51. enslave, 52. deed, 53. unusually, 54. countless, 55. tribe, 56. jar, 57. religion, 58. cloak

59. fi___e competition *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
60. a subtle cr_____an *n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
61. di_____on chief *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
62. te_____ry in charge *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
63. faithful pr___t *n.* a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith
64. r__n the plan *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
65. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
66. un_____ed landscape *adj.* not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way
67. armored wa_____r *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
68. acquire te_____ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
69. a fi___e animal *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
70. a famous b__d *n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song

ANSWERS: 59. fierce, 60. craftsman, 61. division, 62. territory, 63. priest, 64. ruin, 65. survive, 66. untouched, 67. warrior, 68. territory, 69. fierce, 70. bard

71. po____s a basic knowledge *v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
72. pre-Christian an____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
73. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
74. re___t against the dictator *n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
75. properly ov____e the staff *v.* to watch and direct someone or something to make sure that it is being done correctly
76. po____s divine powers *v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
77. sur_____ng areas *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
78. a p__t of sorts *n.* a person who writes poetry
79. in___e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
80. tr___y room *n.* an object or prize, such as a cup or plaque, awarded to the winner of a competition or contest
81. br__e decision *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
82. a nightly fe__t *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion

ANSWERS: 71. possess, 72. ancient, 73. decision, 74. revolt, 75. oversee, 76. possess, 77. surrounding, 78. poet, 79. invade, 80. trophy, 81. brave, 82. feast

83. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
84. fe_____ss attitude *adj.* having no fear; brave
85. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
86. re___t against existing ways of thinking *n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
87. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
88. un_____ed wilderness *adj.* not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way
89. a pungent sa___e *n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques
90. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
91. de___t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
92. en_____e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

ANSWERS: 83. judge, 84. fearless, 85. invite, 86. revolt, 87. ancestor, 88. untouched, 89. satire, 90. judge, 91. defeat, 92. enslave

93. cellular di____on *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
94. re____n identity *adj.* brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature
95. d__e to take risks *v.* to have the courage to do something
96. attain critical pr____e *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
97. answer co____ss questions *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
98. aboriginal tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
99. humanity's mo____nt *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
100. me____ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
101. ho____t bidder *n.* a person or group who refuses to agree to a deal or settlement, often to gain an advantage or more favorable terms
102. co____e my thoughts *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
103. land ho____t *n.* a person or group who refuses to agree to a deal or settlement, often to gain an advantage or more favorable terms

ANSWERS: 93. division, 94. reborn, 95. dare, 96. praise, 97. countless, 98. tribe, 99. monument, 100. memorize, 101. holdout, 102. compose, 103. holdout

104. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
105. em___e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
106. tr___y case *n.* an object or prize, such as a cup or plaque, awarded to the winner of a competition or contest
107. a selfish de____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
108. economic th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
109. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
110. ent_____lly applauded *adv.* in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval
111. wa_____r spirit *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
112. pr_____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
113. fa_____y land *adj.* located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible

ANSWERS: 104. march, 105. empire, 106. trophy, 107. decision, 108. threat, 109. contribute, 110. enthusiastically, 111. warrior, 112. preserve, 113. faraway

114. su____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
115. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
116. tr____l culture *adj.* relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society
117. sc____f at a rumor *v.* to laugh and talk about a person or idea in a way that makes it clear that you think they are stupid or silly
118. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
119. cr_____an skill *n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
120. d__e not go *v.* to have the courage to do something
121. em____e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
122. fe_____ss bravery *adj.* having no fear; brave
123. a water j_r *n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

ANSWERS: 114. survive, 115. threat, 116. tribal, 117. scoff, 118. maintain, 119. craftsman, 120. dare, 121. empire, 122. fearless, 123. jar

124. r__n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
125. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
126. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
127. absolutely wo_____p *v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
128. a court p__t *n.* a person who writes poetry
129. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
130. d__d of assignment *n.* something that people do or cause to happen; a legal document signed and sealed and delivered to effect a transfer of property and to show the legal right to possess it
131. wo_____p god *v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
132. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
133. en_____ch on the habitat of the animal *v.* to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.

ANSWERS: 124. ruin, 125. hire, 126. contribute, 127. worship, 128. poet, 129. religion, 130. deed, 131. worship, 132. ancient, 133. encroach

134. se__r a rope v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
135. ma__h east v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
136. in___e other tissues v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
137. me____ry killers n. a professional soldier who will fight for any country or organization that offers payment
138. de___t body odor v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

ANSWERS: 134. sever, 135. march, 136. invade, 137. mercenary, 138. defeat

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ had distinctly defined gender roles.
n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
2. It would be best if you did your work without any _____ spirit.
n. a professional soldier who will fight for any country or organization that offers payment
3. The real estate developer was the last _____ in negotiations with the city council.
n. a person or group who refuses to agree to a deal or settlement, often to gain an advantage or more favorable terms
4. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.
v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
5. The study participants _____ participated in the discussion, showing genuine interest.
adv. in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval
6. The superhero's arch-____ was an evil mastermind who always got away.
n. an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
7. Her beauty _____ me completely.
v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

ANSWERS: 1. tribe, 2. mercenary, 3. holdout, 4. defeat, 5. enthusiastically, 6. foe, 7. enslaved

8. A committee was appointed to _____ a huge budget.
v. to watch and direct someone or something to make sure that it is being done correctly
9. He _____ a branch from a tree quickly.
v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
10. There are _____ methods for dealing with stress.
adj. too numerous to be counted or very many
11. Graduating from college was a major _____ for her.
n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
12. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.
v. to give somebody a job
13. Some religions believe in the _____ of souls after death.
n. the rebirth of a soul in a new body
14. The people tried to _____ to oust the tyrant.
n. to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
15. The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary _____.
n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
16. The stone _____ was built to commemorate the war heroes.
n. a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

ANSWERS: 8. oversee, 9. severed, 10. countless, 11. accomplishment, 12. hire, 13. reincarnation, 14. revolt, 15. warrior, 16. monument

17. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
18. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.
n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
19. You have no right to _____ on my leisure time.
v. to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.
20. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.
v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
21. The structure is _____ of three main components.
v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
22. The _____ firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.
adj. having no fear; brave
23. He is currently under accusation of fraud and _____.
n. the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage
24. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.
v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

ANSWERS: 17. threat, 18. empire, 19. encroach, 20. marched, 21. composed, 22. fearless, 23. bribery, 24. ruined

25. The abandoned house was _____ for years, with vines growing all over it.
adj. not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way
26. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
27. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
28. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
29. They traditionally _____ their guru.
v. to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
30. The comedian's _____ on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.
n. a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques
31. The _____ leaders gathered for a summit to discuss important issues.
adj. relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society
32. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

ANSWERS: 25. untouched, 26. survive, 27. contribute, 28. judge, 29. worship, 30. satire, 31. tribal, 32. maintain

33. She is a talented _____ who has been recognized for her work.
n. a person who writes poetry
34. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
35. It will take time for her mental scars to _____.
v. to make a wound or injury to become well again
36. The _____ mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.
adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something
37. They have been living near water since _____ times.
adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
38. Tall _____ trees surrounded the cabin in the woods.
n. a type of fragrant, evergreen tree that is known for its reddish-brown wood and its use in furniture, building materials, and as an ornamental plant
39. There was a significant difference between word and _____.
n. something that people do or cause to happen; a legal document signed and sealed and delivered to effect a transfer of property and to show the legal right to possess it
40. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.
n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

ANSWERS: 33. poet, 34. independence, 35. heal, 36. surrounding, 37. ancient, 38. cedar, 39. deed, 40. sacrifice

41. He _____ a good sense of humor.
- v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
42. The royal _____ celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.
- n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
43. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.
- v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
44. The soccer team won the _____ after a hard-fought competition.
- n.* an object or prize, such as a cup or plaque, awarded to the winner of a competition or contest
45. He was ordained as a _____ in the Catholic Church.
- n.* a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith
46. We tend to _____ at the education, habits, and tastes of people from very different cultures.
- v.* to laugh and talk about a person or idea in a way that makes it clear that you think they are stupid or silly
47. The ancient _____ believed in the power of nature and conducted rituals to honor it.
- n.* a member of an ancient Celtic order of priests, often associated with nature worship and divination
48. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.
- n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state

ANSWERS: 41. possesses, 42. feast, 43. invade, 44. trophy, 45. priest, 46. scoff, 47. druids, 48. territory

49. The team's performance has been _____ poor this season.

adv. in a way that is not typical or expected

50. The adept _____ carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

n. a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

51. The _____ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

52. 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

53. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

54. The view from the _____ hilltop was breathtakingly beautiful.

adj. located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible

55. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

56. The _____ performance at the festival was the highlight of the event.

n. a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song

ANSWERS: 49. unusually, 50. craftsman, 51. brave, 52. cowered, 53. religion, 54. faraway, 55. preserve, 56. bard's

57. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
58. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.
v. to bring under control by force or authority
59. He placed the coins in a ____ to save for a trip.
n. a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials
60. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
61. The magician seemed to disappear when he threw his _____ over himself.
n. a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise
62. Lawyers need to _____ even the most minor provisions of the law.
v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
63. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
64. She was asked to _____ the construction project.
v. to watch over and direct someone or something, especially in a position of responsibility

ANSWERS: 57. ancestor, 58. conquer, 59. jar, 60. decision, 61. cloak, 62. memorize, 63. invite, 64. supervise

65. Which _____ of the company do you work in?

n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

66. After recovering from her illness, she felt like a _____ person with a new perspective on life.

adj. brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature

67. The _____ thunders echoed across the plain.

adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening

68. The drama series mainly received _____.

n. an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something

69. I wouldn't _____ to speak to him like that.

v. to have the courage to do something

ANSWERS: 65. division, 66. reborn, 67. fierce, 68. praise, 69. dare