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Session 1: Word List

enchant

v. to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone

synonym: charm, captivate, bewitch

(1) **enchant** the audience, (2) **enchant** the crowd

The fairy's spell **enchanted** the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.

mystical

adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

synonym: occult, esoteric, enigmatic

(1) **mystical** intuition, (2) **mystical** belief

While meditating, he had a **mystical** experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

ram

v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force

synonym: crash, collide, slam

(1) **ram** the door open, (2) **ram** into the ice

The car **rammed** into the wall, causing significant damage.

tread

v. to step or walk on something

synonym: step, walk, pace

(1) **tread** water, (2) **tread** a similar path

He **treads** carefully on the slippery ice.

pry

v. to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions
synonym: probe, investigate, inquire

(1) **pry** a secret out of a person, (2) **pry** into the affairs
He used a crowbar to **pry** open the locked door.

diplomacy

n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
synonym: tact, negotiation, delicacy

(1) the language of **diplomacy**, (2) the art of **diplomacy**
Effective **diplomacy** is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.

bedraggle

v. to make something or someone wet, dirty, and limp by dragging it through mud or water; to become soaked, dirty, and limp in this way
synonym: drench, soak, wet

(1) **bedraggle** the flowers, (2) **bedraggle** hair
I got caught in the rain, and my clothes were completely **bedraggled**.

temper

n. a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
synonym: mood, disposition, nature

(1) a hasty **temper**, (2) bridle my **temper**
The **temper** of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

enrage

v. to make someone extremely angry

synonym: anger, incense, infuriate

(1) **enrage** the international community, (2) **enrage** critics
The news of the betrayal **enraged** him.

presumption

n. an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity

synonym: assumption, arrogance, audacity

(1) **presumption** against forfeiture, (2) **presumption** of guilt
It is a common **presumption** that doctors know best, but patients should always ask questions and be informed about their healthcare decisions.

perilous

adj. involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm

synonym: risky, dangerous, hazardous

(1) **perilous** journey, (2) **perilous** terrain
Climbing the cliff was a **perilous** adventure.

priestess

n. a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system

(1) **priestess** of the Moon, (2) ancient **priestess** tradition
The **priestess** of the temple led the ceremony with grace and wisdom.

challenger

n. a person or thing that challenges or competes with someone or something else; a contestant in a competition or challenge

synonym: contender, rival, contestant

(1) **challenger** brand, (2) political **challenger**
The **challenger** in the boxing match put up a good fight.

sleeplessness

n. the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping

synonym : insomnia, wakefulness, restlessness

(1) **sleeplessness** disorder, (2) beat **sleeplessness**

He tried various treatments for his **sleeplessness**, but nothing seemed to work.

somber

adj. having a serious or sad atmosphere or character; gloomy or dark

synonym : gloomy, dark, dreary

(1) a suit of **somber** black, (2) **somber** atmosphere

The **somber** mood at the funeral was palpable.

intercept

v. to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

synonym : ambush, block, prevent

(1) **intercept** an enemy force, (2) **intercept** X rays

It is illegal to **intercept** police radio.

vial

n. a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume

synonym : container, bottle, flask

(1) glass **vials**, (2) insulin **vial**

This medication is sealed in a **vial**.

trinket

n. a small decorative item or piece of jewelry that is often of little value or practical use but is cherished for its sentimental or aesthetic qualities

synonym : bauble, ornament, trifle

(1) vintage **trinket**, (2) cheap **trinket**

The little girl loved to collect **trinkets** and display them on her dresser.

whisper

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

synonym : murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves
He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

ox

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

concoct

v. to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose

synonym: conceive, invent, cook up

(1) **concoct** a conspiracy, (2) **concoct** herbal medicines

They **concocted** a plot to discredit the local politician.

ointment

n. a medicated salve or paste applied to the skin for treatment or relief of a condition

synonym: salve, balm, cream

(1) **ointment** for eczema, (2) eye **ointment**

I need to apply the **ointment** to my burn to help it heal faster.

flickering

adj. shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame

synonym: shining, flashing, twinkling

(1) **flickering** flames, (2) **flickering** hope

The **flickering** candlelight added a cozy ambiance to the

room.

unscathed

adj. not harmed or injured; untouched or unharmed by a negative or dangerous situation

synonym : unhurt, intact, unharmed

(1) **unscathed** survivor, (2) come away **unscathed**

Thankfully, the driver emerged from the accident **unscathed**.

serpent

n. a large snake

synonym : snake, viper, reptile

(1) the feathered **serpent** god, (2) **Serpent** Bearer

That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a **serpent's** tail.

scorch

v. to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame

synonym : char, burn, singe

(1) **scorch** your clothes, (2) careful not to **scorch**

The sun **scorched** the desert, making it uninhabitable.

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

synonym : disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

sprout

v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly

synonym : germinate, grow, bud

(1) **sprout** seeds, (2) **sprout** wings

The flowers in the garden began to **sprout** after the first rain of the season.

thirst

n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

synonym : craving, desire, appetite

(1) a burning **thirst**, (2) **thirst** for authority
He read books to quench his **thirst** for knowledge.

barricade

n. a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack

synonym: barrier, obstacle, blockade

(1) **barricade** fencing, (2) police **barricade**

The protestors built a **barricade** to prevent police from entering the area.

hurl

v. to throw something with great force

synonym: throw, fling, launch

(1) **hurl** a brickbat, (2) **hurl** a cup out of the window

She angrily **hurled** the book across the room.

scrabble

v. to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game

synonym: scramble, jumble, mix

(1) **scrabble** through her purse, (2) **scrabble** words

The kids eagerly **scrabbled** to find the hidden Easter eggs in the garden.

fray

v. to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict

synonym: tangle, brawl, skirmish

(1) **fray** tempers, (2) **fray** our relationship

The edges of the old blanket had started to **fray**, so I decided to sew them up.

claw

n. a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for

gripping or lifting objects

synonym : paw, talon, nail

(1) **claw** marks, (2) **claw** hammer

The bear used its **claw** to catch a fish in the river.

scramble

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

synonym : jumble, disarrange

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

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

sprinkler

n. a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting

synonym : sprayer, irrigation system

(1) road **sprinkler**, (2) **sprinkler** irrigation

The **sprinkler** system kept the lawn green and healthy.

concoction

n. the mixture, often a complicated one; a preparation made by combining various ingredients

synonym : mixture, brew, composition

(1) **concoction** recipe, (2) coffee-milk **concoction**

The **concoction** of herbs and spices gave the soup a unique flavor.

incantation

n. a series of words or phrases repeated over and over again, often in a ritual or spiritual context; a spell or charm believed to have magical power; a formulaic expression used to evoke a particular emotion or mental state

synonym : spell, charm, enchantment

(1) **incantation** spell, (2) magic **incantation**

The witch performed an **incantation** to summon a demon from the depths of hell.

elated

adj. extremely happy, joyful, or excited, often as a result of success or achievement

synonym : joyful, thrilled, ecstatic

(1) **elated** mood, (2) **elated** expression

She was **elated** when she found out she got the job she had hoped for.

gleam

v. to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent

synonym : glitter, shimmer, shine

(1) **gleam** in eyes, (2) **gleam** like honey

The diamond ring **gleamed** in the sunlight, catching everyone's eye.

betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

synonym : fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

furious

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

synonym : angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym : underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

disgrace

n. a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame,

dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something

synonym : shame, dishonor, humiliation

(1) **disgrace** our family name, (2) political **disgrace**

The government's failure to address the poverty issue was a **disgrace** to their leadership

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym : divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

grieve

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

synonym : mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

solemn

adj. formal and dignified, often with an emphasis on religious or ceremonial attitudes or practices; characterized by an earnest sense of importance or gravity; serious or grave in tone or demeanor

synonym : serious, grave, somber

(1) **solemn** vow, (2) **solemn** ceremony

The priest led the **solemn** procession through the church.

victorious

adj. being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.

synonym : triumphant, winning

(1) the **victorious** entry, (2) the **victorious** army

The **victorious** troops marched back to their homeland.

tarnished

adj. no longer having a good reputation or being reduced in value, quality, or excellence

synonym : sullied, stained, blurred

(1) **tarnished** by scandal, (2) **tarnished** gold

She looked into the **tarnished** mirror and barely recognized her reflection.

wretchedness

n. the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed

synonym: misery, unhappiness, distress

(1) emotional **wretchedness**, (2) economic **wretchedness**

The book delves into the **wretchedness** and misery of life in a war-torn country.

sorcery

n. the use of magic, often associated with evil or supernatural powers; witchcraft

synonym: magic, witchcraft, enchantment

(1) mystical **sorcery**, (2) dark **sorcery**

He claimed that he could perform **sorcery** and cast spells.

absolve

v. (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something

synonym: exempt, acquit, forgive

(1) **absolve** you from this responsibility, (2) **absolve** a person of a sin

The lender offered to **absolve** him of \$500 in debt on condition of work.

wrongdoing

n. an improper or illegal behavior or action

synonym: misconduct, crime, offense

(1) an accusation of **wrongdoing**, (2) willful **wrongdoing**

The CEO of the company denied any **wrongdoing** while admitting to mismanagement.

redeem

v. to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation

synonym: rescue, save, recover

(1) **redeem** a coupon, (2) **redeem** a government bond
He tried to **redeem** himself by volunteering at the local charity
after his mistakes.

Session 2: Spelling

1. Se____t Bearer *n.* a large snake
2. so____r atmosphere *adj.* having a serious or sad atmosphere or character; gloomy or dark
3. di____ce our family name *n.* a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something
4. gr____e for loss *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
5. ta____ed by scandal *adj.* no longer having a good reputation or being reduced in value, quality, or excellence
6. police ba____de *n.* a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack
7. inc____on spell *n.* a series of words or phrases repeated over and over again, often in a ritual or spiritual context; a spell or charm believed to have magical power; a formulaic expression used to evoke a particular emotion or mental state
8. sp____t seeds *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly

ANSWERS: 1. serpent, 2. somber, 3. disgrace, 4. grieve, 5. tarnished, 6. barricade, 7. incantation, 8. sprout

9. sc_____le my mind *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
10. dark so_____y *n.* the use of magic, often associated with evil or supernatural powers; witchcraft
11. re____m a coupon *v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
12. ancient pr_____ss tradition *n.* a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system
13. vintage tr_____t *n.* a small decorative item or piece of jewelry that is often of little value or practical use but is cherished for its sentimental or aesthetic qualities
14. co_____t herbal medicines *v.* to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose
15. road sp_____er *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
16. en____e the international community *v.* to make someone extremely angry
17. an accusation of wro_____ng *n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
18. re____m a government bond *v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation

ANSWERS: 9. scramble, 10. sorcery, 11. redeem, 12. priestess, 13. trinket, 14.

concoct, 15. sprinkler, 16. enrage, 17. wrongdoing, 18. redeem

19. co____t a conspiracy *v.* to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose
20. ox cart *n.* a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavyset body
21. 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
22. fu____s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
23. glass v__ls *n.* a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume
24. c__w marks *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
25. a burning th__t *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
26. answer in a wh____r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
27. und_____ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

ANSWERS: 19. concoct, 20. ox, 21. plow, 22. furious, 23. vial, 24. claw, 25. thirst, 26. whisper, 27. underestimate

28. tr__d a similar path *v.* to step or walk on something
29. sc____r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
30. p_y into the affairs *v.* to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions
31. a suit of so___r black *adj.* having a serious or sad atmosphere or character; gloomy or dark
32. willful wro_____ng *n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
33. in_____pt X rays *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
34. the art of di_____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
35. sp_____er irrigation *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
36. emotional wre_____ess *n.* the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed
37. sc___h your clothes *v.* to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
38. el___d expression *adj.* extremely happy, joyful, or excited, often as a result of success or achievement

ANSWERS: 28. tread, 29. scatter, 30. pry, 31. somber, 32. wrongdoing, 33. intercept, 34. diplomacy, 35. sprinkler, 36. wretchedness, 37. scorch, 38. elated

39. tr__d water *v.* to step or walk on something
40. ba_____de fencing *n.* a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack
41. magic inc_____on *n.* a series of words or phrases repeated over and over again, often in a ritual or spiritual context; a spell or charm believed to have magical power; a formulaic expression used to evoke a particular emotion or mental state
42. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
43. so____n ceremony *adj.* formal and dignified, often with an emphasis on religious or ceremonial attitudes or practices; characterized by an earnest sense of importance or gravity; serious or grave in tone or demeanor
44. beat sle_____ess *n.* the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping
45. oi_____nt for eczema *n.* a medicated salve or paste applied to the skin for treatment or relief of a condition
46. my_____al belief *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
47. ta_____ed gold *adj.* no longer having a good reputation or being reduced in value, quality, or excellence

ANSWERS: 39. tread, 40. barricade, 41. incantation, 42. instinct, 43. solemn, 44. sleeplessness, 45. ointment, 46. mystical, 47. tarnished

48. be___y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
49. r_m the door open *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
50. p_y a secret out of a person *v.* to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions
51. h__l a brickbat *v.* to throw something with great force
52. eye oi_____nt *n.* a medicated salve or paste applied to the skin for treatment or relief of a condition
53. the language of di_____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
54. und_____ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
55. f__y our relationship *v.* to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict
56. in_____pt an enemy force *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
57. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

ANSWERS: 48. betray, 49. ram, 50. pry, 51. hurl, 52. ointment, 53. diplomacy, 54. underestimate, 55. fray, 56. intercept, 57. betray

58. the vic_____us army *adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.
59. come away un_____ed *adj.* not harmed or injured; untouched or unharmed by a negative or dangerous situation
60. cha_____er brand *n.* a person or thing that challenges or competes with someone or something else; a contestant in a competition or challenge
61. sp____t wings *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
62. pe_____us journey *adj.* involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm
63. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
64. economic wre_____ess *n.* the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed
65. r_m into the ice *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
66. fli_____ng flames *adj.* shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame
67. c__w hammer *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

ANSWERS: 58. victorious, 59. unscathed, 60. challenger, 61. sprout, 62. perilous, 63. distract, 64. wretchedness, 65. ram, 66. flickering, 67. claw

68. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
69. bridle my te____r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
70. the wh_____r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
71. en_____t the audience *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
72. sc_____le for support *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
73. sc_____le through her purse *v.* to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game
74. en____e critics *v.* to make someone extremely angry
75. mystical so_____y *n.* the use of magic, often associated with evil or supernatural powers; witchcraft
76. insulin v____l *n.* a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume
77. the feathered se_____t god *n.* a large snake
78. en_____t the crowd *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone

ANSWERS: 68. distract, 69. temper, 70. whisper, 71. enchant, 72. scramble, 73. scrabble, 74. enrage, 75. sorcery, 76. vial, 77. serpent, 78. enchant

79. be_____le the flowers *v.* to make something or someone wet, dirty, and limp by dragging it through mud or water; to become soaked, dirty, and limp in this way
80. fli_____ng hope *adj.* shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame
81. pre_____on of guilt *n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
82. th___t for authority *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
83. be_____le hair *v.* to make something or someone wet, dirty, and limp by dragging it through mud or water; to become soaked, dirty, and limp in this way
84. gl__m in eyes *v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent
85. my_____al intuition *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
86. water ox *n.* a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavysset body
87. f__y tempers *v.* to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict

ANSWERS: 79. bedraggle, 80. flickering, 81. presumption, 82. thirst, 83. bedraggle, 84. gleam, 85. mystical, 86. ox, 87. fray

88. pr_____ss of the Moon *n.* a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system
89. a fu_____s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
90. sc_____le words *v.* to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game
91. political cha_____er *n.* a person or thing that challenges or competes with someone or something else; a contestant in a competition or challenge
92. sc_____r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
93. h__l a cup out of the window *v.* to throw something with great force
94. ab_____e a person of a sin *v.* (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something
95. ab_____e you from this responsibility *v.* (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something
96. the vic_____us entry *adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.
97. pre_____on against forfeiture *n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity

ANSWERS: 88. priestess, 89. furious, 90. scrabble, 91. challenger, 92. scatter, 93. hurl, 94. absolve, 95. absolve, 96. victorious, 97. presumption

98. a hasty te___r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
99. con_____on recipe *n.* the mixture, often a complicated one; a preparation made by combining various ingredients
100. sle_____ess disorder *n.* the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping
101. cheap tr_____t *n.* a small decorative item or piece of jewelry that is often of little value or practical use but is cherished for its sentimental or aesthetic qualities
102. careful not to sc___h *v.* to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
103. so___n vow *adj.* formal and dignified, often with an emphasis on religious or ceremonial attitudes or practices; characterized by an earnest sense of importance or gravity; serious or grave in tone or demeanor
104. pe_____us terrain *adj.* involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm
105. el___d mood *adj.* extremely happy, joyful, or excited, often as a result of success or achievement
106. coffee-milk con_____on *n.* the mixture, often a complicated one; a preparation made by combining various ingredients

ANSWERS: 98. temper, 99. concoction, 100. sleeplessness, 101. trinket, 102. scorch, 103. solemn, 104. perilous, 105. elated, 106. concoction

107. political di____ce *n.* a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something
108. un_____ed survivor *adj.* not harmed or injured; untouched or unharmed by a negative or dangerous situation
109. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
110. gl__m like honey *v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent
111. 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
112. gr___e at the sad news *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

ANSWERS: 107. disgrace, 108. unscathed, 109. instinct, 110. gleam, 111. plow, 112. grieve

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The priest led the _____ procession through the church.
adj. formal and dignified, often with an emphasis on religious or ceremonial attitudes or practices; characterized by an earnest sense of importance or gravity; serious or grave in tone or demeanor
2. 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
3. The kids eagerly _____ to find the hidden Easter eggs in the garden.
v. to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game
4. The diamond ring _____ in the sunlight, catching everyone's eye.
v. to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent
5. He used a crowbar to ___ open the locked door.
v. to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions
6. They frequently _____ their abilities and felt inferior.
v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
7. He tried to _____ himself by volunteering at the local charity after his mistakes.
v. to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation

ANSWERS: 1. solemn, 2. ox, 3. scrabbled, 4. gleamed, 5. pry, 6. underestimated, 7. redeem

8. He claimed that he could perform _____ and cast spells.
n. the use of magic, often associated with evil or supernatural powers; witchcraft
9. This medication is sealed in a _____.
n. a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume
10. While meditating, he had a _____ experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.
adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
11. The bear used its _____ to catch a fish in the river.
n. a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
12. The _____ mood at the funeral was palpable.
adj. having a serious or sad atmosphere or character; gloomy or dark
13. The little girl loved to collect _____ and display them on her dresser.
n. a small decorative item or piece of jewelry that is often of little value or practical use but is cherished for its sentimental or aesthetic qualities
14. That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a _____ tail.
n. a large snake
15. The _____ system kept the lawn green and healthy.
n. a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting

ANSWERS: 8. sorcery, 9. vial, 10. mystical, 11. claw, 12. somber, 13. trinkets, 14. serpent's, 15. sprinkler

16. The witch performed an _____ to summon a demon from the depths of hell.
- n.* a series of words or phrases repeated over and over again, often in a ritual or spiritual context; a spell or charm believed to have magical power; a formulaic expression used to evoke a particular emotion or mental state
17. I got caught in the rain, and my clothes were completely _____.
- v.* to make something or someone wet, dirty, and limp by dragging it through mud or water; to become soaked, dirty, and limp in this way
18. It is illegal to _____ police radio.
- v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
19. The flowers in the garden began to _____ after the first rain of the season.
- v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
20. Local business owners _____ to find skilled workers.
- v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
21. The coach was _____ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.
- adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
22. The edges of the old blanket had started to _____ so I decided to sew them up.
- v.* to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict
23. The CEO of the company denied any _____ while admitting to mismanagement.
- n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action

ANSWERS: 16. incantation, 17. bedraggled, 18. intercept, 19. sprout, 20. scrambled, 21. furious, 22. fray, 23. wrongdoing

24. The _____ of herbs and spices gave the soup a unique flavor.
n. the mixture, often a complicated one; a preparation made by combining various ingredients
25. Thankfully, the driver emerged from the accident _____.
adj. not harmed or injured; untouched or unharmed by a negative or dangerous situation
26. He tried various treatments for his _____ but nothing seemed to work.
n. the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping
27. She _____ the loss of her parents.
v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
28. The _____ of the temple led the ceremony with grace and wisdom.
n. a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system
29. She looked into the _____ mirror and barely recognized her reflection.
adj. no longer having a good reputation or being reduced in value, quality, or excellence
30. The news of the betrayal _____ him.
v. to make someone extremely angry
31. I need to apply the _____ to my burn to help it heal faster.
n. a medicated salve or paste applied to the skin for treatment or relief of a condition

ANSWERS: 24. concoction, 25. unscathed, 26. sleeplessness, 27. grieved, 28. priestess, 29. tarnished, 30. enraged, 31. ointment

32. It is a common _____ that doctors know best, but patients should always ask questions and be informed about their healthcare decisions.
- n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
33. She angrily _____ the book across the room.
- v.* to throw something with great force
34. She was _____ when she found out she got the job she had hoped for.
- adj.* extremely happy, joyful, or excited, often as a result of success or achievement
35. The _____ in the boxing match put up a good fight.
- n.* a person or thing that challenges or competes with someone or something else; a contestant in a competition or challenge
36. The _____ candlelight added a cozy ambiance to the room.
- adj.* shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame
37. The _____ troops marched back to their homeland.
- adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.
38. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.
- n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
39. He _____ carefully on the slippery ice.
- v.* to step or walk on something

ANSWERS: 32. presumption, 33. hurled, 34. elated, 35. challenger, 36. flickering, 37. victorious, 38. instinct, 39. treads

40. The protestors built a _____ to prevent police from entering the area.
n. a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack
41. The car _____ into the wall, causing significant damage.
v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
42. The government's failure to address the poverty issue was a _____ to their leadership
n. a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something
43. The lender offered to _____ him of \$500 in debt on condition of work.
v. (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something
44. They _____ a plot to discredit the local politician.
v. to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose
45. He felt _____ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.
v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
46. The fairy's spell _____ the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.
v. to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
47. The _____ of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.
n. a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object

ANSWERS: 40. barricade, 41. rammed, 42. disgrace, 43. absolve, 44. concocted, 45. betrayed, 46. enchanted, 47. temper

48. The sun _____ the desert, making it uninhabitable.

v. to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame

49. Effective _____ is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.

n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way

50. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

51. The hunter's approach _____ the geese.

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

52. The book delves into the _____ and misery of life in a war-torn country.

n. the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed

53. He read books to quench his _____ for knowledge.

n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

54. 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

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

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

ANSWERS: 48. scorched, 49. diplomacy, 50. distract, 51. scattered, 52. wretchedness, 53. thirst, 54. plow, 55. whispered

56. Climbing the cliff was a _____ adventure.

adj. involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm

ANSWERS: 56. perilous