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Session 1: Word List

drone

- n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

synonym: hum, whirr, idler

- (1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

futurist

- n.* a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold

synonym: foreseer, prophet, fortune-teller

- (1) **futurist** architecture, (2) **futurist** ideas

The radical **futurist** predicted that virtual reality would become a standard in everyday life.

megacity

- n.* a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people

- (1) **megacity** pollution, (2) **megacity** project

The fishing village grew rapidly into a bustling **megacity**.

apparition

- n.* the appearance of a ghost or ghost-like image; a sudden and unexpected appearance of something or someone

synonym: ghost, phantom, specter

(1) **apparition** ghost, (2) mysterious **apparition**

Walking through the graveyard at night, I saw an eerie **apparition** of a ghostly figure.

lurk

v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

synonym: hide, creep, stalk

(1) **lurked** behind the words, (2) **lurk** in the darkness

In the city, the risk of traffic accidents **lurks** at every corner.

catastrophe

n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

synonym: disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate **catastrophe**

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

authoritarian

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

synonym: dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government

The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

obsess

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

synonym: torment, beset, engross

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

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

apocalyptic

adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

synonym: fateful, prophetic, ominous

(1) **apocalyptic** event, (2) have **apocalyptic** overtones

The **apocalyptic** landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

liberate

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

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

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

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

vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

synonym: immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

upheaval

n. great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation

synonym: disturbance, turmoil, upheaval

(1) **upheaval** of society, (2) the big **upheaval** of my life

The recent political **upheaval** has left the country in a state of chaos.

chronology

n. the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time

synonym: history, timeline, order

(1) astronomical **chronology**, (2) **chronology** order

The **chronology** of events was important for understanding history.

walkway

n. a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden

synonym: pathway, footpath, trail

(1) install a **walkway**, (2) **walkway** bridge

The **walkway** through the park was a popular spot for joggers and walkers.

daydreaming

n. the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you

synonym: reverie, cloud-castle, imagination

(1) stimulate **daydreaming**, (2) the mental process of **daydreaming**

I often waste a lot of time **daydreaming**.

speculate

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

synonym: assume, conjecture, infer

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

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

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym: blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

ornament

n. a decoration or embellishment that adds beauty or enhances the appearance of something, especially a Christmas tree or a piece of jewelry

synonym: decoration, embellishment, adornment

(1) Christmas **ornament**, (2) glass **ornament**

The **ornament** on the tree was delicate and intricate, adding to its beauty.

awaken

v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

synonym: rouse, arouse, revive

(1) **awaken** at daybreak, (2) **awaken** a child

The friend's death **awakens** them.

repurpose

v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

synonym: reutilize, recycle, reuse

(1) **repurpose** an old building, (2) **repurpose** a used car

The old barn was **repurposed** into a modern event space.

fungus

n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

synonym: mold, mildew, yeast

(1) **fungus** infection, (2) symbiotic **fungus**

Certain types of **fungus** can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

regrow

v. to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation

synonym: regenerate

(1) **regrow** hair, (2) **regrow** vegetation

Lizards can **regrow** their tails if they are cut off.

rainwater

n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

synonym: precipitation, drizzle, showers

(1) **rainwater** acidity, (2) **rainwater** drainage

The company installed a **rainwater** harvesting system to

collect and reuse it for manufacturing.

techie

n. a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices

synonym: geek, technician, computer expert

(1) gadget **techies**, (2) aspiring **techies**

Our company hired a **techie** consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

wand

n. a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority

synonym: rod, stick, staff

(1) magic **wand**, (2) security **wand**

The magician waved his **wand**, and a rabbit appeared from the hat.

compress

v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

synonym: condense, constrict, squeeze

(1) **compress** the chest, (2) **compress** gas

She **compressed** the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

sanitize

v. to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication

synonym: clean, disinfect, sterilize

(1) **sanitize** surfaces, (2) **sanitize** the kitchen

I always **sanitize** my hands before eating to prevent germs

from spreading.

microbiome

n. the community of microorganisms (= living things too small to be seen) that can usually be found living together in any given environment or the human body

synonym: flora

(1) skin **microbiome**, (2) have a diverse **microbiome**

The gut **microbiome** is a major producer of serotonin, which is necessary for human mental stability.

cloudscape

n. the overall appearance or formation of clouds in the sky, seen as an artistic or visual display; a painting or photograph of clouds in the sky

synonym: skyline, horizon, skyscape

(1) ever-changing **cloudscape**, (2) **cloudscape** photography

The sunset created a beautiful **cloudscape** over the ocean.

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym: respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

augment

v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

synonym: boost, increase, expand

(1) **augment** the reality, (2) **augment** immunity

Economic factors and monetary policy **augmented** inflation.

highbrow

adj. relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas

synonym: intellectual, cultured, refined

(1) **highbrow** conversation, (2) **highbrow** music

She only reads **highbrow** literature, such as classic novels

and philosophical essays.

quartet

n. a group of four musicians or vocalists; a composition of music written for such a group

synonym: ensemble, group, four

(1) string **quartet**, (2) jazz **quartet**

The **quartet** played a beautiful piece of music together.

dystopia

n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

synonym: anti-utopia

(1) a crumbling **dystopia**, (2) the escape from **dystopia**

The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into **dystopias**.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

horoscope

n. a forecast of a person's future, typically based on a chart or diagram representing the positions of the sun, moon, planets, etc

synonym: astrological chart, celestial map

(1) cast a **horoscope**, (2) believe in **horoscope**

She read her **horoscope** every morning to see what the day had in store for her.

serendipity

n. the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery

synonym: luck, chance, fortune

(1) **serendipity** moment, (2) **serendipity** discovery

The discovery of penicillin was a result of **serendipity**.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

dementia

n. a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

synonym: cognitive decline, memory loss, Alzheimer's disease

(1) **dementia** patients, (2) probably have **dementia**

The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of **dementia** in older age.

transgender

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

synonym: non-binary

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

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

endocrine

adj. relating to the glands in the body that secrete hormones directly into the bloodstream to regulate bodily functions and processes

synonym: hormonal, glandular, secretory

(1) **endocrine** disorders, (2) **endocrine** cell

The **endocrine** system regulates many bodily functions, including metabolism and growth.

wonderland

n. a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

synonym: fantasyland, dreamland, fairyland

(1) magical **wonderland**, (2) Alice's **wonderland**

The colorful garden was a **wonderland** of various plants and flowers.

barbecue

n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

synonym: grill, cookout, outdoor cooking

(1) **barbecue** sauce, (2) **barbecue** grill

The **barbecue** at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

fallacy

n. a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief

synonym: falsity, misconception, delusion

(1) **fallacy** of logic, (2) belief in a **fallacy**

Many people cling to the **fallacy** that they can get rich quickly, despite all evidence.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ra_____er drainage | <i>n.</i> water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected |
| 2. me_____al chemistry | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease |
| 3. va_____te every year | <i>v.</i> to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease |
| 4. mysterious app_____on | <i>n.</i> the appearance of a ghost or ghost-like image; a sudden and unexpected appearance of something or someone |
| 5. killer a_p | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |
| 6. ba_____ue grill | <i>n.</i> a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food |
| 7. l__k in the darkness | <i>v.</i> to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal |
| 8. ba_____ue sauce | <i>n.</i> a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food |

ANSWERS: 1. rainwater, 2. medicinal, 3. vaccinate, 4. apparition, 5. app, 6. barbecue, 7. lurk, 8. barbecue

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| 9. de____ia patients | <i>n.</i> a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury |
| 10. have a diverse mic_____me | <i>n.</i> the community of microorganisms (= living things too small to be seen) that can usually be found living together in any given environment or the human body |
| 11. re_____se a used car | <i>v.</i> to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended |
| 12. string qu_____t | <i>n.</i> a group of four musicians or vocalists; a composition of music written for such a group |
| 13. tra_____er rights | <i>adj.</i> relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth |
| 14. cannot log in to the a_p | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |
| 15. me_____ty pollution | <i>n.</i> a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people |
| 16. courtroom sto_____ing | <i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories |
| 17. up_____al of society | <i>n.</i> great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation |
| 18. the escape from dy_____ia | <i>n.</i> an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place |

ANSWERS: 9. dementia, 10. microbiome, 11. repurpose, 12. quartet, 13. transgender, 14. app, 15. megacity, 16. storytelling, 17. upheaval, 18. dystopia

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| 19. Alice's won_____nd | <i>n.</i> a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland |
| 20. traditional me_____al | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease |
| 21. magical won_____nd | <i>n.</i> a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland |
| 22. probably have de_____ia | <i>n.</i> a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury |
| 23. fu_____st ideas | <i>n.</i> a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold |
| 24. em_____r my life | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 25. aspiring te____es | <i>n.</i> a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices |
| 26. ever-changing clo_____pe | <i>n.</i> the overall appearance or formation of clouds in the sky, seen as an artistic or visual display; a painting or photograph of clouds in the sky |

ANSWERS: 19. wonderland, 20. medicinal, 21. wonderland, 22. dementia, 23. futurist, 24. empower, 25. techie, 26. cloudscape

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| 27. install a wa____y | <i>n.</i> a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden |
| 28. n_d at each other | <i>v.</i> to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation |
| 29. ser_____ty moment | <i>n.</i> the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery |
| 30. re_____nt local dishes | <i>v.</i> to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new |
| 31. co_____ss the chest | <i>v.</i> to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space |
| 32. he is ob___sed with the fear | <i>v.</i> to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else |
| 33. ob___s over her weight | <i>v.</i> to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else |
| 34. em_____r the secretary to do the same | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 35. re_____nt our life | <i>v.</i> to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new |
| 36. me_____ty project | <i>n.</i> a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people |
| 37. sto_____ing performance | <i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories |
| 38. li_____te people from oppression | <i>v.</i> to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression |

ANSWERS: 27. walkway, 28. nod, 29. serendipity, 30. reinvent, 31. compress, 32. obsess, 33. obsess, 34. empower, 35. reinvent, 36. megacity, 37. storytelling, 38. liberate

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| 39. hi____ow conversation | <i>adj.</i> relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas |
| 40. security w__d | <i>n.</i> a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority |
| 41. magic w__d | <i>n.</i> a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority |
| 42. li____te potential | <i>v.</i> to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression |
| 43. apo____ic event | <i>adj.</i> describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world |
| 44. sp____te about the reason | <i>v.</i> to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence |
| 45. the mental process of day____ng | <i>n.</i> the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you |
| 46. dr__e flight | <i>n.</i> a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control |
| 47. co____ss gas | <i>v.</i> to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space |
| 48. gadget te___es | <i>n.</i> a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices |

ANSWERS: 39. highbrow, 40. wand, 41. wand, 42. liberate, 43. apocalyptic, 44. speculate, 45. daydreaming, 46. drone, 47. compress, 48. techie

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| 49. au____t the reality | <i>v.</i> to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it |
| 50. tra_____er person | <i>adj.</i> relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth |
| 51. fa____y of logic | <i>n.</i> a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief |
| 52. wa____y bridge | <i>n.</i> a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden |
| 53. clo_____pe photography | <i>n.</i> the overall appearance or formation of clouds in the sky, seen as an artistic or visual display; a painting or photograph of clouds in the sky |
| 54. en_____ne cell | <i>adj.</i> relating to the glands in the body that secrete hormones directly into the bloodstream to regulate bodily functions and processes |
| 55. glass or____nt | <i>n.</i> a decoration or embellishment that adds beauty or enhances the appearance of something, especially a Christmas tree or a piece of jewelry |
| 56. believe in ho_____pe | <i>n.</i> a forecast of a person's future, typically based on a chart or diagram representing the positions of the sun, moon, planets, etc |
| 57. burn s__r | <i>n.</i> a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed |

ANSWERS: 49. augment, 50. transgender, 51. fallacy, 52. walkway, 53. cloudscape, 54. endocrine, 55. ornament, 56. horoscope, 57. scar

58. have apo_____ic overtones	<i>adj.</i> describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
59. sa_____ze surfaces	<i>v.</i> to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication
60. cast a ho_____pe	<i>n.</i> a forecast of a person's future, typically based on a chart or diagram representing the positions of the sun, moon, planets, etc
61. astronomical chr_____gy	<i>n.</i> the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time
62. cat_____he risk management	<i>n.</i> a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
63. aw____n at daybreak	<i>v.</i> to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
64. fu____s infection	<i>n.</i> a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
65. belief in a fa_____y	<i>n.</i> a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief
66. re_____se an old building	<i>v.</i> to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
67. re____w vegetation	<i>v.</i> to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation

ANSWERS: 58. apocalyptic, 59. sanitize, 60. horoscope, 61. chronology, 62. catastrophe, 63. awaken, 64. fungus, 65. fallacy, 66. repurpose, 67. regrow

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| 68. app_____on ghost | <i>n.</i> the appearance of a ghost or ghost-like image; a sudden and unexpected appearance of something or someone |
| 69. au_____t immunity | <i>v.</i> to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it |
| 70. Christmas or_____nt | <i>n.</i> a decoration or embellishment that adds beauty or enhances the appearance of something, especially a Christmas tree or a piece of jewelry |
| 71. skin mic_____me | <i>n.</i> the community of microorganisms (= living things too small to be seen) that can usually be found living together in any given environment or the human body |
| 72. the big up_____al of my life | <i>n.</i> great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation |
| 73. a crumbling dy_____ia | <i>n.</i> an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place |
| 74. re____w hair | <i>v.</i> to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation |
| 75. avoid climate cat_____he | <i>n.</i> a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune |
| 76. the speaker's dr____e | <i>n.</i> a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control |

ANSWERS: 68. apparition, 69. augment, 70. ornament, 71. microbiome, 72. upheaval, 73. dystopia, 74. regrow, 75. catastrophe, 76. drone

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| 77. ra_____er acidity | <i>n.</i> water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected |
| 78. aw____n a child | <i>v.</i> to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping |
| 79. hi_____ow music | <i>adj.</i> relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas |
| 80. ser_____ty discovery | <i>n.</i> the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery |
| 81. aut_____ian practice | <i>adj.</i> characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights |
| 82. sa_____ze the kitchen | <i>v.</i> to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication |
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| 84. chr_____gy order | <i>n.</i> the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time |
| 85. en_____ne disorders | <i>adj.</i> relating to the glands in the body that secrete hormones directly into the bloodstream to regulate bodily functions and processes |

ANSWERS: 77. rainwater, 78. awaken, 79. highbrow, 80. serendipity, 81. authoritarian, 82. sanitize, 83. fungus, 84. chronology, 85. endocrine

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| 86. sp_____te on the outcome | <i>v.</i> | to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence |
| 87. fu_____st architecture | <i>n.</i> | a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold |
| 88. jazz qu_____t | <i>n.</i> | a group of four musicians or vocalists; a composition of music written for such a group |
| 89. carry a s__r | <i>n.</i> | a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed |
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| 91. l__ked behind the words | <i>v.</i> | to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal |
| 92. stimulate day_____ng | <i>n.</i> | the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you |
| 93. aut_____ian government | <i>adj.</i> | characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights |
| 94. n_d courteously | <i>v.</i> | to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation |

ANSWERS: 86. speculate, 87. futurist, 88. quartet, 89. scar, 90. vaccinate, 91. lurk, 92. daydreaming, 93. authoritarian, 94. nod

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The radical _____ predicted that virtual reality would become a standard in everyday life.
n. a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold
2. The _____ through the park was a popular spot for joggers and walkers.
n. a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden
3. The _____ of events was important for understanding history.
n. the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time
4. The company installed a _____ harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.
n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
5. The lack of funds has resulted in a _____ for our university system.
n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
6. The magician waved his _____ and a rabbit appeared from the hat.
n. a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority
7. He heard a _____ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.
n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
8. The _____ on the tree was delicate and intricate, adding to its beauty.
n. a decoration or embellishment that adds beauty or enhances the appearance of something, especially a Christmas tree or a piece of jewelry

ANSWERS: 1. futurist, 2. walkway, 3. chronology, 4. rainwater, 5. catastrophe, 6. wand, 7. drone, 8. ornament

9. The _____ system regulates many bodily functions, including metabolism and growth.
adj. relating to the glands in the body that secrete hormones directly into the bloodstream to regulate bodily functions and processes
10. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
11. She _____ quietly in response to the question.
v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
12. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
13. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
14. She only reads _____ literature, such as classic novels and philosophical essays.
adj. relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas
15. In the city, the risk of traffic accidents _____ at every corner.
v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
16. The _____ at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.
n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

ANSWERS: 9. endocrine, 10. app's, 11. nodded, 12. reinvent, 13. medicinal, 14. highbrow, 15. lurks, 16. barbecue

17. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.
n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
18. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
19. The discovery of penicillin was a result of _____.
n. the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery
20. The nurse _____ the children in the school.
v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
21. Economic factors and monetary policy _____ inflation.
v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
22. The _____ leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.
adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
23. The _____ landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.
adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
24. The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of _____ in older age.
n. a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

ANSWERS: 17. scar, 18. storytelling, 19. serendipity, 20. vaccinated, 21. augmented, 22. authoritarian, 23. apocalyptic, 24. dementia

25. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

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

26. Many people cling to the _____ that they can get rich quickly, despite all evidence.

- n. a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief

27. Walking through the graveyard at night, I saw an eerie _____ of a ghostly figure.

- n. the appearance of a ghost or ghost-like image; a sudden and unexpected appearance of something or someone

28. Lizards can _____ their tails if they are cut off.

- v. to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation

29. He _____ that this investment would lead to success.

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

30. I often waste a lot of time _____.

- n. the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you

31. The gut _____ is a major producer of serotonin, which is necessary for human mental stability.

- n. the community of microorganisms (= living things too small to be seen) that can usually be found living together in any given environment or the human body

32. The recent political _____ has left the country in a state of chaos.

- n. great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation

ANSWERS: 25. obsessed, 26. fallacy, 27. apparition, 28. regrow, 29. speculated, 30. daydreaming, 31. microbiome, 32. upheaval

33. I always _____ my hands before eating to prevent germs from spreading.
- v.* to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication
34. She _____ the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.
- v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
35. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
36. The colorful garden was a _____ of various plants and flowers.
- n.* a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
37. The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into _____.
- n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
38. The friend's death _____ them.
- v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
39. Many _____ individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.
- adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
40. The _____ played a beautiful piece of music together.
- n.* a group of four musicians or vocalists; a composition of music written for such a group

ANSWERS: 33. sanitize, 34. compressed, 35. empowered, 36. wonderland, 37. dystopias, 38. awakens, 39. transgender, 40. quartet

41. Certain types of _____ can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.
- n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
42. The fishing village grew rapidly into a bustling _____.
- n.* a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people
43. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
- v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
44. She read her _____ every morning to see what the day had in store for her.
- n.* a forecast of a person's future, typically based on a chart or diagram representing the positions of the sun, moon, planets, etc
45. The sunset created a beautiful _____ over the ocean.
- n.* the overall appearance or formation of clouds in the sky, seen as an artistic or visual display; a painting or photograph of clouds in the sky
46. The old barn was _____ into a modern event space.
- v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
47. Our company hired a _____ consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.
- n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices

ANSWERS: 41. fungus, 42. megacity, 43. liberated, 44. horoscope, 45. cloudscape, 46. repurposed, 47. techie