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Session 1: Word List

prehistoric

adj. belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable

synonym : ancient, primitive, archaic

(1) **prehistoric** settlements, (2) **prehistoric** times

Scientists often fail to date archeological or **prehistorical** findings.

whimsical

adj. unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

synonym : capricious, impulsive, flighty

(1) **whimsical** reasons, (2) a **whimsical** person

Much of his painting has a **whimsical** quality.

hippopotamus

n. (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature

synonym : river horse, water horse, hippo

(1) **hippopotamus** habitat, (2) giant **hippopotamus**

The zoo has a new **hippopotamus** exhibit that popularly attracts families.

giraffe

n. a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves

synonym : gazelle, okapi, camelopard

(1) **giraffe** pattern, (2) **giraffe** exhibit

The **giraffe's** long neck makes reaching leaves high up in the trees easy.

engraving

n. a design or picture made by cutting lines into a metal plate or stone, especially for printing

synonym : etching, carving, printing

(1) a wood **engraving**, (2) **engraving** tools

The intricate **engraving** on the silver vase was a work of art.

intricate

adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together

synonym : complicated, convoluted, complex

(1) **intricate** details, (2) **intricate** lacework

The politician managed to deal with that **intricate** issue.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym : sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

bounty

n. a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task

synonym : reward, premium, recompense

(1) cash **bounty**, (2) a **bounty** on exports

The **bounty** hunter was hired to capture the notorious criminal and bring him to justice.

expanse

n. a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

synonym : stretch, field, spread

(1) vast **expanse**, (2) large **expanses**

She looked over the immense **expanse** of the sea.

distaste

n. a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable

synonym: antipathy, aversion, disgust

(1) having a strong **distaste**, (2) popular **distaste** for corruption

She grimaced in **distaste** when someone said the insulting words.

divinity

n. the state or quality of being divine; the state of being a god or goddess; the study of religious beliefs and practices

synonym: godhead, deity, divineness

(1) an indwelling **divinity**, (2) **divinity** degree

The ancient civilization revered the **divinity** of the god.

decrepitude

n. a state of being worn out or weakened by old age, illness, or hard use; the condition or process of becoming feeble, infirm, or dilapidated

synonym: feebleness, infirmity, weakness

(1) the **decrepitude** of old age, (2) physical **decrepitude**

The old abandoned house was in a state of **decrepitude**, with broken windows and a sagging roof.

wholesome

adj. good for or likely to improve your health; conducive to or characterized by physical or moral well-being

synonym: healthy, decent, nutrient

(1) **wholesome** ingredients, (2) live a **wholesome** lifestyle

His honesty wielded a **wholesome** influence on those around him.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the

sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

tyrannical

adj. using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way

synonym : despotic, oppressive, authoritarian

(1) a **tyrannical** government, (2) a **tyrannical** parent

Tyrannical Hollywood film moguls can easily rule the movie star's career.

rattle

v. to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds

synonym : jolt, shake, babble

(1) **rattle** along a road, (2) **rattle** and bang at the door

The vast earthquake caused the house to **rattle**.

paranoid

adj. unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you

(1) **paranoid** about issues, (2) **paranoid** disorder

A **paranoid** person may have delusions that people want to harm.

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.

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.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

ancestral

adj. related to or connected with members of your family from the past

synonym : hereditary, inherited, patrimonial

(1) an **ancestral** graveyard, (2) **ancestral** roots

The **ancestral** home has been in the family for generations.

cacophony

n. a harsh, discordant mixture of sounds; a jarring or unpleasant noise or combination of sounds

synonym : discord, noise, dissonance

(1) **cacophony** of sound, (2) emotional **cacophony**

The construction next door has created a constant **cacophony** of drilling and hammering.

disorient

v. to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go

synonym : confuse, flummox, perplex

(1) **disorient** his audience, (2) **disorient** and wrong-foot viewers

Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might **disorient** dolphins and whales.

dusty

adj. covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

synonym : stale, filthy, grimy

(1) **dusty** road, (2) **dusty** bookshelf

The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of **dusty** debris.

knickknack

n. a small, decorative ornament or trinket, often with little practical purpose

synonym: trinket, bauble, ornament

(1) **knickknack** sale, (2) handmade **knickknacks**

The antique shop had a wide selection of **knickknacks** from different eras.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

disjointed

adj. lacking coherence or connectivity; not flowing smoothly or logically; disconnected or fragmented

synonym: disconnected, disordered, incoherent

(1) **disjointed** speech, (2) **disjointed** narrative

The **disjointed** plot of the movie left many viewers needing clarification and satisfaction.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym: fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

otherworldly

adj. supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world

synonym: celestial, ethereal, unearthly

(1) **otherworldly** experience, (2) **otherworldly** creature

The **otherworldly** landscape was filled with strange, glowing plants.

mend

v. to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged

synonym: fix, repair, rectify

(1) **mend** broken relationship, (2) **mend** my ways

He **mended** the torn shirt with a needle and thread.

collage

n. a work of art composed by assembling various materials, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, and other objects, onto a surface; any composition made by combining various distinct elements

synonym: montage, assemblage, mosaic

(1) **collage** art, (2) digital **collage**

She made a beautiful **collage** of photos from her travels to display in her home.

purge

v. to remove or get rid of something, especially that is unwanted or impure

synonym: cleanse, clear, eliminate

(1) **purge** the system, (2) **purge** his sins

The government tried to **purge** corrupt officials from the bureaucracy.

shred

v. to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount

synonym: rip up, tear up, cut

(1) **shred** paper into little pieces, (2) **shred** lettuce for a salad

There is not a **shred** of evidence that he is guilty.

recline

v. to lean or lie back in a relaxed or comfortable position

synonym: lounge, lie down, relax

(1) **recline** on the sofa, (2) **recline** on my side

She **reclined** her seat and relaxed for the flight.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

sculpt

v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

synonym : carve, mold, shape

(1) **sculpt** an image, (2) **sculpt** prototype

He spent hours every day **sculpting** figures out of clay.

memento

n. an object or item that serves to remind someone of a person, event, or experience; a keepsake or souvenir

synonym : souvenir, keepsake, reminder

(1) symbolic **memento**, (2) a small **memento**

The photo album was filled with **mementos** from their trip around the world.

remake

v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

synonym : revamp, redo, reproduce

(1) video game **remake**, (2) **remake** song

The director plans to **remake** the classic movie with a modern twist.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

anthill

n. a mound or hill made by a colony of ants, often as a nest or shelter, which can vary in size and shape depending on the species of ant and the surrounding environment

synonym : ant nest, ant mound, formicary

(1) **anthill** colony, (2) **anthill** on the trail

The ants were busy building an **anthill** in the garden.

rift

n. a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces

synonym : split, break, gap

(1) **rift** between friends, (2) geological **rift**

Their disagreement caused a **rift** in their friendship.

reconnect

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

synonym : reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

conjure

v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

synonym : summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

supernatural

adj. of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

synonym : paranormal, otherworldly, preternatural

(1) **supernatural** beings, (2) **supernatural** intuition

The **supernatural** powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

mythical

adj. based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination

synonym : mythological, fictitious, legendary

(1) **mythical** heroes, (2) **mythical** world

Many cultures have their **mythical** creatures and legends.

lore

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

synonym : mythology, legend, tradition

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

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

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym : train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

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.

crocodile

n. a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats

synonym : alligator, gator, croc

(1) **crocodile** hide, (2) saltwater **crocodile**

The **crocodile** attack left the villagers in a state of shock and fear

facade

n. the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

synonym : front, camouflage, masquerade

(1) the outside **facade** of a castle, (2) **facade** of wealth
A gentle **facade** concealed his powerfulness.

deity

n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

synonym: god, goddess, divine being

(1) existence of a **deity**, (2) **deity** of commerce

The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun **deity** Ra was the most powerful god.

ripple

n. a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

synonym: wave, undulation, fluctuation

(1) a **ripple** of laughter, (2) **ripple** in the water

Many businesses felt the **ripple** effect of the economy's decline.

radiant

adj. emitting light or heat; shining brightly

synonym: shining, glowing, brilliant

(1) **radiant** smile, (2) **radiant** light

She looked **radiant** on her wedding day.

tranquility

n. a state of calmness or peacefulness; absence of agitation, disturbance, or turbulence; a peaceful or serene environment

synonym: calmness, serenity, peace

(1) the **tranquility** of the environment, (2) feeling of **tranquility**

She found **tranquility** by meditating in the garden.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym: outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

serene

adj. calm, peaceful, and untroubled; free from disturbances or worries

synonym: calm, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **serene** landscape, (2) a **serene** atmosphere

The **serene** sunset over the ocean was a peaceful sight to behold.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. an an_____al graveyard *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
2. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
3. my_____al belief *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
4. en_____ng tools *n.* a design or picture made by cutting lines into a metal plate or stone, especially for printing
5. a se___e atmosphere *adj.* calm, peaceful, and untroubled; free from disturbances or worries
6. re_____e on the sofa *v.* to lean or lie back in a relaxed or comfortable position
7. the dec_____de of old age *n.* a state of being worn out or weakened by old age, illness, or hard use; the condition or process of becoming feeble, infirm, or dilapidated
8. physical dec_____de *n.* a state of being worn out or weakened by old age, illness, or hard use; the condition or process of becoming feeble, infirm, or dilapidated
9. dis_____ed speech *adj.* lacking coherence or connectivity; not flowing smoothly or logically; disconnected or fragmented
10. sh__d lettuce for a salad *v.* to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount

ANSWERS: 1. ancestral, 2. resilient, 3. mystical, 4. engraving, 5. serene, 6. recline, 7. decrepitude, 8. decrepitude, 9. disjointed, 10. shred

11. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
12. my____al intuition *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
13. di____t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
14. re___e song *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
15. du__y bookshelf *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
16. in a sen_____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
17. di_____nt and wrong-foot viewers *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
18. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
19. an_____al roots *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
20. ra____t smile *adj.* emitting light or heat; shining brightly

ANSWERS: 11. carve, 12. mystical, 13. distort, 14. remake, 15. dusty, 16. sentimental, 17. disorient, 18. carve, 19. ancestral, 20. radiant

21. large ex____es *n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
22. ra___e along a road *v.* to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds
23. co_____e evil spirits away *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
24. cash bo___y *n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
25. hip_____mus habitat *n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature
26. sc___t an image *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
27. aut_____ian practice *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
28. pu__e the system *v.* to remove or get rid of something, especially that is unwanted or impure
29. du__y road *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

ANSWERS: 21. expanse, 22. rattle, 23. conjure, 24. bounty, 25. hippopotamus, 26. sculpt, 27. authoritarian, 28. purge, 29. dusty

30. m__d broken relationship *v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
31. my____al heroes *adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
32. pu__e his sins *v.* to remove or get rid of something, especially that is unwanted or impure
33. popular di____te for corruption *n.* a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable
34. ra____t light *adj.* emitting light or heat; shining brightly
35. re____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
36. feeling of tra____ty *n.* a state of calmness or peacefulness; absence of agitation, disturbance, or turbulence; a peaceful or serene environment
37. em____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
38. a det____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
39. aut____ian government *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
40. video game re____e *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

ANSWERS: 30. mend, 31. mythical, 32. purge, 33. distaste, 34. radiant, 35. reclaim, 36. tranquility, 37. empower, 38. determinant, 39. authoritarian, 40. remake

41. live a wh_____me lifestyle *adj.* good for or likely to improve your health; conducive to or characterized by physical or moral well-being
42. fe_____ss bravery *adj.* having no fear; brave
43. an_____l colony *n.* a mound or hill made by a colony of ants, often as a nest or shelter, which can vary in size and shape depending on the species of ant and the surrounding environment
44. r__t between friends *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
45. in_____te lacework *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
46. kni_____ck sale *n.* a small, decorative ornament or trinket, often with little practical purpose
47. sup_____ral beings *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
48. my_____al world *adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
49. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
50. co_____e art *n.* a work of art composed by assembling various materials, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, and other objects, onto a surface; any composition made by combining various distinct elements

ANSWERS: 41. wholesome, 42. fearless, 43. anthill, 44. rift, 45. intricate, 46. knickknack, 47. supernatural, 48. mythical, 49. frightening, 50. collage

51. ca_____ny of sound *n.* a harsh, discordant mixture of sounds; a jarring or unpleasant noise or combination of sounds
52. in_____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
53. an indwelling di_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being divine; the state of being a god or goddess; the study of religious beliefs and practices
54. a wood en_____ng *n.* a design or picture made by cutting lines into a metal plate or stone, especially for printing
55. in_____ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
56. geological r__t *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
57. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
58. pre_____ic settlements *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
59. co_____e a vision *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
60. de__y of commerce *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
61. di_____ty degree *n.* the state or quality of being divine; the state of being a god or goddess; the study of religious beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 51. cacophony, 52. instruct, 53. divinity, 54. engraving, 55. instruct, 56. rift, 57. pandemic, 58. prehistoric, 59. conjure, 60. deity, 61. divinity

62. wh_____me ingredients *adj.* good for or likely to improve your health; conducive to or characterized by physical or moral well-being
63. a wh_____al person *adj.* unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason
64. ri___e in the water *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
65. re_____e on my side *v.* to lean or lie back in a relaxed or comfortable position
66. the tra_____ty of the environment *n.* a state of calmness or peacefulness; absence of agitation, disturbance, or turbulence; a peaceful or serene environment
67. mythological l___e *n.* traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature
68. fe_____ss attitude *adj.* having no fear; brave
69. existence of a de___y *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
70. sup_____ral intuition *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
71. sc___t prototype *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

ANSWERS: 62. wholesome, 63. whimsical, 64. ripple, 65. recline, 66. tranquility, 67. lore, 68. fearless, 69. deity, 70. supernatural, 71. sculpt

72. in_____te details *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
73. military l__e *n.* traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature
74. se___e landscape *adj.* calm, peaceful, and untroubled; free from disturbances or worries
75. a ri___e of laughter *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
76. saltwater cr_____le *n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats
77. gi_____e exhibit *n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
78. we__e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
79. emotional ca_____ny *n.* a harsh, discordant mixture of sounds; a jarring or unpleasant noise or combination of sounds
80. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

ANSWERS: 72. intricate, 73. lore, 74. serene, 75. ripple, 76. crocodile, 77. giraffe, 78. weave, 79. cacophony, 80. resilient

81. cr_____le hide *n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats
82. a small me_____o *n.* an object or item that serves to remind someone of a person, event, or experience; a keepsake or souvenir
83. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
84. oth_____dly creature *adj.* supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world
85. the outside fa____e of a castle *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
86. di_____nt his audience *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
87. vast ex_____e *n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
88. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
89. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
90. digital co_____e *n.* a work of art composed by assembling various materials, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, and other objects, onto a surface; any composition made by combining various distinct elements

ANSWERS: 81. crocodile, 82. memento, 83. reclaim, 84. otherworldly, 85. facade, 86. disorient, 87. expanse, 88. empower, 89. determinant, 90. collage

91. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
92. pa_____id disorder *adj.* unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
93. symbolic me_____o *n.* an object or item that serves to remind someone of a person, event, or experience; a keepsake or souvenir
94. we__e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
95. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
96. di_____t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
97. m__d my ways *v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
98. a bo_____y on exports *n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
99. re_____ct with family *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
100. re_____ct a telephone *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
101. a tyr_____al parent *adj.* using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way

ANSWERS: 91. frightening, 92. paranoid, 93. memento, 94. weave, 95. pandemic, 96. distort, 97. mend, 98. bounty, 99. reconnect, 100. reconnect, 101. tyrannical

102. having a strong di_____te
n. a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable
103. handmade kni_____cks
n. a small, decorative ornament or trinket, often with little practical purpose
104. oth_____dly experience
adj. supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world
105. fa___e of wealth
n. the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
106. pre_____ic times
adj. belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
107. wh_____al reasons
adj. unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason
108. sh__d paper into little pieces
v. to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount
109. dis_____ed narrative
adj. lacking coherence or connectivity; not flowing smoothly or logically; disconnected or fragmented
110. de_____d by elevator
v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
111. pa_____id about issues
adj. unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
112. a tyr_____al government
adj. using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way

ANSWERS: 102. distaste, 103. knickknack, 104. otherworldly, 105. facade, 106. prehistoric, 107. whimsical, 108. shred, 109. disjointed, 110. descend, 111. paranoid, 112. tyrannical

113. sen_____al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
114. de_____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
115. an_____l on the trail *n.* a mound or hill made by a colony of ants, often as a nest or shelter, which can vary in size and shape depending on the species of ant and the surrounding environment
116. gi_____e pattern *n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
117. giant hip_____mus *n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature
118. ra_____e and bang at the door *v.* to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds

ANSWERS: 113. sentimental, 114. descend, 115. anthill, 116. giraffe, 117. hippopotamus, 118. rattle

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The girl _____ a garland for her friend.
 - v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
2. Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might _____ dolphins and whales.
 - v. to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
3. The _____ plot of the movie left many viewers needing clarification and satisfaction.
 - adj. lacking coherence or connectivity; not flowing smoothly or logically; disconnected or fragmented
4. The director plans to _____ the classic movie with a modern twist.
 - v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
5. She grimaced in _____ when someone said the insulting words.
 - n. a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable
6. The village's _____ passed down stories of their ancestors and their traditions.
 - n. traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature
7. She _____ her seat and relaxed for the flight.
 - v. to lean or lie back in a relaxed or comfortable position

ANSWERS: 1. weaves, 2. disorient, 3. disjointed, 4. remake, 5. distaste, 6. lore, 7. reclined

8. A _____ person may have delusions that people want to harm.
adj. unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
9. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.
adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
10. She found _____ by meditating in the garden.
n. a state of calmness or peacefulness; absence of agitation, disturbance, or turbulence; a peaceful or serene environment
11. He spent hours every day _____ figures out of clay.
v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
12. The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun _____ Ra was the most powerful god.
n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
13. Economists contend that taxes _____ consumer behavior in general.
v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
14. 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
15. After a long period of estrangement, they _____ with each other.
v. to connect again after a break or interruption

ANSWERS: 8. paranoid, 9. sentimental, 10. tranquility, 11. sculpting, 12. deity, 13. distort, 14. mystical, 15. reconnected

16. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

17. Scientists often fail to date archeological or _____ findings.

adj. belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable

18. The facility manager _____ the security guards to be on high alert.

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

19. The _____ long neck makes reaching leaves high up in the trees easy.

n. a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves

20. The construction next door has created a constant _____ of drilling and hammering.

n. a harsh, discordant mixture of sounds; a jarring or unpleasant noise or combination of sounds

21. The antique shop had a wide selection of _____ from different eras.

n. a small, decorative ornament or trinket, often with little practical purpose

22. The old abandoned house was in a state of _____ with broken windows and a sagging roof.

n. a state of being worn out or weakened by old age, illness, or hard use; the condition or process of becoming feeble, infirm, or dilapidated

23. His honesty wielded a _____ influence on those around him.

adj. good for or likely to improve your health; conducive to or characterized by physical or moral well-being

ANSWERS: 16. frightening, 17. prehistorical, 18. instructed, 19. giraffe's, 20. cacophony, 21. knickknacks, 22. decrepitude, 23. wholesome

24. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.

- v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

25. He _____ the torn shirt with a needle and thread.

- v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged

26. The _____ firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

- adj.* having no fear; brave

27. The magician _____ up a rabbit out of thin air.

- v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

28. There is not a _____ of evidence that he is guilty.

- v.* to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount

29. The zoo has a new _____ exhibit that popularly attracts families.

- n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature

30. Much of his painting has a _____ quality.

- adj.* unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

31. She made a beautiful _____ of photos from her travels to display in her home.

- n.* a work of art composed by assembling various materials, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, and other objects, onto a surface; any composition made by combining various distinct elements

ANSWERS: 24. descended, 25. mended, 26. fearless, 27. conjured, 28. shred, 29. hippopotamus, 30. whimsical, 31. collage

32. She looked _____ on her wedding day.

adj. emitting light or heat; shining brightly

33. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

34. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

35. The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of _____ debris.

adj. covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

36. A gentle _____ concealed his powerfulness.

n. the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

37. Many businesses felt the _____ effect of the economy's decline.

n. a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

38. The _____ home has been in the family for generations.

adj. related to or connected with members of your family from the past

39. Their disagreement caused a _____ in their friendship.

n. a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces

ANSWERS: 32. radiant, 33. determinant, 34. carved, 35. dusty, 36. facade, 37. ripple, 38. ancestral, 39. rift

40. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.
v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
41. The vast earthquake caused the house to _____.
v. to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds
42. She looked over the immense _____ of the sea.
n. a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
43. 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
44. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
45. The _____ sunset over the ocean was a peaceful sight to behold.
adj. calm, peaceful, and untroubled; free from disturbances or worries
46. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
47. _____ Hollywood film moguls can easily rule the movie star's career.
adj. using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way
48. The politician managed to deal with that _____ issue.
adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together

ANSWERS: 40. reclaim, 41. rattle, 42. expanse, 43. authoritarian, 44. resilient, 45. serene, 46. pandemic, 47. Tyrannical, 48. intricate

49. The photo album was filled with _____ from their trip around the world.

n. an object or item that serves to remind someone of a person, event, or experience; a keepsake or souvenir

50. The _____ powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

adj. of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

51. Many cultures have their _____ creatures and legends.

adj. based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination

52. The ants were busy building an _____ in the garden.

n. a mound or hill made by a colony of ants, often as a nest or shelter, which can vary in size and shape depending on the species of ant and the surrounding environment

53. The intricate _____ on the silver vase was a work of art.

n. a design or picture made by cutting lines into a metal plate or stone, especially for printing

54. The _____ attack left the villagers in a state of shock and fear

n. a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats

55. 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

56. The _____ landscape was filled with strange, glowing plants.

adj. supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world

ANSWERS: 49. mementos, 50. supernatural, 51. mythical, 52. anthill, 53. engraving, 54. crocodile, 55. empowered, 56. otherworldly

57. The _____ hunter was hired to capture the notorious criminal and bring him to justice.
- n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
58. The ancient civilization revered the _____ of the god.
- n.* the state or quality of being divine; the state of being a god or goddess; the study of religious beliefs and practices
59. The government tried to _____ corrupt officials from the bureaucracy.
- v.* to remove or get rid of something, especially that is unwanted or impure

ANSWERS: 57. bounty, 58. divinity, 59. purge