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Session 1: Word List

temple

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

synonym: shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**

He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

fishery

n. an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish

synonym: fishing, piscary, angling

(1) **fishery** management, (2) commercial **fishery**

The majority of the people on the island are **fishery** folk.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

frown

v. to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure,

or concentration

synonym : scowl, glare, disapprove

(1) people with **frown** faces, (2) a worried **frown**

Thinking always made him **frown**.

unusually

adv. in a way that is not typical or expected

synonym : exceptionally, remarkably, outstandingly

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

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

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.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

towering

adj. very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature

synonym : lofty, tall, excessive

(1) **towering** trees, (2) **towering** mountain

The **towering** skyscraper blocked out the sun on the street below.

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

synonym : resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

harvest

n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

synonym : crop, reaping, yield

(1) a scanty **harvest**, (2) reap a **harvest**

During **harvest**, farmers are incredibly busy.

reed

n. a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone

synonym : cane, grass

(1) **reed** instrument, (2) a young bud of **reed**

The **reed** in the wind instrument needs to be replaced.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

shark

n. a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest

synonym : swindler, con artist, crook

(1) a man-eating **shark**, (2) card **shark**

He borrowed money from a loan **shark**.

shellfish

n. water creatures that live in shells, especially one of the types that can be eaten

synonym : clam, mollusk

(1) **shellfish** allergy, (2) edible **shellfish**

Shellfish can cause allergic reactions in certain people.

urchin

n. a poor and mischievous young child, usually living on the street or in a disadvantaged community; a small, spiny marine animal with a round body and long, pointed spines

synonym: mischief, waif, guttersnipe

(1) **urchin** child, (2) street **urchin**

The young boy was an **urchin** wandering the streets without a home.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

unobstructed

adj. not blocked or hindered; free from obstacles or impediments

synonym: clear, unrestricted, unblocked

(1) **unobstructed** airflow, (2) **unobstructed** path

The hiker enjoyed the **unobstructed** view from the top of the mountain.

detonate

v. to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events

synonym: explode, blow up, ignite

(1) **detonate** a missile, (2) **detonate** a plan

The bomb squad had to **detonate** the suspicious package found at the train station.

shore

n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

synonym: coast, seaside, beach

(1) a sandy **shore**, (2) **shore** up demand

The waves are beating against the **shore**.

dwindle

v. to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

synonym : shrink, decrease, fade

(1) **dwindle** in importance, (2) **dwindle** to almost nothing
The crowds at the festival **dwindled** as the night went on.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym : fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week
They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression
against someone or something

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to
disperse them.

flash

n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary
brightness

synonym : sparkle, gleam, glimmer

(1) a **flash** of lightning, (2) brilliant **flash**

These heavy rains caused **flash** floods on several islands.

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits;
an overwhelming number or amount

synonym : deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

dissolve

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part
of the solution; to close down or dismiss

synonym : disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

mud

n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

synonym : muck, sludge, ooze

(1) **mud** wall, (2) **mud** volcano

The **mud** of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

brick

n. a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material

synonym: block, tile, paver

(1) **brick** wall, (2) dressed **brick**

The wall was made of hard **bricks** that had been used for centuries.

settlement

n. an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.

synonym: agreement, accommodation, colonization

(1) the **settlement** of a dispute, (2) **settlement** in a new house

Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful **settlement**.

ritual

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

synonym: tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

sacred

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

synonym: holy, inviolable, hallowed

(1) **sacred** music, (2) the halo of a **sacred** image

This space is a private office **sacred** to the President

ceremonial

adj. of or relating to a ceremony (= a formal event performed on a special occasion) or ritual, especially a formal or elaborate one

synonym: ritual, formal, solemn

(1) wear a **ceremonial** dress, (2) **ceremonial** speech
The wedding was a grand **ceremonial** occasion with many traditional elements.

cactus

n. a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers

synonym: desert plant, succulent, thornbush

(1) small **cactus**, (2) potted **cactus**

The hiker got pricked by a **cactus** needle while walking.

herb

n. a small plant with aromatic or flavorful leaves used for seasoning or medicinal purposes

synonym: plant, weed, shrub

(1) **herb** garden, (2) **herb** spices

Rosemary is a fragrant **herb** commonly used in cooking.

valerian

n. a plant with fragrant pink or white flowers whose root is used in herbal medicine to calm anxiety and promote sleep; a medicinal preparation derived from this plant

synonym: herbaceous plant, all-heal

(1) **valerian** supplement, (2) **valerian** extract

The **valerian** root is often used as a natural sleep aid.

mineral

n. a solid inorganic substance occurring in nature having a definite chemical composition

(1) vitamin and **minerals**, (2) **mineral** rights

The robust economy of the country is based on its **mineral** resources.

hematite

n. a reddish or black mineral consisting of iron oxide, which is the main ore of iron

synonym: iron ore, bloodstone

(1) **hematite** deposits, (2) **hematite** mineral

The geology museum had an exhibit showcasing various specimens of **hematite**.

religion

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

synonym : faith, creed, belief

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

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

festival

n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

synonym : fair, holiday, celebration

(1) **festival** attendee, (2) international film **festival**

The music **festival** attracts visitors from all over the world.

inland

adj. situated or located away from the coast or a body of water; (adverb) towards or into the interior of a region

synonym : internal, interior, domestic

(1) **inland** transportation, (2) move further **inland**

Lush green forests surrounded the small **inland** village.

abundance

n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

synonym : plenty, affluence, plentitude

(1) an age of **abundance**, (2) an **abundance** of examples

A healthy farm provides an **abundance** of food.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym : praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

seaweed

n. a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae

synonym : kelp, algae

(1) floating **seaweed**, (2) **seaweed** broth

She soaked **seaweed** in water until tender.

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.

gourd

n. large fruit with a hard, often ornamentally-shaped shell that is commonly used for food, decoration, or musical instruments

synonym: calabash, squash, pumpkin

(1) **gourd** soup, (2) decorative **gourd**

She carved a unique design into the **gourd** to create a decorative piece for her home.

inspect

v. to look at someone or something closely, usually to examine their condition or to detect flaws

synonym: check, examine, review

(1) **inspect** a plant, (2) **inspect** the enemy's movements

The employee had to wait outside while police **inspected** the building.

cinnabar

n. a bright red mineral consisting of mercuric sulfide, often used as a pigment in ancient art and traditional medicine systems such as Ayurveda and Traditional Chinese Medicine

synonym: vermilion, mercuric sulfide, red mineral

(1) **cinnabar** pigment, (2) **cinnabar** mines

The Chinese lacquerware's beautiful red hue was achieved using **cinnabar** powder.

highland

adj. an area of elevated land or hilly terrain

synonym: upland, plateau

(1) **highland** Indian, (2) **highland** agriculture

This region has a humid subtropical and **highland** climate.

ward

n. a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care
synonym: room, division, unit

(1) a children's **ward**, (2) **ward** nurse

The patient was moved to the intensive care **ward** for further treatment.

sprawl

v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
synonym: drape, spread out

(1) **sprawl** out luxuriously on the sofa, (2) **sprawl** for acres

The lush vegetation **sprawls** across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.

foothill

n. a low hill at the base of a mountain or mountain range, typically found at the beginning of a slope or ascent and can have a significant impact on the local climate and ecology of an area

synonym: hillside, incline, slope

(1) **foothill** trail, (2) **foothill** region

The settlers built their homes in the **foothills** near the river.

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
synonym: control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

transaction

n. an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something

synonym: trade, dealing, commerce

(1) card with no foreign **transaction** fees, (2) **transaction** balance

Electronic **transactions** remain incomplete due to system errors.

cotton

n. a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

(1) **cotton** cloth, (2) culture of **cotton**

The price of raw **cotton** continued to rise.

ceramics

n. objects made from materials such as clay that are hardened by heat, often to create functional or decorative items

synonym : ceramicware, pottery, earthenware

(1) **ceramics** industry, (2) **ceramics** class

She makes beautiful **ceramics** in her studio and sells them at local markets.

ambiguity

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

synonym : uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing

The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

flexible

adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

synonym : adaptable, elastic, pliable

(1) **flexible** schedules, (2) a **flexible** wire

You can be more **flexible** and creative in your approach.

ceremony

n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

synonym : ritual, rite, observance

(1) **ceremony** hall, (2) **ceremony** location

The wedding **ceremony** was a beautiful and emotional event.

dodge

v. to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep

synonym : evade, sidestep, avoid

(1) **dodge** a blow, (2) **dodge** a question

She had to **dodge** the oncoming traffic to cross the busy street safely.

plaza

n. a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries

synonym : park, square, center

(1) main **plaza**, (2) memorial **plaza**

Three young men were busking in the shopping **plaza**.

garb

n. clothing or dress, especially of a distinctive or special kind; apparel or attire

synonym : attire, outfit, costume

(1) ceremonial **garb**, (2) casual **garb**

I dressed up in medieval **garb** for the Renaissance fair.

necklace

n. a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached

synonym : chain, choker, pendant

(1) beaded **necklace**, (2) pearl **necklace**

She received a beautiful **necklace** from her grandmother as a birthday gift.

vertebra

n. a bone in the spine, or the spinal column forming the supporting structure of the spine and protecting the spinal cord

(1) cervical **vertebra**, (2) **vertebra** injury

He uses a **vertebra** traction machine for his treatment.

underway

adj. having started and currently in progress

synonym : afoot, ongoing, in motion

(1) just getting **underway**, (2) campaign now **underway**

This project has been **underway** for several years.

panic

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

synonym : confusion, hysteria, consternation

(1) a **panic** reaction, (2) **panic** buying

The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused **panic** in the financial markets.

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym : adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information

We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym : turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

llama

n. a domesticated South American mammal with a long, soft, woolly fleece and a long neck and legs, typically used for wool, meat, and as a pack animal

synonym : camelid, guanaco, alpaca

(1) domesticated **llama**, (2) **llama** farm

The **llama's** wool is highly prized for its softness and warmth.

barely

adv. just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort

synonym : scarcely, hardly, only just

(1) **barely** noticeable, (2) **barely** finished

I **barely** made it to the meeting on time, rushing from another appointment across town.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym : halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

shell

n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

synonym: ammunition, armor, cover

(1) an egg **shell**, (2) a mollusk **shell**

The outermost electron **shell** determines the chemical properties of an atom.

grind

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

synonym: mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth

She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

lime

n. a green, citrus fruit with a sour taste that is often used for flavoring food and beverages; a type of calcium compound used in various industrial and environmental applications

synonym: citrus, lemon, green

(1) **lime** juice, (2) **lime** fertilization

The bartender sliced a fresh **lime** to garnish the drink.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym: masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

coca

n. a plant native to South America whose leaves are used in the production of cocaine and other stimulants; a drink made from the leaves of this plant

(1) **coca** paste, (2) **coca** tea

The chewing of **coca** leaves has been a tradition in some Andean cultures for centuries

tide

n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

synonym: ripple, surge, swell

(1) **tide** cycle, (2) ride the **tide** of change

Red **tide** is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

Session 2: Spelling

1. l__e fertilization
n. a green, citrus fruit with a sour taste that is often used for flavoring food and beverages; a type of calcium compound used in various industrial and environmental applications
2. in____t a plant
v. to look at someone or something closely, usually to examine their condition or to detect flaws
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n. a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone
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n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
5. ba___y finished
adv. just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort
6. ca__e my name on the plate
v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
7. set_____nt in a new house
n. an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
8. a fl__d of questions
n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

ANSWERS: 1. lime, 2. inspect, 3. reed, 4. sham, 5. barely, 6. carve, 7. settlement, 8. flood

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| 9. international film fe____al | <i>n.</i> a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works |
| 10. c__w each word | <i>v.</i> to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it |
| 11. di_____ar without a trace | <i>v.</i> to cease to exist or be visible |
| 12. freedom of re____on | <i>n.</i> a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny |
| 13. a tour guide at the te___e | <i>n.</i> a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead |
| 14. small ca___s | <i>n.</i> a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers |
| 15. tra_____on balance | <i>n.</i> an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something |
| 16. m_d volcano | <i>n.</i> a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay |
| 17. fi_____y management | <i>n.</i> an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish |
| 18. floating se____d | <i>n.</i> a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae |
| 19. pa__c buying | <i>n.</i> a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action |

ANSWERS: 9. festival, 10. chew, 11. disappear, 12. religion, 13. temple, 14. cactus, 15. transaction, 16. mud, 17. fishery, 18. seaweed, 19. panic

20. pearl ne____ce *n.* a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached
21. ur____n child *n.* a poor and mischievous young child, usually living on the street or in a disadvantaged community; a small, spiny marine animal with a round body and long, pointed spines
22. an age of ab____ce *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
23. c__a paste *n.* a plant native to South America whose leaves are used in the production of cocaine and other stimulants; a drink made from the leaves of this plant
24. h__b garden *n.* a small plant with aromatic or flavorful leaves used for seasoning or medicinal purposes
25. card with no foreign tra____on fees *n.* an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something
26. fl____le schedules *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
27. cer____al speech *adj.* of or relating to a ceremony (= a formal event performed on a special occasion) or ritual, especially a formal or elaborate one
28. local vi____er *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

ANSWERS: 20. necklace, 21. urchin, 22. abundance, 23. coca, 24. herb, 25. transaction, 26. flexible, 27. ceremonial, 28. villager

29. a mollusk sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
30. ha___ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
31. va_____an supplement *n.* a plant with fragrant pink or white flowers whose root is used in herbal medicine to calm anxiety and promote sleep; a medicinal preparation derived from this plant
32. go__d soup *n.* large fruit with a hard, often ornamentally-shaped shell that is commonly used for food, decoration, or musical instruments
33. pr_____us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
34. culture of co___n *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
35. just getting un_____ay *adj.* having started and currently in progress
36. ha___e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
37. do__e a blow *v.* to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep
38. mi_____l rights *n.* a solid inorganic substance occurring in nature having a definite chemical composition
39. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 29. shell, 30. handle, 31. valerian, 32. gourd, 33. precious, 34. cotton, 35. underway, 36. handle, 37. dodge, 38. mineral, 39. recognize

40. uno_____ted airflow *adj.* not blocked or hindered; free from obstacles or impediments
41. dw_____e to almost nothing *v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
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43. ve_____ra injury *n.* a bone in the spine, or the spinal column forming the supporting structure of the spine and protecting the spinal cord
44. edible sh_____sh *n.* water creatures that live in shells, especially one of the types that can be eaten
45. co_____n cloth *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
46. oasis in the de_____t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
47. campaign now un_____ay *adj.* having started and currently in progress
48. casual g__b *n.* clothing or dress, especially of a distinctive or special kind; apparel or attire
49. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
50. ce_____ny location *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

ANSWERS: 40. unobstructed, 41. dwindle, 42. celebrate, 43. vertebra, 44. shellfish, 45. cotton, 46. desert, 47. underway, 48. garb, 49. flood, 50. ceremony

51. wear a cer_____al dress *adj.* of or relating to a ceremony (= a formal event performed on a special occasion) or ritual, especially a formal or elaborate one
52. de____t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
53. a scanty ha_____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
54. vitamin and mi_____ls *n.* a solid inorganic substance occurring in nature having a definite chemical composition
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ANSWERS: 51. ceremonial, 52. desert, 53. harvest, 54. mineral, 55. dissolve, 56. ritual, 57. foothill, 58. abundance, 59. recognize

60. decorative go__d *n.* large fruit with a hard, often ornamentally-shaped shell that is commonly used for food, decoration, or musical instruments
61. free from am_____ty *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
62. to_____ng mountain *adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature
63. t__e cycle *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
64. move further in____d *adj.* situated or located away from the coast or a body of water; (adverb) towards or into the interior of a region
65. look un_____ly serious *adv.* in a way that is not typical or expected
66. dw_____e in importance *v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
67. sh_____sh allergy *n.* water creatures that live in shells, especially one of the types that can be eaten
68. ci_____ar mines *n.* a bright red mineral consisting of mercuric sulfide, often used as a pigment in ancient art and traditional medicine systems such as Ayurveda and Traditional Chinese Medicine
69. main pl__a *n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries

ANSWERS: 60. gourd, 61. ambiguity, 62. towering, 63. tide, 64. inland, 65. unusually, 66. dwindle, 67. shellfish, 68. cinnabar, 69. plaza

70. ce____ny hall *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
71. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
72. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
73. hi_____nd Indian *adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
74. br__k wall *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
75. ce_____cs industry *n.* objects made from materials such as clay that are hardened by heat, often to create functional or decorative items
76. card sh__k *n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
77. a fl_____le wire *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
78. a fl__h of lightning *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
79. ce_____cs class *n.* objects made from materials such as clay that are hardened by heat, often to create functional or decorative items
80. memorial pl__a *n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries

ANSWERS: 70. ceremony, 71. celebrate, 72. violent, 73. highland, 74. brick, 75. ceramics, 76. shark, 77. flexible, 78. flash, 79. ceramics, 80. plaza

81. va____an extract *n.* a plant with fragrant pink or white flowers whose root is used in herbal medicine to calm anxiety and promote sleep; a medicinal preparation derived from this plant
82. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
83. avoid am_____ty in writing *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
84. uno_____ted path *adj.* not blocked or hindered; free from obstacles or impediments
85. sh__e up demand *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
86. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
87. potted ca____s *n.* a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers
88. hi_____nd agriculture *adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
89. do__e a question *v.* to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep
90. c__w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
91. h__b spices *n.* a small plant with aromatic or flavorful leaves used for seasoning or medicinal purposes

ANSWERS: 81. valerian, 82. disappear, 83. ambiguity, 84. unobstructed, 85. shore, 86. vast, 87. cactus, 88. highland, 89. dodge, 90. chew, 91. herb

92. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
93. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
94. 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
95. fo_____ll region *n.* a low hill at the base of a mountain or mountain range, typically found at the beginning of a slope or ascent and can have a significant impact on the local climate and ecology of an area
96. brilliant fl__h *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
97. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
98. dressed br__k *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
99. he_____te deposits *n.* a reddish or black mineral consisting of iron oxide, which is the main ore of iron
100. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
101. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
102. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

ANSWERS: 92. refuse, 93. refuse, 94. dusty, 95. foothill, 96. flash, 97. sham, 98. brick, 99. hematite, 100. hunt, 101. hunt, 102. panic

103. w__d nurse *n.* a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care
104. reap a ha____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
105. gr__d your teeth *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
106. the halo of a sa____d image *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
107. an egg sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
108. beaded ne____ce *n.* a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached
109. officially di____ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
110. fe____al attendee *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
111. street ur____n *n.* a poor and mischievous young child, usually living on the street or in a disadvantaged community; a small, spiny marine animal with a round body and long, pointed spines

ANSWERS: 103. ward, 104. harvest, 105. grind, 106. sacred, 107. shell, 108. necklace, 109. dissolve, 110. festival, 111. urchin

112. l__e juice *n.* a green, citrus fruit with a sour taste that is often used for flavoring food and beverages; a type of calcium compound used in various industrial and environmental applications
113. price of pr____us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
114. ba___y noticeable *adv.* just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort
115. people with fr__n faces *v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
116. gr__d away at my work *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
117. in____d transportation *adj.* situated or located away from the coast or a body of water; (adverb) towards or into the interior of a region
118. r__d instrument *n.* a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone
119. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
120. domesticated ll__a *n.* a domesticated South American mammal with a long, soft, woolly fleece and a long neck and legs, typically used for wool, meat, and as a pack animal

ANSWERS: 112. lime, 113. precious, 114. barely, 115. frown, 116. grind, 117. inland, 118. reed, 119. carve, 120. llama

121. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
122. ci_____ar pigment *n.* a bright red mineral consisting of mercuric sulfide, often used as a pigment in ancient art and traditional medicine systems such as Ayurveda and Traditional Chinese Medicine
123. sp____l for acres *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
124. te____e complex *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
125. cervical ve_____ra *n.* a bone in the spine, or the spinal column forming the supporting structure of the spine and protecting the spinal cord
126. ceremonial g__b *n.* clothing or dress, especially of a distinctive or special kind; apparel or attire
127. sa____d music *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
128. m_d wall *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
129. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
130. ride the t__e of change *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

ANSWERS: 121. religion, 122. cinnabar, 123. sprawl, 124. temple, 125. vertebra, 126. garb, 127. sacred, 128. mud, 129. violent, 130. tide

131. 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
132. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
133. to____ng trees *adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature
134. a worried fr__n *v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
135. se____d broth *n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae
136. a sandy sh__e *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
137. a children's w__d *n.* a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care
138. commercial fi____y *n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
139. sp___l out luxuriously on the sofa *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
140. un____ly cheerful *adv.* in a way that is not typical or expected
141. the set____nt of a dispute *n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.

ANSWERS: 131. dusty, 132. pause, 133. towering, 134. frown, 135. seaweed, 136. shore, 137. ward, 138. fishery, 139. sprawl, 140. unusually, 141. settlement

142. ll__a farm *n.* a domesticated South American mammal with a long, soft, woolly fleece and a long neck and legs, typically used for wool, meat, and as a pack animal
143. de____te a missile *v.* to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events
144. he____te mineral *n.* a reddish or black mineral consisting of iron oxide, which is the main ore of iron
145. in____t the enemy's movements *v.* to look at someone or something closely, usually to examine their condition or to detect flaws
146. a man-eating sh__k *n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
147. morning ri____l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
148. c__a tea *n.* a plant native to South America whose leaves are used in the production of cocaine and other stimulants; a drink made from the leaves of this plant
149. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
150. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
151. vi____er community *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

ANSWERS: 142. llama, 143. detonate, 144. hematite, 145. inspect, 146. shark, 147. ritual, 148. coca, 149. vast, 150. pause, 151. villager

152. de____te a plan

v. to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events

ANSWERS: 152. detonate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Thinking always made him _____.
 - v. to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration

2. She had to _____ the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.
 - v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

3. Three young men were busking in the shopping _____.
 - n. a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries

4. The crowds at the festival _____ as the night went on.
 - v. to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

5. Red _____ is often harmful to the local ecosystem.
 - n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

6. The _____ wool is highly prized for its softness and warmth.
 - n. a domesticated South American mammal with a long, soft, woolly fleece and a long neck and legs, typically used for wool, meat, and as a pack animal

7. The man _____ before opening the door.
 - v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

8. The patient was moved to the intensive care _____ for further treatment.
 - n. a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care

ANSWERS: 1. frown, 2. grind, 3. plaza, 4. dwindled, 5. tide, 6. llama's, 7. paused, 8. ward

9. The hiker enjoyed the _____ view from the top of the mountain.
adj. not blocked or hindered; free from obstacles or impediments
10. She had to _____ the oncoming traffic to cross the busy street safely.
v. to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep
11. The _____ in the wind instrument needs to be replaced.
n. a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone
12. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.
adj. uncommon and extremely valuable
13. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
14. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.
v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
15. He borrowed money from a loan _____.
n. a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
16. The Chinese lacquerware's beautiful red hue was achieved using _____ powder.
n. a bright red mineral consisting of mercuric sulfide, often used as a pigment in ancient art and traditional medicine systems such as Ayurveda and Traditional Chinese Medicine

ANSWERS: 9. unobstructed, 10. dodge, 11. reed, 12. precious, 13. vast, 14. carved, 15. shark, 16. cinnabar

17. The bartender sliced a fresh _____ to garnish the drink.
n. a green, citrus fruit with a sour taste that is often used for flavoring food and beverages; a type of calcium compound used in various industrial and environmental applications
18. The lush vegetation _____ across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.
v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
19. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
v. to cease to exist or be visible
20. My dog loves to _____ on bones.
v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
21. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
22. These heavy rains caused _____ floods on several islands.
n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
23. Rosemary is a fragrant _____ commonly used in cooking.
n. a small plant with aromatic or flavorful leaves used for seasoning or medicinal purposes
24. The data he prepared was completely _____.
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 17. lime, 18. sprawls, 19. disappear, 20. chew, 21. celebrated, 22. flash, 23. herb, 24. sham

25. This space is a private office _____ to the President

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

26. During _____ farmers are incredibly busy.

n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

27. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

28. A healthy farm provides an _____ of food.

n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

29. He uses a _____ traction machine for his treatment.

n. a bone in the spine, or the spinal column forming the supporting structure of the spine and protecting the spinal cord

30. The settlers built their homes in the _____ near the river.

n. a low hill at the base of a mountain or mountain range, typically found at the beginning of a slope or ascent and can have a significant impact on the local climate and ecology of an area

31. The bomb squad had to _____ the suspicious package found at the train station.

v. to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events

32. The _____ in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

ANSWERS: 25. sacred, 26. harvest, 27. floods, 28. abundance, 29. vertebra, 30. foothills, 31. detonate, 32. ambiguity

33. The team's performance has been _____ poor this season.
adv. in a way that is not typical or expected
34. The majority of the people on the island are _____ folk.
n. an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
35. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.
v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
36. She soaked _____ in water until tender.
n. a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae
37. The robust economy of the country is based on its _____ resources.
n. a solid inorganic substance occurring in nature having a definite chemical composition
38. I dressed up in medieval _____ for the Renaissance fair.
n. clothing or dress, especially of a distinctive or special kind; apparel or attire
39. The _____ of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.
n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
40. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.
n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
41. Lush green forests surrounded the small _____ village.
adj. situated or located away from the coast or a body of water; (adverb) towards or into the interior of a region

ANSWERS: 33. unusually, 34. fishery, 35. hunt, 36. seaweed, 37. mineral, 38. garb, 39. mud, 40. temple, 41. inland

42. The waves are beating against the _____.
- n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
43. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.
- n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
44. The chewing of _____ leaves has been a tradition in some Andean cultures for centuries
- n.* a plant native to South America whose leaves are used in the production of cocaine and other stimulants; a drink made from the leaves of this plant
45. The employee had to wait outside while police _____ the building.
- v.* to look at someone or something closely, usually to examine their condition or to detect flaws
46. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
- adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
47. My initial reaction was to _____.
- v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
48. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
49. The hiker got pricked by a _____ needle while walking.
- n.* a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers

ANSWERS: 42. shore, 43. panic, 44. coca, 45. inspected, 46. violent, 47. refuse, 48. recognize, 49. cactus

50. She carved a unique design into the _____ to create a decorative piece for her home.
- n.* large fruit with a hard, often ornamentally-shaped shell that is commonly used for food, decoration, or musical instruments
51. I _____ made it to the meeting on time, rushing from another appointment across town.
- adv.* just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort
52. The young boy was an _____ wandering the streets without a home.
- n.* a poor and mischievous young child, usually living on the street or in a disadvantaged community; a small, spiny marine animal with a round body and long, pointed spines
53. The outermost electron _____ determines the chemical properties of an atom.
- n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
54. Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful _____.
- n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
55. You can be more _____ and creative in your approach.
- adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
56. This region has a humid subtropical and _____ climate.
- adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
57. The price of raw _____ continued to rise.
- n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

ANSWERS: 50. gourd, 51. barely, 52. urchin, 53. shell, 54. settlement, 55. flexible, 56. highland, 57. cotton

58. She makes beautiful _____ in her studio and sells them at local markets.
n. objects made from materials such as clay that are hardened by heat, often to create functional or decorative items
59. The rural _____ were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.
n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
60. The wall was made of hard _____ that had been used for centuries.
n. a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
61. She received a beautiful _____ from her grandmother as a birthday gift.
n. a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached
62. We all should learn how to _____ stress.
v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
63. The wedding was a grand _____ occasion with many traditional elements.
adj. of or relating to a ceremony (= a formal event performed on a special occasion) or ritual, especially a formal or elaborate one
64. The wedding _____ was a beautiful and emotional event.
n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
65. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.
n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

ANSWERS: 58. ceramics, 59. villagers, 60. bricks, 61. necklace, 62. handle, 63. ceremonial, 64. ceremony, 65. ritual

66. This project has been _____ for several years.

adj. having started and currently in progress

67. Electronic _____ remain incomplete due to system errors.

n. an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something

68. The _____ root is often used as a natural sleep aid.

n. a plant with fragrant pink or white flowers whose root is used in herbal medicine to calm anxiety and promote sleep; a medicinal preparation derived from this plant

69. The music _____ attracts visitors from all over the world.

n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

70. _____ can cause allergic reactions in certain people.

n. water creatures that live in shells, especially one of the types that can be eaten

71. The geology museum had an exhibit showcasing various specimens of _____.

n. a reddish or black mineral consisting of iron oxide, which is the main ore of iron

72. This region is predominantly _____.

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

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

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

ANSWERS: 66. underway, 67. transactions, 68. valerian, 69. festival, 70. Shellfish, 71. hematite, 72. desert, 73. religion

74. The political party _____ after much internal fighting.

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

75. The _____ skyscraper blocked out the sun on the street below.

adj. very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature

76. 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

ANSWERS: 74. dissolved, 75. towering, 76. dusty