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Session 1: Word List

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
synonym: misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**

Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

trance

n. a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions

synonym: stupor, hypnosis, daydreaming

(1) **trance** state, (2) meditative **trance**

The rhythmic beat of the drums kept the audience in a **trance**.

resist

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

synonym: fight, defy, revolt

(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed

I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.

anxiety

n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

synonym: concern, dread, agita

(1) diagnosis of **anxiety** disorder, (2) **anxiety** for knowledge
She waited for her daughter with **anxiety**.

guilt

n. the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

synonym: regret, remorse, blame

(1) criminal **guilt**, (2) feeling of **guilt**
Shame and **guilt** have significant social influences.

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**.

invite

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

synonym: ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism
We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

apologize

v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

synonym: excuse, justify, atone

(1) **apologize** for being late, (2) **apologize** ahead of time
I **apologize** for neglecting your email.

scandal

n. an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage

synonym: controversy, outrage, uproar

(1) **scandal** magazine, (2) a corruption **scandal**

The political **scandal** rocked the nation and led to the resignation of several high-ranking officials.

exposed

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

synonym: endangered, revealed, disclosed

(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock

Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym: devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

rap

n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

synonym: hip-hop, emceeing, MCing

(1) **rap** music, (2) get a **rap**

The new **rap** album is getting a lot of attention.

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.

publicly

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

synonym: candidly, openly, honestly

(1) **publicly** accessible record, (2) **publicly** financed

schools

She **publicly** denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym: prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

authentic

adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

synonym: genuine, bona fide, original

(1) an **authentic** signature, (2) the sets were meticulously **authentic**

The stages of the play were meticulously **authentic**

apology

n. an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble

synonym: regret, excuse, plea

(1) genuine **apology**, (2) accept his **apology**

She wrote a letter of **apology** to the renter.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

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

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym : burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his **commitments**

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

honesty

n. the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles

synonym : sincerity, integrity, truthfulness

(1) **honesty** policy, (2) **honesty** box

A culture of **honesty** in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.

interrogate

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

synonym : question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police

The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

vague

adj. not clearly expressed or understood

synonym : ambiguous, imprecise, dim

(1) **vague** idea, (2) make a **vague** answer

The **vague** rumor turned out to be false.

pants

n. an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

synonym : trousers, breeches, slacks

(1) woolly **pants**, (2) pajama **pants**

I always wear **pants** when I go outside, even in the summer.

belittle

v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect

synonym : degrade, demean, disparage

(1) **belittle** his ability, (2) **belittle** through talk

He **belittled** her in front of the office, making her feel small and insignificant.

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym : envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

liberate

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

synonym : emancipate, release, set free

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

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

survivor

n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

synonym : subsister

(1) ovarian cancer **survivor**, (2) a single **survivor**

The shipwreck **survivor** was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.

haunted

adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

synonym : spooky, eerie, ghostly

(1) **haunted** house, (2) **haunted** by memories

The old mansion was known to be **haunted**, with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

smashing

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

synonym : great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym : calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

miracle

n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

synonym : wonder, marvel, phenomenon

(1) **miracle** person, (2) economic **miracle**

The doctors said that her recovery was a **miracle**.

adoration

n. deep love and respect shown towards someone or something; worship or deep reverence

synonym : worship, idolization, devotion

(1) **adoration** of a celebrity, (2) puppy **adoration**

The child's **adoration** for his favorite superhero was unwavering.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym : interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**
We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym : distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news
Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

underground

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

synonym : subterranean, subsurface, confidential

(1) water flowing **underground**, (2) **underground** activist
Having **underground** parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed
The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

metastasize

v. (of a cancerous tumor or disease) to spread or grow to other parts of the body from its original location

synonym : spread, multiply, disseminate

(1) **metastasize** to the liver, (2) **metastasize** from breast cancer

Cancer cells can **metastasize** and spread to other body parts

if left untreated.

suppress

v. to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force

synonym: subdue, bury, stifle

(1) **suppress** a yawn, (2) **suppress** a revolt

The doctor prescribed medication to **suppress** the patient's appetite.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym: discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

torrent

n. a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud

synonym: flood, deluge, downpour

(1) **torrent** of words, (2) stem a **torrent**

The rain fell in a **torrent**, flooding the streets in minutes.

horror

n. intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying

synonym: fear, terror, dread

(1) **horror** movie, (2) **horror-struck** look

The stories of war crimes filled her with **horror**.

betray

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

synonym: fail, denounce, display

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

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

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

amend

v. to change a text, law, statement, etc., slightly to remove faults or errors or to improve it

synonym: improve, correct, alter

(1) **amend** a law, (2) **amend** his writing

The president agreed to **amend** the ill-defined regulations.

grueling

adj. extremely tiring or demanding great effort, especially with long duration or intensity

synonym: exhausting, draining, demanding

(1) **grueling** process, (2) a **grueling** campaign

The marathon was a **grueling** test of endurance.

humble

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

synonym: modest, unpretentious, abject

(1) a **humble** cottage, (2) **humble** opinion

The nobler, the more **humble**.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

rip v. to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
synonym: tear, cut, slit
(1) **rip** a notebook apart, (2) **rip** a hole in the roof
During transit, the stuff may **rip** off the luggage tag.

destroy v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate
(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence
The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

enact v. to make a law; to put something into practice
synonym: legislate, pass, decree
(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban
The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

incredibly *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily
(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure
Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

contaminate v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
synonym: defile, pollute, adulterate
(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego
We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

spirit *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body;

the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym : soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

lens

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

synonym : glass

(1) a convex **lens**, (2) a **lens** with a wide angle

The photographer took this photo using a telephoto **lens**.

survive

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

synonym : endure, persist, stay

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

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

punishment

n. a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

synonym : penalty, discipline, retribution

(1) **punishment** for a crime, (2) humiliating **punishment**

The judge gave severe **punishment** to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

instinct

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

synonym : intuition, aptitude, feeling

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

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

- pun** *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
synonym : joke, quip, wordplay
(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**
The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.
- humiliation** *n.* the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
synonym : mortification, degradation, embarrassment
(1) an intolerable **humiliation**, (2) a taste of **humiliation**
His public **humiliation** resulted from a cruel prank played by his colleagues.
- revelation** *n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency
synonym : disclosure, telling, annunciation
(1) a divine **revelation**, (2) the **revelation** of a secret
The shocking **revelation** embarrassed the administration.
- involve** *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
synonym : implicate, include, engage
(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk
The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- doorway** *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
synonym : entrance, portal, gateway
(1) a wide **doorway**, (2) **doorway** to success
He leaned against the **doorway**, waiting for her to come home.
- rage** *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
synonym : fury, anger, outrage

(1) uncontrollable **rage**, (2) fall into a **rage**

She was filled with a burning **rage** at the injustice she had witnessed.

brave

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

synonym: courageous, valiant, heroic

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

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

transformation

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

synonym: change, conversion, renewal

(1) the **transformation** of a tadpole into a frog, (2) cast a **transformation** spell

Understanding unitary **transformations** of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

Session 2: Spelling

1. meditative tr___e *n.* a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions
2. be___y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
3. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
4. puppy ad_____on *n.* deep love and respect shown towards someone or something; worship or deep reverence
5. li_____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
6. li_____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
7. ha_____d by memories *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
8. mi_____e person *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

ANSWERS: 1. trance, 2. betray, 3. suffer, 4. adoration, 5. liberate, 6. liberate, 7. haunted, 8. miracle

9. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
10. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
11. un_____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
12. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
13. an ex_____d rock *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
14. re____t being kissed *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
15. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
16. sc_____l magazine *n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
17. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
18. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

ANSWERS: 9. instinct, 10. committed, 11. unleash, 12. responsible, 13. exposed, 14. resist, 15. pun, 16. scandal, 17. commitment, 18. destroy

19. ad_____on of a celebrity *n.* deep love and respect shown towards someone or something; worship or deep reverence
20. ap_____ze ahead of time *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
21. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
22. ap_____ze for being late *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
23. je_____sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
24. a single su_____or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
25. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
26. su_____ss a yawn *v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force
27. ho____r movie *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
28. an indomitable sp____t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

ANSWERS: 19. adoration, 20. apologize, 21. violent, 22. apologize, 23. jealousy, 24. survivor, 25. discovery, 26. suppress, 27. horror, 28. spirit

29. en__t the smoking ban *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
30. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
31. en__t new legislation *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
32. a gr_____ng campaign *adj.* extremely tiring or demanding great effort, especially with long duration or intensity
33. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
34. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
35. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
36. to_____t of words *n.* a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud
37. victim of sexual ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
38. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 29. enact, 30. commitment, 31. enact, 32. grueling, 33. instinct, 34. pun, 35. responsible, 36. torrent, 37. abuse, 38. process

39. a corruption sc____l *n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
40. cr____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
41. burn with je____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
42. un____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
43. met____ze from breast cancer *v.* (of a cancerous tumor or disease) to spread or grow to other parts of the body from its original location
44. con____te his ego *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
45. genuine ap____y *n.* an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble
46. be____le through talk *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect
47. a s__m battle *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
48. int____te an enemy soldier *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

ANSWERS: 39. scandal, 40. crisis, 41. jealousy, 42. unleash, 43. metastasize, 44. contaminate, 45. apology, 46. belittle, 47. sham, 48. interrogate

49. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
50. ha_____d house *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
51. br___e soldier *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
52. a l___s with a wide angle *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
53. sp___t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
54. the rev_____on of a secret *n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency
55. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

ANSWERS: 49. victim, 50. haunted, 51. brave, 52. lens, 53. spirit, 54. revelation, 55. accident

56. criminal gu__t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
57. a sm_____ng blow *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
58. am__d a law *v.* to change a text, law, statement, etc., slightly to remove faults or errors or to improve it
59. uncontrollable r__e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
60. r_p a notebook apart *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
61. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
62. am__d his writing *v.* to change a text, law, statement, etc., slightly to remove faults or errors or to improve it
63. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
64. feeling of gu__t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
65. r_p a hole in the roof *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
66. r_p music *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

ANSWERS: 56. guilt, 57. smashing, 58. amend, 59. rage, 60. rip, 61. accident, 62. amend, 63. betray, 64. guilt, 65. rip, 66. rap

67. diagnosis of an_____y disorder *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
68. woolly pa__s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
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70. pu_____ly financed schools *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
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74. do_____y to success *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
75. va__e idea *adj.* not clearly expressed or understood
76. give sm_____ng results *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
77. an au_____ic signature *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
78. 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

ANSWERS: 67. anxiety, 68. pants, 69. survivor, 70. publicly, 71. belittle, 72. transformation, 73. miracle, 74. doorway, 75. vague, 76. smashing, 77. authentic, 78. sacred

79. gr____ng process *adj.* extremely tiring or demanding great effort, especially with long duration or intensity
80. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
81. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
82. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
83. the sets were meticulously au____ic *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
84. cast a tra_____ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
85. hu___e opinion *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
86. stem a to____t *n.* a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud
87. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
88. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
89. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

ANSWERS: 79. grueling, 80. doubt, 81. invite, 82. suffer, 83. authentic, 84. transformation, 85. humble, 86. torrent, 87. abuse, 88. victim, 89. vulnerable

90. an intolerable hum_____on *n.* the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
91. pu_____ly accessible record *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
92. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
93. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
94. fall into a r__e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
95. get a r_p *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
96. br__e decision *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
97. und_____nd activist *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
98. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
99. pun_____nt for a crime *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

ANSWERS: 90. humiliation, 91. publicly, 92. eventually, 93. discovery, 94. rage, 95. rap, 96. brave, 97. underground, 98. doubt, 99. punishment

100. con_____te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
101. su_____ss a revolt *v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force
102. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
103. 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
104. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
105. a taste of hum_____on *n.* the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
106. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
107. a hu____e cottage *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
108. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
109. water flowing und_____nd *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
110. re____t temptation *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
111. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 100. contaminate, 101. suppress, 102. incredibly, 103. sham, 104. crisis, 105. humiliation, 106. survive, 107. humble, 108. eventually, 109. underground, 110. resist, 111. violent

112. met_____ze to the liver *v.* (of a cancerous tumor or disease) to spread or grow to other parts of the body from its original location
113. sa___d music *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
114. ex_____d to radiation *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
115. a convex l__s *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
116. humiliating pun_____nt *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
117. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
118. int_____ted by police *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
119. tr___e state *n.* a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions

ANSWERS: 112. metastasize, 113. sacred, 114. exposed, 115. lens, 116. punishment, 117. involve, 118. interrogate, 119. trance

120. de____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
121. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
122. ho____r-struck look *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
123. in____e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
124. vul____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
125. pajama pa__s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
126. su____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
127. a divine rev____on *n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency

ANSWERS: 120. destroy, 121. process, 122. horror, 123. invite, 124. vulnerable, 125. pants, 126. survive, 127. revelation

128. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
129. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
130. ho_____y box *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
131. boundless cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
132. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
133. ho_____y policy *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
134. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
135. make a va__e answer *adj.* not clearly expressed or understood
136. a wide do_____y *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
137. accept his ap_____y *n.* an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble
138. an_____y for knowledge *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

ANSWERS: 128. curiosity, 129. incredibly, 130. honesty, 131. curiosity, 132. involve, 133. honesty, 134. committed, 135. vague, 136. doorway, 137. apology, 138. anxiety

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The rhythmic beat of the drums kept the audience in a _____.
n. a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions
2. The _____ rumor turned out to be false.
adj. not clearly expressed or understood
3. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
4. The stories of war crimes filled her with _____.
n. intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
5. She waited for her daughter with _____.
n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
6. The band's new album was a _____ success, reaching the top of the charts.
adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
7. The doctor prescribed medication to _____ the patient's appetite.
v. to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force
8. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 1. trance, 2. vague, 3. liberated, 4. horror, 5. anxiety, 6. smashing, 7. suppress, 8. invite

9. The political _____ rocked the nation and led to the resignation of several high-ranking officials.
n. an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
10. The new ___ album is getting a lot of attention.
n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
11. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
12. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.
n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
13. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
14. The general was still reluctant to _____ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.
v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
15. He leaned against the _____ waiting for her to come home.
n. an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
16. The nobler, the more _____.
adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

ANSWERS: 9. scandal, 10. rap, 11. survive, 12. abuse, 13. victim, 14. unleash, 15. doorway, 16. humble

17. The stages of the play were meticulously _____
adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
18. The government _____ this law in 1925.
v. to make a law; to put something into practice
19. A culture of _____ in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.
n. the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
20. I always wear _____ when I go outside, even in the summer.
n. an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
21. During transit, the stuff may _____ off the luggage tag.
v. to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
22. She _____ denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.
adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
23. His public _____ resulted from a cruel prank played by his colleagues.
n. the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
24. His business _____ took him to the United States.
n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
25. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.
adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

ANSWERS: 17. authentic, 18. enacted, 19. honesty, 20. pants, 21. rip, 22. publicly, 23. humiliation, 24. commitments, 25. committed

26. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.
n. a strong desire to know or learn about something
27. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.
n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
28. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
29. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.
n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
30. The marathon was a _____ test of endurance.
adj. extremely tiring or demanding great effort, especially with long duration or intensity
31. She was filled with a burning _____ at the injustice she had witnessed.
n. a strong feeling of anger or violence
32. I chose to _____ cancer by trying every possible treatment.
v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
33. Cancer cells can _____ and spread to other body parts if left untreated.
v. (of a cancerous tumor or disease) to spread or grow to other parts of the body from its original location

ANSWERS: 26. curiosity, 27. pun, 28. destroyed, 29. spirit, 30. grueling, 31. rage, 32. resist, 33. metastasize

34. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.
- n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
35. His _____ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.
- n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
36. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.
- n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
37. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.
- n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
38. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
- adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
39. He felt _____ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.
- v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
40. Having _____ parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.
- adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
41. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 34. transformations, 35. jealousy, 36. Doubt, 37. accident, 38. violent, 39. betrayed, 40. underground, 41. suffers

42. The rain fell in a _____ flooding the streets in minutes.
n. a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud
43. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
44. The child's _____ for his favorite superhero was unwavering.
n. deep love and respect shown towards someone or something; worship or deep reverence
45. The shipwreck _____ was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.
n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
46. The president agreed to _____ the ill-defined regulations.
v. to change a text, law, statement, etc., slightly to remove faults or errors or to improve it
47. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
48. The old mansion was known to be _____ with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.
adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
49. We strive not to _____ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.
v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

ANSWERS: 42. torrent, 43. responsible, 44. adoration, 45. survivor, 46. amend, 47. eventually, 48. haunted, 49. contaminate

50. She wrote a letter of _____ to the renter.

- n.* an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble

51. The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately _____ the witness.

- v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

52. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

- adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

53. The photographer took this photo using a telephoto _____.

- n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

54. The judge gave severe _____ to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

- n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

55. 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

56. The doctors said that her recovery was a _____.

- n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

ANSWERS: 50. apology, 51. interrogate, 52. incredibly, 53. lens, 54. punishment, 55. sacred, 56. miracle

57. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
58. Tech companies often employ _____ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.
- adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
59. The shocking _____ embarrassed the administration.
- n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency
60. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
61. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.
- n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
62. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
- adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
63. He _____ her in front of the office, making her feel small and insignificant.
- v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect

ANSWERS: 57. process, 58. exposed, 59. revelation, 60. crisis, 61. instinct, 62. vulnerable, 63. belittled

64. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
65. Shame and _____ have significant social influences.
- n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
66. I _____ for neglecting your email.
- v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
67. Her research team made an important _____.
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
68. The _____ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.
- adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
69. 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: 64. involves, 65. guilt, 66. apologize, 67. discovery, 68. brave, 69. sham