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Session 1: Word List

- slit** *n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors
synonym: slash, incision, cut
(1) **slit** pocket, (2) **slit** the fabric
He made a small **slit** in the paper to fit it in the envelope.
- obsess** *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
synonym: torment, beset, engross
(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear
He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.
- fangirl** *n.* a girl or woman who is an extremely enthusiastic fan of someone or something, to the point where it may be considered obsessive or extreme
synonym: fan, enthusiast, admirer
(1) **fangirl** scream, (2) obsessed **fangirl**
The **fangirl** community organized a charity event in honor of their favorite celebrity.

reputed

adj. widely believed to be a certain way or to have a certain quality, without necessarily being proven or confirmed; having a certain reputation or status based on hearsay or common belief

synonym : alleged, supposed, rumored

(1) **reputed** company, (2) **reputed** author

He was a **reputed** expert in his field, known for his groundbreaking research.

compassionate

adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

synonym : empathetic, sympathetic, merciful

(1) a **compassionate** heart, (2) **compassionate** leave

My father has a serious and **compassionate** personality.

demeanor

n. a person's behavior, attitude, or mannerisms, particularly about how others perceive them; the outward expression of one's personality or character

synonym : behavior, conduct, manner

(1) **demeanor** towards customers, (2) calm **demeanor**

The lawyer's professional **demeanor** helped him win over the jury.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

vomit

v. to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth

synonym : puke, throw up, spew

(1) **vomit** abuse, (2) **vomit** after ingesting

She felt sick and had to run to the bathroom to **vomit**.

freeway

n. a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways

synonym : highway, expressway, motorway

(1) **freeway** exit, (2) expanded **freeway**

We got stuck in a traffic jam on the **freeway** for over an hour.

shrine

n. a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship

synonym : altar, temple, monument

(1) **shrine** temple, (2) religious **shrine**

The holy **shrine** to the local saint was a popular place for pilgrims to visit.

totem

n. a sacred object or symbol that represents a person, family, clan, or community, often used in indigenous cultures as part of a belief system or religious practice

synonym : emblem, symbol, mascot

(1) tribal **totem**, (2) animal **totem**

The **totem** pole symbolized the tribe's culture and history, depicting important figures and events.

lampshade

n. a cover or shade that fits over a lamp to diffuse or soften the light; a decorative object used to enhance the aesthetic appeal of a lamp

synonym : lamp cover, shade, light shade

(1) **lampshade** design, (2) patterned **lampshade**

She decorated the **lampshade** with colorful ribbons and flowers.

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym : hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

fugitive

n. a person who is running away or hiding from the law, often to avoid arrest or prosecution

synonym: escapee, runaway, deserter

(1) **fugitive** from justice, (2) **fugitive** methane emissions

The police are searching for the **fugitive** who escaped from prison.

unthinkable

adj. too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept

synonym: impossible, inconceivable, outlandish

(1) an **unthinkable** coincidence, (2) in **unthinkable** trouble

That accident was something **unthinkable** with my long experience.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

creepy

adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

synonym: eerie, unsettling, spooky

(1) feel **creepy**, (2) **creepy** atmosphere

The old, abandoned house was **creepy** and gave me the chills.

sidebar

n. a secondary, often informal, discussion or topic that is tangentially related to the main subject of a larger conversation, often taking place during a meeting, trial, or other formal gatherings; (of a newspaper) a small, secondary article or feature that accompanies the main

article on a particular topic

synonym : sidebar, ancillary, subtopic

(1) accompanying **sidebar**, (2) legal **sidebar**

The judge allowed a **sidebar** conversation between the lawyers and witnesses during the trial.

psychopath

n. a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies

synonym : sociopath, antisocial, monster

(1) **psychopath** tendencies, (2) violent **psychopath**

The detective identified the **psychopath** who had been terrorizing the city for months.

banshee

n. a supernatural creature or spirit from Irish folklore, typically depicted as a female wailing in mourning to foretell of impending death or tragedy

synonym : wraith, spirit, specter

(1) **banshee** howl, (2) wailing **banshee**

The **banshee's** piercing scream was said to foretell a death in the family.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

backstreet

adj. located in a less prominent or central area of a city or town, often associated with poorer or seedier neighborhoods or establishments

synonym : underground, illicit, shady

(1) **backstreet** bar, (2) **backstreet** deals

The concert was held on a **backstreet** stage, giving it a unique and intimate atmosphere.

hysteria

n. a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled

synonym : panic, fury, agitation

(1) global warming **hysteria**, (2) anxiety **hysteria**

There was mass **hysteria** when the team won a championship.

hysterical

adj. marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion

synonym : agitated, frantic, crazy

(1) **hysterical** laughter, (2) get **hysterical** easily

The frustration that had accumulated for a long time made her **hysterical**.

womb

n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

synonym : uterus, matrice

(1) tumor of **womb**, (2) **womb** transplant

The fertilized egg implanted itself in the **womb**.

uterus

n. a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth

synonym : womb

(1) **uterus** cancer, (2) bleeding from **uterus**

The physician prescribed medication to relieve the contraction of the **uterus**.

hysterectomy

n. a surgical procedure that involves the removal of part or all of the uterus, typically performed to treat certain medical conditions such as uterine cancer or severe endometriosis

synonym : uterus removal

(1) **hysterectomy** surgery, (2) post- **hysterectomy** recovery

She hesitated to undergo a **hysterectomy** because of the potential risks and side effects.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

shriek

v. to make a loud and high-pitched cry or scream, often in response to a sudden shock, surprise, or pain; to shout or protest loudly and forcefully

synonym: yell, scream, screech

(1) **shriek** in fear, (2) **shriek** with laughter

The horror film was so scary that it made me **shriek** out loud more than once.

squeal

v. to make a high-pitched, shrill sound, usually as a result of pain, excitement, or surprise; to reveal something secret or incriminating to an authority figure

synonym: scream, shriek, yelp

(1) **squeal** with delight, (2) **squeal** in agony

The children were playing and **squealing** with excitement in the park.

instinctively

adv. as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training

synonym: inherently, intuitively, naturally

(1) **instinctively** grabbed the knife, (2) **instinctively** bad with children

Some researchers claim that even humans can **instinctively** sense earthquakes.

flinch

v. to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily

synonym: shudder, recoil, wince

(1) **flinch** at the noise, (2) **flinch** from the truth

I couldn't help but **flinch** when the door slammed shut.

carol

n. a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme

synonym: song, hymn, anthem

(1) Christmas **carol**, (2) sing a **carol**

I love the sound of **carols** playing in the background while we decorate the Christmas tree.

imitate

v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

synonym: mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds

He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

apathy

n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm

synonym: affectlessness, dispassion, indifference

(1) **apathy** in the election, (2) political **apathy**

The global economic crisis has led to pervasive **apathy** and powerlessness.

reckon

v. to think or believe something

synonym: regard, imagine, suppose

(1) hard to **reckon**, (2) **reckon** the company as a rival

He **reckons** that corruption was rampant in the regime.

superpower

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

synonym: great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

fearless

adj. having no fear; brave

synonym: brave, courageous, daring

(1) **fearless** attitude, (2) **fearless** bravery

The **fearless** firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

culminate

v. to reach a peak or climax

synonym: end, finish, conclude

(1) **culminate** in a heart attack, (2) **culminate** in failure

The event will **culminate** in a grand fireworks display.

vindicate

v. to clear someone or something of blame, suspicion, or doubt; to show or prove that someone or something is right or justified

synonym: justify, absolve, exonerate

(1) **vindicate** innocence, (2) **vindicate** his reputation

The athlete's exceptional performance **vindicated** their coach's training methods and strategies.

rave

v. to talk in a noisy, excited, or uncontrolled manner; to praise someone or something enthusiastically

synonym: babble, freak out, be enthusiastic

(1) **rave** against the politician, (2) **rave** myself hoarse

You can rant and **rave** at the arrest, but you'll still have to accept it.

smuggle

v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

(1) **smuggle** drugs, (2) **smuggle** herself out of a country

He was able to **smuggle** a gun inside the prison.

annoy

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
synonym: aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

cynical

adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest;
distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

synonym: skeptical, mistrustful, doubtful

(1) **cynical** remarks, (2) **cynical** worldview

He was very **cynical** and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym: decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

sane

adj. mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind

synonym: rational, sound, normal

(1) for a **sane** reason, (2) **sane** judgment

Despite the difficult circumstances, he remained **sane**.

dignify

v. to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant

synonym: elevate, ennoble, honor

(1) **dignify** the role, (2) **dignify** the occasion

It's important to **dignify** other people's opinions and not dismiss them without consideration.

Session 2: Spelling

1. human in _____ct
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
2. psy_____th tendencies
n. a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
3. di_____y the role
v. to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
4. Christmas ca__l
n. a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme
5. sh___k with laughter
v. to make a loud and high-pitched cry or scream, often in response to a sudden shock, surprise, or pain; to shout or protest loudly and forcefully
6. for a s__e reason
adj. mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
7. fu_____ve from justice
n. a person who is running away or hiding from the law, often to avoid arrest or prosecution
8. ob___s over her weight
v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 1. intellect, 2. psychopath, 3. dignify, 4. carol, 5. shriek, 6. sane, 7. fugitive, 8. obsess

9. cu_____te in failure *v.* to reach a peak or climax
10. r__e myself hoarse *v.* to talk in a noisy, excited, or uncontrolled manner; to praise someone or something enthusiastically
11. anxiety hy_____ia *n.* a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled
12. ba_____e howl *n.* a supernatural creature or spirit from Irish folklore, typically depicted as a female wailing in mourning to foretell of impending death or tragedy
13. r__e against the politician *v.* to talk in a noisy, excited, or uncontrolled manner; to praise someone or something enthusiastically
14. w__b transplant *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
15. pro_____st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
16. re_____d company *adj.* widely believed to be a certain way or to have a certain quality, without necessarily being proven or confirmed; having a certain reputation or status based on hearsay or common belief
17. la_____de design *n.* a cover or shade that fits over a lamp to diffuse or soften the light; a decorative object used to enhance the aesthetic appeal of a lamp
18. sq___l in agony *v.* to make a high-pitched, shrill sound, usually as a result of pain, excitement, or surprise; to reveal something secret or incriminating to an authority figure

ANSWERS: 9. culminate, 10. rave, 11. hysteria, 12. banshee, 13. rave, 14. womb, 15. protagonist, 16. reputed, 17. lampshade, 18. squeal

19. play a pro_____st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
20. bac_____et bar *adj.* located in a less prominent or central area of a city or town, often associated with poorer or seedier neighborhoods or establishments
21. fu_____ve methane emissions *n.* a person who is running away or hiding from the law, often to avoid arrest or prosecution
22. im_____e animal sounds *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
23. vi_____te his reputation *v.* to clear someone or something of blame, suspicion, or doubt; to show or prove that someone or something is right or justified
24. cy_____l remarks *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
25. cu_____te in a heart attack *v.* to reach a peak or climax
26. post-hys_____omy recovery *n.* a surgical procedure that involves the removal of part or all of the uterus, typically performed to treat certain medical conditions such as uterine cancer or severe endometriosis
27. ut____s cancer *n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth

ANSWERS: 19. protagonist, 20. backstreet, 21. fugitive, 22. imitate, 23. vindicate, 24. cynical, 25. culminate, 26. hysterectomy, 27. uterus

28. ins_____ely bad with children *adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
29. animal to__m *n.* a sacred object or symbol that represents a person, family, clan, or community, often used in indigenous cultures as part of a belief system or religious practice
30. calm de____or *n.* a person's behavior, attitude, or mannerisms, particularly about how others perceive them; the outward expression of one's personality or character
31. di____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
32. sq___l with delight *v.* to make a high-pitched, shrill sound, usually as a result of pain, excitement, or surprise; to reveal something secret or incriminating to an authority figure
33. fe____ss bravery *adj.* having no fear; brave
34. national ob_____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
35. global warming hy____ia *n.* a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled
36. cy____l worldview *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
37. sup_____er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

ANSWERS: 28. instinctively, 29. totem, 30. demeanor, 31. diminish, 32. squeal, 33. fearless, 34. obsession, 35. hysteria, 36. cynical, 37. superpower

38. sh___e temple *n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship
39. s__t pocket *n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors
40. a com_____ate heart *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
41. de_____or towards customers *n.* a person's behavior, attitude, or mannerisms, particularly about how others perceive them; the outward expression of one's personality or character
42. fl___h from the truth *v.* to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily
43. ins_____ely grabbed the knife *adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
44. fl___h at the noise *v.* to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily
45. fe_____ss attitude *adj.* having no fear; brave
46. fr_____y exit *n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways

ANSWERS: 38. shrine, 39. slit, 40. compassionate, 41. demeanor, 42. flinch, 43. instinctively, 44. flinch, 45. fearless, 46. freeway

47. com_____ate leave *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
48. patterned la_____de *n.* a cover or shade that fits over a lamp to diffuse or soften the light; a decorative object used to enhance the aesthetic appeal of a lamp
49. wailing ba_____e *n.* a supernatural creature or spirit from Irish folklore, typically depicted as a female wailing in mourning to foretell of impending death or tragedy
50. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
51. bac_____et deals *adj.* located in a less prominent or central area of a city or town, often associated with poorer or seedier neighborhoods or establishments
52. sh___k in fear *v.* to make a loud and high-pitched cry or scream, often in response to a sudden shock, surprise, or pain; to shout or protest loudly and forcefully
53. s__t the fabric *n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors
54. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

ANSWERS: 47. compassionate, 48. lampshade, 49. banshee, 50. excite, 51. backstreet, 52. shriek, 53. slit, 54. quitter

55. tribal to__m *n.* a sacred object or symbol that represents a person, family, clan, or community, often used in indigenous cultures as part of a belief system or religious practice
56. hys_____al laughter *adj.* marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion
57. obsessed fa_____l *n.* a girl or woman who is an extremely enthusiastic fan of someone or something, to the point where it may be considered obsessive or extreme
58. sm_____e herself out of a country *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
59. fa_____l scream *n.* a girl or woman who is an extremely enthusiastic fan of someone or something, to the point where it may be considered obsessive or extreme
60. political ap____y *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
61. re___n the company as a rival *v.* to think or believe something
62. tumor of w__b *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
63. ap____y in the election *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
64. vo__t after ingesting *v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth

ANSWERS: 55. totem, 56. hysterical, 57. fangirl, 58. smuggle, 59. fangirl, 60. apathy, 61. reckon, 62. womb, 63. apathy, 64. vomit

65. re____d author *adj.* widely believed to be a certain way or to have a certain quality, without necessarily being proven or confirmed; having a certain reputation or status based on hearsay or common belief
66. im____e painting styles *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
67. re____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
68. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
69. accompanying si____r *n.* a secondary, often informal, discussion or topic that is tangentially related to the main subject of a larger conversation, often taking place during a meeting, trial, or other formal gatherings; (of a newspaper) a small, secondary article or feature that accompanies the main article on a particular topic
70. ex____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
71. an__y at the time *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
72. enrich my in____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
73. he is ob____sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 65. reputed, 66. imitate, 67. rethink, 68. tweet, 69. sidebar, 70. explode, 71. annoy, 72. intellect, 73. obsess

74. an__y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
75. vo__t abuse *v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth
76. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
77. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
78. di_____y the occasion *v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
79. s__e judgment *adj.* mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
80. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
81. expanded fr_____y *n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
82. di_____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
83. hard to re___n *v.* to think or believe something

ANSWERS: 74. annoy, 75. vomit, 76. excite, 77. obsession, 78. dignify, 79. sane, 80. explode, 81. freeway, 82. diminish, 83. reckon

84. bleeding from ut___s *n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth
85. an unt_____le coincidence *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
86. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
87. sing a ca__l *n.* a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme
88. sm_____e drugs *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
89. get hys_____al easily *adj.* marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion
90. feel cr___y *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
91. sup_____er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
92. hys_____omy surgery *n.* a surgical procedure that involves the removal of part or all of the uterus, typically performed to treat certain medical conditions such as uterine cancer or severe endometriosis

ANSWERS: 84. uterus, 85. unthinkable, 86. quitter, 87. carol, 88. smuggle, 89. hysterical, 90. creepy, 91. superpower, 92. hysterectomy

93. in unt_____le trouble *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
94. legal si_____r *n.* a secondary, often informal, discussion or topic that is tangentially related to the main subject of a larger conversation, often taking place during a meeting, trial, or other formal gatherings; (of a newspaper) a small, secondary article or feature that accompanies the main article on a particular topic
95. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
96. violent psy_____th *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
97. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
98. religious sh____e *n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship
99. vi_____te innocence *v.* to clear someone or something of blame, suspicion, or doubt; to show or prove that someone or something is right or justified
100. cr____y atmosphere *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

ANSWERS: 93. unthinkable, 94. sidebar, 95. tweet, 96. psychopath, 97. rethink, 98. shrine, 99. vindicate, 100. creepy

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. There was mass _____ when the team won a championship.
n. a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled
2. He was a _____ expert in his field, known for his groundbreaking research.
adj. widely believed to be a certain way or to have a certain quality, without necessarily being proven or confirmed; having a certain reputation or status based on hearsay or common belief
3. The police are searching for the _____ who escaped from prison.
n. a person who is running away or hiding from the law, often to avoid arrest or prosecution
4. I couldn't help but _____ when the door slammed shut.
v. to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily
5. She decorated the _____ with colorful ribbons and flowers.
n. a cover or shade that fits over a lamp to diffuse or soften the light; a decorative object used to enhance the aesthetic appeal of a lamp
6. The athlete's exceptional performance _____ their coach's training methods and strategies.
v. to clear someone or something of blame, suspicion, or doubt; to show or prove that someone or something is right or justified
7. He _____ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.
v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

ANSWERS: 1. hysteria, 2. reputed, 3. fugitive, 4. flinch, 5. lampshade, 6. vindicated, 7. imitated

8. The _____ firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.
adj. having no fear; brave
9. Some researchers claim that even humans can _____ sense earthquakes.
adv. as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
10. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.
n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
11. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.
n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
12. My father has a serious and _____ personality.
adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
13. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
14. We got stuck in a traffic jam on the _____ for over an hour.
n. a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
15. I love the sound of _____ playing in the background while we decorate the Christmas tree.
n. a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme

ANSWERS: 8. fearless, 9. instinctively, 10. protagonist's, 11. obsession, 12. compassionate, 13. excited, 14. freeway, 15. carols

16. The holy _____ to the local saint was a popular place for pilgrims to visit.
n. a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship
17. He made a small _____ in the paper to fit it in the envelope.
n. a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors
18. The global economic crisis has led to pervasive _____ and powerlessness.
n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
19. You can rant and _____ at the arrest, but you'll still have to accept it.
v. to talk in a noisy, excited, or uncontrolled manner; to praise someone or something enthusiastically
20. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
21. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a _____ in comic books and movies.
n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
22. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
23. He _____ that corruption was rampant in the regime.
v. to think or believe something

ANSWERS: 16. shrine, 17. slit, 18. apathy, 19. rave, 20. intellect, 21. superpower, 22. rethink, 23. reckons

24. It's important to _____ other people's opinions and not dismiss them without consideration.
- v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
25. That accident was something _____ with my long experience.
- adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
26. The lawyer's professional _____ helped him win over the jury.
- n.* a person's behavior, attitude, or mannerisms, particularly about how others perceive them; the outward expression of one's personality or character
27. The _____ pole symbolized the tribe's culture and history, depicting important figures and events.
- n.* a sacred object or symbol that represents a person, family, clan, or community, often used in indigenous cultures as part of a belief system or religious practice
28. Her constant chatter was starting to _____ the neighbors.
- v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
29. The concert was held on a _____ stage, giving it a unique and intimate atmosphere.
- adj.* located in a less prominent or central area of a city or town, often associated with poorer or seedier neighborhoods or establishments
30. He was very _____ and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.
- adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

ANSWERS: 24. dignify, 25. unthinkable, 26. demeanor, 27. totem, 28. annoy, 29. backstreet, 30. cynical

31. The _____ community organized a charity event in honor of their favorite celebrity.
- n.* a girl or woman who is an extremely enthusiastic fan of someone or something, to the point where it may be considered obsessive or extreme
32. The physician prescribed medication to relieve the contraction of the _____.
- n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth
33. The children were playing and _____ with excitement in the park.
- v.* to make a high-pitched, shrill sound, usually as a result of pain, excitement, or surprise; to reveal something secret or incriminating to an authority figure
34. He was able to _____ a gun inside the prison.
- v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
35. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
- v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
36. The judge allowed a _____ conversation between the lawyers and witnesses during the trial.
- n.* a secondary, often informal, discussion or topic that is tangentially related to the main subject of a larger conversation, often taking place during a meeting, trial, or other formal gatherings; (of a newspaper) a small, secondary article or feature that accompanies the main article on a particular topic
37. The fertilized egg implanted itself in the _____.
- n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

ANSWERS: 31. fangirl, 32. uterus, 33. squealing, 34. smuggle, 35. obsessed, 36. sidebar, 37. womb

38. The old, abandoned house was _____ and gave me the chills.

adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

39. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

40. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

41. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

42. The _____ piercing scream was said to foretell a death in the family.

n. a supernatural creature or spirit from Irish folklore, typically depicted as a female wailing in mourning to foretell of impending death or tragedy

43. The frustration that had accumulated for a long time made her _____.

adj. marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion

44. As people get old, their energies may _____.

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

45. The detective identified the _____ who had been terrorizing the city for months.

n. a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies

ANSWERS: 38. creepy, 39. tweet, 40. exploded, 41. quitter, 42. banshee's, 43. hysterical, 44. diminish, 45. psychopath

46. The event will _____ in a grand fireworks display.

v. to reach a peak or climax

47. The horror film was so scary that it made me _____ out loud more than once.

v. to make a loud and high-pitched cry or scream, often in response to a sudden shock, surprise, or pain; to shout or protest loudly and forcefully

48. Despite the difficult circumstances, he remained _____.

adj. mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind

49. She hesitated to undergo a _____ because of the potential risks and side effects.

n. a surgical procedure that involves the removal of part or all of the uterus, typically performed to treat certain medical conditions such as uterine cancer or severe endometriosis

50. She felt sick and had to run to the bathroom to _____.

v. to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth

ANSWERS: 46. culminate, 47. shriek, 48. sane, 49. hysterectomy, 50. vomit