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Session 1: Word List

poetics

n. the study or practice of literary composition, including the use of language, imagery, and other creative elements to create works of poetry or literature

synonym: poetry, verse, literature

(1) intertextual **poetics**, (2) **poetics** of cinema

The poet's use of **poetics** captured the essence of the human condition.

unstoppable

adj. impossible to stop or prevent

synonym: unshakable, unyielding, relentless

(1) **unstoppable** force, (2) **unstoppable** momentum

The team's winning streak was **unstoppable**.

inept

adj. lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy

synonym: incompetent, unskilled, clumsy

(1) **inept** government, (2) socially **inept**

He was **inept** at handling the situation.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym: shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious

and **yelled** at me.

narrate

v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

synonym: tell, recount, describe

(1) **narrate** a news article, (2) **narrate** an event

The audiobook hired a professional actor to **narrate** the story, making it more engaging for listeners.

energize

v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

synonym: invigorate, animate, electrify

(1) **energize** the body, (2) **energize** a team

The motivational speaker **energized** the crowd with their words.

marvel

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym: wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**

The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

expansive

adj. large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk

synonym: large, extensive, vast

(1) with an **expansive** spirit, (2) **expansive** ocean views

The company has an **expansive** network of offices and locations around the world.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

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

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

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

butcher

n. a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others

synonym: butcherer, meat cutter, slaughterer

(1) **butcher** knife, (2) local **butcher**

He's a vegetarian and was shocked to see so much meat in the **butcher** shop.

clench

v. to close tightly or grip firmly; to contract or stiffen, especially as in response to stress or pain; to tighten or compress

synonym: grasp, clasp, tighten

(1) **clench** teeth, (2) **clench** muscles

He **clenched** his fist in anger when he heard the bad news.

ridicule

n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

synonym: derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense

The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

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.

pronounce

v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

synonym: articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

thanksgiving

n. an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

synonym: gratitude, appreciation, recognition

(1) **thanksgiving** traditions, (2) **thanksgiving** parade

My family gathers together every year for **thanksgiving** dinner.

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**.

flay

v. to strip the skin off; to inflict severe criticism or punishment

synonym: bark, remove skin, hide

(1) **flay** an ox, (2) **flay** him as a con artist

Critics **flayed** the latest movie for its lack of originality and cliched storyline.

flake

n. a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent

synonym : chip, bit, shred

(1) **flakes** of snow, (2) **flake** graphite

She found a paint **flake** on the wall and realized it was time to repaint the room.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym : lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

condescension

n. an attitude of patronizing superiority or disdain towards others, often based on a feeling of superiority or arrogance

synonym : patronization, snobbery, arrogance

(1) attitude of **condescension**, (2) his **condescension** toward anyone

The **condescension** in his tone was obvious as he spoke down to his colleagues.

negate

v. to make something ineffective or null; to deny the truth of something

synonym : refuse, nullify, annul

(1) **negate** the possibility, (2) **negate** the existing system

Drinking may **negate** the beneficial effects of the drug.

brag

v. to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior

synonym : boast, swagger, vaunt

(1) **brag** to each other, (2) **brag** about my knowledge

Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from **bragging** about his success.

permeate

v. to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something

synonym : penetrate, diffuse, infiltrate

(1) **permeate** the air, (2) **permeate** the fabric

The aroma of freshly baked bread **permeated** the entire bakery.

gatekeeper

n. a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest

synonym : guardian, watchman, custodian

(1) **gatekeeper** role, (2) information **gatekeeper**

The company's **gatekeeper screened** all incoming phone calls and emails to ensure only important ones reached the boss.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

legitimacy

n. the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason

synonym : legality, lawfulness, authenticity

(1) democratic **legitimacy**, (2) challenge the **legitimacy**

I'm going to deny the **legitimacy** of his claim.

cohesion

n. the act or state of keeping or sticking together

synonym : coherence, coherency, cohesiveness

(1) social **cohesion**, (2) the **cohesion** of a team

We gain higher levels of social **cohesion** and stability.

underworld

n. the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies

synonym: hell, netherworld, underworld

(1) god of the **underworld**, (2) criminal **underworld**

The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the **underworld**, where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.

tuck

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

synonym: insert, wrap, pinch

(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another cigarette

You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

dingy

adj. dark, gloomy, and dirty

synonym: gloomy, dirty, drab

(1) **dingy** apartment, (2) **dingy** lighting

The **dingy** room needed a fresh coat of paint.

wig

n. a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume

synonym: hairpiece, toupee, hair system

(1) curly **wig**, (2) blonde **wig**

She decided to wear a pink **wig** to the costume party.

rein

n. a long, narrow strap attached to a horse's bit, used to control the animal while riding; a means of controlling or limiting something or someone's actions and behavior; (verb) to control or restrain something, especially something that is becoming excessive or out of control

synonym: strap, harness, headstall

(1) tight **rein**, (2) **rein** in costs

The new driver struggled to keep a firm grip on the **rein** as the horse bolted.

butch

adj. a slang term that has been used to describe a woman who exhibits masculine traits, often used to describe lesbians, but it can also be used to describe any woman who does not conform to traditional feminine gender roles

synonym: masculine, rugged, burly

(1) **butch** identity, (2) **butch** clothing

The **butch** haircut has been popular among women in recent years.

slang

n. informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context

synonym: lingo, jargon, vernacular

(1) **slang** phrases, (2) Internet **slang**

A lot of **slang** words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.

roar

v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

synonym: bellow, yell, shout

(1) **roar** with laughter, (2) **roar** for more

The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

apologetic

adj. feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

synonym: sorry, regretful, remorseful

(1) **apologetic** tone, (2) **apologetic** letter

He was **apologetic** for being late to the meeting.

nonbinary

adj. someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things

synonym: pluralistic, polyphyletic

(1) **nonbinary** gender, (2) **nonbinary** identities

More and more people in various countries believe that the

policymaker should change the marriage rules for **nonbinary** people.

mermaid

n. a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish

synonym: siren, naiad, sea-maiden

(1) **mermaid** costume, (2) **mermaid** tail

The movie tells the enchanting tale of a young girl discovering a secret **mermaid** kingdom beneath the sea.

cyborg

n. a being that is part human and part machine or technology, often created through the integration of electronic and mechanical devices

synonym: android, bionic, half-human

(1) **cyborg** technology, (2) **cyborg** cop

The idea of a superhuman **cyborg** army is a popular trope in action movies.

sashay

v. to walk in a way that is exaggeratedly graceful and confident, typically with one's hips swaying from side to side

synonym: glide, saunter, strut

(1) **sashay** down the runway, (2) **sashay** into the room

She loves to **sashay** onto the dance floor and impress everyone with her moves.

twirl

v. to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion

synonym: spin, swirl, rotate

(1) **twirl** a ribbon, (2) **twirl** a hula hoop

She **twirled** her hair absentmindedly as she listened to the conversation.

glitter

v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

synonym: sparkle, glisten, shine

(1) **glitter** against her skin, (2) **glitter** in her eyes

Her dress **glittered** in the sunlight as she walked down the street.

punctuate

v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically

synonym: emphasize, accent, mark

(1) **punctuate** a sentence, (2) **punctuate** his talk

Strikes had also **punctuated** the preceding weeks.

vowel

n. a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth

synonym: letter, sound, syllable

(1) **vowel** chart, (2) **vowel** combination

Please pronounce your name slowly and emphasize the **vowel** sounds.

wardrobe

n. a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

synonym: clothing, attire, closet

(1) walk-in **wardrobe**, (2) minimalist **wardrobe**

Her **wardrobe** selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.

stigmatize

v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect

synonym: brand, mark, denounce

(1) **stigmatize** the deviant as criminal, (2) **stigmatize** him as a swindler

She was **stigmatized** by society because she had a child out of wedlock.

spectacle

n. something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective

vision

synonym: marvel, sensation, phenomenon

(1) pretty **spectacle**, (2) **spectacle** lens

She could not help watching the sad **spectacle**.

freaky

adj. strange or unusual in a way that is frightening or unsettling

synonym: weird, strange, unusual

(1) **freaky** accident, (2) **freaky-deaky**

The **freaky** clown at the haunted house scared the children.

manifestation

n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

synonym: expression, embodiment, presentation

(1) **manifestation** of a deeper problem, (2) **manifestation** of psychological stress

The **manifestation** of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.

brilliance

n. the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining

synonym: splendor, glory, luster

(1) **brilliance** of diamond, (2) economic **brilliance**

The scientist's **brilliance** led to many groundbreaking discoveries in his field.

seep

v. to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually

synonym: leak, ooze, trickle

(1) **seep** cool and moist air, (2) **seep** into paper

The rain began to **seep** through the roof, causing damage to the walls and floors.

Session 2: Spelling

1. el____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
2. with an ex____ve spirit *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
3. 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
4. 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
5. b__g about my knowledge *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
6. information gat____er *n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest
7. sti____ze the deviant as criminal *v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
8. blonde w_g *n.* a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume

ANSWERS: 1. elevate, 2. expansive, 3. sham, 4. sham, 5. brag, 6. gatekeeper, 7. stigmatize, 8. wig

9. fr___y accident *adj.* strange or unusual in a way that is frightening or unsettling
10. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
11. pr_____ce a judgment *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
12. bri_____ce of diamond *n.* the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining
13. na_____e an event *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
14. criminal und_____ld *n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
15. f__y an ox *v.* to strip the skin off; to inflict severe criticism or punishment
16. uns_____le momentum *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
17. no_____ry identities *adj.* someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things
18. sl__g phrases *n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
19. en_____ze a team *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

ANSWERS: 9. freaky, 10. storytelling, 11. pronounce, 12. brilliance, 13. narrate, 14. underworld, 15. flay, 16. unstoppable, 17. nonbinary, 18. slang, 19. energize

20. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
21. walk-in wa_____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
22. na_____e a news article *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
23. apo_____ic tone *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
24. d__m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
25. tight r__n *n.* a long, narrow strap attached to a horse's bit, used to control the animal while riding; a means of controlling or limiting something or someone's actions and behavior; (verb) to control or restrain something, especially something that is becoming excessive or out of control
26. tw__l a hula hoop *v.* to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion
27. fl__es of snow *n.* a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent

ANSWERS: 20. excite, 21. wardrobe, 22. narrate, 23. apologetic, 24. deem, 25. rein, 26. twirl, 27. flake

28. cl___h teeth *v.* to close tightly or grip firmly; to contract or stiffen, especially as in response to stress or pain; to tighten or compress
29. vo__l chart *n.* a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth
30. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
31. vo__l combination *n.* a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth
32. socially in__t *adj.* lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy
33. social co_____on *n.* the act or state of keeping or sticking together
34. no_____ry gender *adj.* someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things
35. t__k into another cigarette *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
36. ne___e the existing system *v.* to make something ineffective or null; to deny the truth of something
37. in__t government *adj.* lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy

ANSWERS: 28. clench, 29. vowel, 30. excite, 31. vowel, 32. inept, 33. cohesion, 34. nonbinary, 35. tuck, 36. negate, 37. inept

38. democratic leg_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
39. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
40. apo_____ic letter *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
41. challenge the leg_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
42. f__y him as a con artist *v.* to strip the skin off; to inflict severe criticism or punishment
43. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
44. a ma___l of beauty *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
45. ri_____le at his expense *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
46. pretty sp_____le *n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

ANSWERS: 38. legitimacy, 39. inherit, 40. apologetic, 41. legitimacy, 42. flay, 43. yell, 44. marvel, 45. ridicule, 46. spectacle

47. me_____d tail *n.* a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish
48. public ri_____le *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
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50. man_____ion of psychological stress *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
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53. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
54. tha_____ing traditions *n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

ANSWERS: 47. mermaid, 48. ridicule, 49. expansive, 50. manifestation, 51. wig, 52. energize, 53. deem, 54. thanksgiving

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56. intertextual po____s *n.* the study or practice of literary composition, including the use of language, imagery, and other creative elements to create works of poetry or literature
57. in____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
58. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
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60. r__r with laughter *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
61. bu__h clothing *adj.* a slang term that has been used to describe a woman who exhibits masculine traits, often used to describe lesbians, but it can also be used to describe any woman who does not conform to traditional feminine gender roles
62. pr_____ce a name *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

ANSWERS: 55. freaky, 56. poetics, 57. inherit, 58. opportune, 59. gatekeeper, 60. roar, 61. butch, 62. pronounce

63. cy___g technology *n.* a being that is part human and part machine or technology, often created through the integration of electronic and mechanical devices
64. economic bri_____ce *n.* the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining
65. b___g to each other *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
66. minimalist wa_____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
67. pu_____te a sentence *v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
68. sa___y into the room *v.* to walk in a way that is exaggeratedly graceful and confident, typically with one's hips swaying from side to side
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70. fl___e graphite *n.* a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent
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ANSWERS: 63. cyborg, 64. brilliance, 65. brag, 66. wardrobe, 67. punctuate, 68. sashay, 69. cohesion, 70. flake, 71. roar, 72. slang

84. pe____te the air *v.* to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something
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ANSWERS: 84. permeate, 85. butcher, 86. negate, 87. opportune, 88. glitter, 89. mermaid, 90. butch, 91. glitter, 92. seep

93. pu_____te his talk *v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
94. his con_____ion toward anyone *n.* an attitude of patronizing superiority or disdain towards others, often based on a feeling of superiority or arrogance
95. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
96. sp_____le lens *n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
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99. cy___g cop *n.* a being that is part human and part machine or technology, often created through the integration of electronic and mechanical devices
100. di__y lighting *adj.* dark, gloomy, and dirty
101. pe_____te the fabric *v.* to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something

ANSWERS: 93. punctuate, 94. condescension, 95. storytelling, 96. spectacle, 97. thanksgiving, 98. dingy, 99. cyborg, 100. dingy, 101. permeate

102. po____s of cinema *n.* the study or practice of literary composition, including the use of language, imagery, and other creative elements to create works of poetry or literature
103. local bu____r *n.* a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others
104. sti_____ze him as a swindler *v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
105. r__n in costs *n.* a long, narrow strap attached to a horse's bit, used to control the animal while riding; a means of controlling or limiting something or someone's actions and behavior; (verb) to control or restrain something, especially something that is becoming excessive or out of control
106. technical ma____l *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

ANSWERS: 102. poetics, 103. butcher, 104. stigmatize, 105. rein, 106. marvel

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. More and more people in various countries believe that the policymaker should change the marriage rules for _____ people.
adj. someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things
2. The lion _____ loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.
v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
3. 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
4. She struggled to _____ the word in a foreign language.
v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
5. A lot of _____ words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.
n. informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
6. The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the _____ where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.
n. the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
7. The rain began to _____ through the roof, causing damage to the walls and floors.
v. to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually

ANSWERS: 1. nonbinary, 2. roared, 3. sham, 4. pronounce, 5. slang, 6. underworld, 7. seep

8. The aroma of freshly baked bread _____ the entire bakery.
v. to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something
9. Strikes had also _____ the preceding weeks.
v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
10. The new driver struggled to keep a firm grip on the _____ as the horse bolted.
n. a long, narrow strap attached to a horse's bit, used to control the animal while riding; a means of controlling or limiting something or someone's actions and behavior; (verb) to control or restrain something, especially something that is becoming excessive or out of control
11. He was _____ for being late to the meeting.
adj. feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
12. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
13. You should _____ your shirt into your trousers.
v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
14. He _____ his fist in anger when he heard the bad news.
v. to close tightly or grip firmly; to contract or stiffen, especially as in response to stress or pain; to tighten or compress
15. He was _____ at handling the situation.
adj. lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy

ANSWERS: 8. permeated, 9. punctuated, 10. rein, 11. apologetic, 12. opportune, 13. tuck, 14. clenched, 15. inept

16. He's a vegetarian and was shocked to see so much meat in the _____ shop.
n. a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others
17. The _____ clown at the haunted house scared the children.
adj. strange or unusual in a way that is frightening or unsettling
18. She found a paint _____ on the wall and realized it was time to repaint the room.
n. a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent
19. The _____ of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.
n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
20. Drinking may _____ the beneficial effects of the drug.
v. to make something ineffective or null; to deny the truth of something
21. The idea of a superhuman _____ army is a popular trope in action movies.
n. a being that is part human and part machine or technology, often created through the integration of electronic and mechanical devices
22. The _____ room needed a fresh coat of paint.
adj. dark, gloomy, and dirty
23. Her dress _____ in the sunlight as she walked down the street.
v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

ANSWERS: 16. butcher, 17. freaky, 18. flake, 19. manifestation, 20. negate, 21. cyborg, 22. dingy, 23. glittered

24. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.
- n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
25. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
- n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
26. Please pronounce your name slowly and emphasize the _____ sounds.
- n.* a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth
27. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
- v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
28. We gain higher levels of social _____ and stability.
- n.* the act or state of keeping or sticking together
29. The team's winning streak was _____.
- adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
30. Her _____ selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.
- n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
31. She could not help watching the sad _____.
- n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

ANSWERS: 24. marvel, 25. storytelling, 26. vowel, 27. elevates, 28. cohesion, 29. unstoppable, 30. wardrobe, 31. spectacle

32. She was _____ by society because she had a child out of wedlock.
- v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
33. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.
- v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
34. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.
- v. to consider or decide something in a particular way
35. The movie tells the enchanting tale of a young girl discovering a secret _____ kingdom beneath the sea.
- n. a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish
36. The company's _____ all incoming phone calls and emails to ensure only important ones reached the boss.
- n. a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest
37. The motivational speaker _____ the crowd with their words.
- v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
38. The poet's use of _____ captured the essence of the human condition.
- n. the study or practice of literary composition, including the use of language, imagery, and other creative elements to create works of poetry or literature
39. The _____ in his tone was obvious as he spoke down to his colleagues.
- n. an attitude of patronizing superiority or disdain towards others, often based on a feeling of superiority or arrogance

ANSWERS: 32. stigmatized, 33. yelled, 34. deemed, 35. mermaid, 36. gatekeeper screened, 37. energized, 38. poetics, 39. condescension

40. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
- v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
41. My family gathers together every year for _____ dinner.
- n. an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
42. Critics _____ the latest movie for its lack of originality and cliched storyline.
- v. to strip the skin off; to inflict severe criticism or punishment
43. She _____ her hair absentmindedly as she listened to the conversation.
- v. to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion
44. I'm going to deny the _____ of his claim.
- n. the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
45. The _____ haircut has been popular among women in recent years.
- adj. a slang term that has been used to describe a woman who exhibits masculine traits, often used to describe lesbians, but it can also be used to describe any woman who does not conform to traditional feminine gender roles
46. She decided to wear a pink ____ to the costume party.
- n. a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume

ANSWERS: 40. inherited, 41. thanksgiving, 42. flayed, 43. twirled, 44. legitimacy, 45. butch, 46. wig

47. The scientist's _____ led to many groundbreaking discoveries in his field.
n. the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining
48. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
49. Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from _____ about his success.
v. to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
50. The _____ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.
n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
51. She loves to _____ onto the dance floor and impress everyone with her moves.
v. to walk in a way that is exaggeratedly graceful and confident, typically with one's hips swaying from side to side
52. The company has an _____ network of offices and locations around the world.
adj. large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
53. The audiobook hired a professional actor to _____ the story, making it more engaging for listeners.
v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

ANSWERS: 47. brilliance, 48. excited, 49. bragging, 50. ridicule, 51. sashay, 52. expansive, 53. narrate

ANSWERS: