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Session 1: Word List

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym : boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

tiara

n. a jeweled ornamental crown typically worn by women on formal occasions

synonym : diadem, crown, coronet

(1) **tiara** crown, (2) diamond **tiara**

The princess wore a **tiara** adorned with precious jewels to the ball.

vicar

n. a member of the clergy in certain Christian churches, typically Anglican, who is responsible for the religious needs of parishioners in a particular district

synonym : clergyman, pastor, minister

(1) **vicar** church, (2) assistant **vicar**

The **vicar's** sermon was inspiring and comforting to the attendees.

hospitalize

v. to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment

synonym : admit, place in hospital

(1) **hospitalize** patient, (2) **hospitalize** child
She had to be **hospitalized** due to her injuries.

cosplay

n. a type of performance art in which participants dress up in costumes and accessories to represent a specific character or idea from a book, movie, video game, or other media

synonym: costume play, dress-up, masquerading

(1) participate in **cosplay**, (2) **cosplay** makeup

The **cosplay** community is a supportive and welcoming group of people.

immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym: dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

eccentricity

n. the quality of being unconventional, peculiar, or odd in behavior, appearance, or ideas; (of a celestial body) the state of having an unusual or peculiar shape or orbit

synonym: quirkiness, kookiness, oddness

(1) **eccentricity** of behavior, (2) personal **eccentricity**

His **eccentricity** made him stand out from the rest of the crowd.

cutout

n. a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing

synonym: silhouette, shape, form

(1) **cutout** from magazines, (2) **cutout** of flowers

The artist used a star **cutout** to make a unique art piece.

- sew** v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
synonym: stitch, darn, tailor
(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button
My mother taught me how to **sew**.
- staple** *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
synonym: essential, fundamental, pivotal
(1) **staple** commodities, (2) **staple** crop
Rice and beans are a **staple** food in many cultures.
- seam** *n.* a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil
synonym: stitch, seam, joint
(1) uneven **seam**, (2) the **seam** on the shoulder
She took the dress to the tailor to fix the torn **seam**.
- couture** *n.* fashionable, made-to-measure clothing; high fashion clothing that is custom-made for a person
synonym: fashion, haute couture, dressmaking
(1) **couture** collection, (2) **couture** gown
She's always been interested in fashion and dreams of becoming a famous **couture** designer.
- intricacy** *n.* the quality of being complex, detailed, or highly involved; the existence of many interrelated parts or elements
synonym: complexity, intricateness, elaboration
(1) the **intricacy** of the design, (2) legal **intricacy**
The clockwork mechanism of the antique watch showed incredible **intricacy**.
- counterintuitive** *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
synonym: unreasonable, paradoxical, nonsensical
(1) **counterintuitive** results, (2) **counterintuitive** behavior
The **counterintuitive** nature of quantum physics has been a

source of confusion for scientists for decades.

crusader

n. a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims

synonym: advocate, activist, ideologue

(1) anti-corruption **crusader**, (2) a **crusader** for justice
The history books are full of tales of legendary **crusaders** who went on epic adventures.

suffrage

n. the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them

synonym: franchise, vote, enfranchisement

(1) **suffrage** movement, (2) female **suffrage**
The **suffrage** march was a peaceful protest demanding voting rights for women.

garner

v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

synonym: acquire, collect, obtain

(1) **garner** good reviews, (2) **garner** attention
He used his charm and charisma to **garner** support for his campaign.

flimsy

adj. very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used

synonym: delicate, insubstantial, fragile

(1) a **flimsy** structure, (2) make a **flimsy** excuse
His arguments are based on **flimsy** evidence.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

frivolous

adj. not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant

synonym : silly, foolish, unimportant

(1) **frivolous** lawsuits, (2) engage in **frivolous** conversation

He was accused of being **frivolous** and not taking his responsibilities seriously.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

decidedly

adv. in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner

synonym : definitely, absolutely, positively

(1) **decidedly** unfriendly, (2) **decidedly** different

She was **decidedly** unimpressed with his latest attempt at a joke.

avocado

n. a pear-shaped fruit with a hard skin and buttery flesh, commonly eaten raw in salads, sandwiches, or as guacamole

synonym : alligator pear, butter pear, midshipman's butter

(1) **avocado** toast, (2) **avocado** smoothie

I love adding **avocado** to my salads for that extra creaminess.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

satire

n. a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques

synonym: irony, mockery, ridicule

(1) **satire** magazine, (2) a pungent **satire**

The comedian's **satire** on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

provocation

n. action or speech that intentionally causes someone to become angry, irritated, or frustrated; a reason or motive for something, often negative or undesired

synonym: agitation, incitement, stimulus

(1) **provocation** tactics, (2) verbal **provocation**

The politician's speech was seen as a **provocation** to the opposition party.

slogan

n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

synonym: catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

bonkers

adj. slang for completely crazy or insane

synonym: crazy, insane, nuts

(1) **bonkers** idea, (2) sound **bonkers**

The traffic during rush hour can make even the calmest person go **bonkers**.

subversive

adj. intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

synonym: incendiary, dissident, (noun) rebel

(1) **subversive** elements, (2) **subversive** literature

The artwork was criticized for its **subversive** theme that undermined religious beliefs.

anarchy

n. a state of society without government or law

synonym: chaos, disorder, lawlessness

(1) **anarchy** in the classroom, (2) lapse into **anarchy**

The concept of **anarchy** has been used in literature, music, and other art forms to explore ideas about power, freedom, and rebellion.

gunpowder

n. a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive

synonym: ammunition, explosive, bullet

(1) **gunpowder** paper, (2) smokeless **gunpowder**

The invention of **gunpowder** revolutionized warfare.

hark

v. to recall, to return, or to revert, especially to an earlier time, situation, or condition; to listen attentively; to pay close attention to something

synonym : listen, heed, obey

(1) **hark** to the wind in the trees, (2) **hark** forward to a time of peace

The new smartphone's design **harks** back to the original model, which was much simpler and compact.

carnival

n. a public enjoyment and celebration, usually held in the street, featuring music, dancing, and various forms of entertainment

synonym : fair, festival, celebration

(1) **carnival** parade, (2) **carnival** atmosphere

The traveling **carnival** is coming to our town next week.

masquerade

n. a party, dance, or other festive gatherings of persons wearing masks and other disguises, or a costume worn on such an occasion; making a false outward show

synonym : disguise, pretense, facade

(1) show up in a **masquerade**, (2) absurd **masquerade**

The **masquerade** party was lavish, with guests in elaborate costumes and masks.

societal

adj. relating to society or social relationships

synonym : social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

dystopia

n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

synonym : anti-utopia

(1) a crumbling **dystopia**, (2) the escape from **dystopia**

The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into **dystopias**.

courtroom

n. a room in which a court of law is held

synonym: law court, tribunal

(1) **courtroom** drama, (2) **courtroom** trial

The eyewitness took the stand in the **courtroom** and gave testimony crucial to the case.

capitol

n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

synonym: government building, legislative center

(1) the nation's **capitol**, (2) **Capitol** Hill hearing

The **capitol** building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym: nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

hashtag

n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

(1) marked with a **hashtag**, (2) trending **hashtag**

Our brand's campaign uses a unique **hashtag** to track engagement and reach.

sentimental

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

synonym: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

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

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

stunt

n. a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to

hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

synonym : feat, accomplishment, (verb) hinder

(1) skydiving **stunt**, (2) **stunt** brain growth

The daredevil attempted a dangerous **stunt** by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.

contentious

adj. likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue

synonym : antagonistic, combative, confrontational

(1) **contentious** subject, (2) **contentious** debate

There are many **contentious** issues in claiming a patent.

hijack

v. to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

synonym : commandeer, seize, pirate

(1) **hijack** a helicopter, (2) **hijack** a phone number

He made a desperate effort to **hijack** an airliner.

superhero

n. a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

(1) **superhero** movies, (2) **superhero** comics

Superman is a classic **superhero** known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.

instinctive

adj. relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency

synonym : spontaneous, intuitive, natural

(1) **instinctive** reaction, (2) **instinctive** behavior

It was **instinctive** for the mother to protect her child from harm.

nostalgia

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

synonym : longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

mow

v. to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops

synonym: cut, trim, clip

(1) **mow** the field, (2) **mow** a yard

My father likes to **mow** the lawn early on Saturday mornings.

cheerful

adj. happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism

synonym: happy, joyful, lively

(1) **cheerful** smile, (2) a **cheerful** disposition

Her **cheerful** personality brightened up the room.

defiance

n. behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something

synonym: disobedience, disregard, confrontation

(1) fierce **defiance**, (2) adopt an attitude of **defiance**

He acted in **defiance** of our decision.

vogue

n. the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture

synonym: trend, style, fashion

(1) current **vogue**, (2) follow **vogue** trends

Bellbottoms were in **vogue** during the 1970s but are not as popular today.

brilliantly

adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

synonym : brightly, radiantly, excellently

(1) **brilliantly** executed, (2) **brilliantly** lit

He played the piano **brilliantly** at the concert.

jean

n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

synonym : denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

divisive

adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

synonym : polarizing, contentious, disagreeable

(1) **divisive** question, (2) suppress **divisive** arguments

The proposed policy has been met with **divisive** reactions from the public.

elude

v. to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning

synonym : evade, avoid, dodge

(1) **elude** the law, (2) **elude** responsibility for the failure

The suspect **eluded** capture for weeks before being caught by the police.

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.

troll

n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

synonym : provocateur, antagonist, troublemaker

(1) feed a **troll**, (2) copyright **troll**

He was banned from the online forum for being a **troll** and causing trouble.

rebrand

v. to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability

synonym : reintroduce, relaunch, reintegrate

(1) **rebrand** product, (2) **rebrand** company

The clothing brand decided to **rebrand** its image to attract a younger audience.

firefighter

n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires

(1) forest **firefighter**, (2) decided to be a **firefighter**

The **firefighter** broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.

aspire

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym : aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection

She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

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.

regiment

n. a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine

synonym : unit, brigade, battalion

(1) logistics **regiment**, (2) marching **regiment**

The army **regiment** marched in perfect unison during the parade.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym : mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

elope

v. to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends

synonym : run away, abscond, escape

(1) **elope** secretly, (2) **elope** together

The young couple decided to **elope** instead of having a traditional wedding ceremony.

chaperon

n. a person, typically an older woman, who accompanies and supervises a younger woman or a group of young

people in social situations to ensure proper behavior;
(verb) to accompany and supervise someone, especially
a young person, on a social occasion to ensure their
safety and proper behavior

synonym : escort, companion, guardian

(1) **chaperon** duties, (2) need for a **chaperon**

The school dance required each group of students to have a
chaperon to supervise.

sanction

n. official permission or approval for an action, especially
an economic or political action by a government or
international organization; a penalty or punishment
imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb)
to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law,
rule, or agreement

synonym : approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the
country.

ascribe

v. to attribute something to a particular cause or source

synonym : attribute, credit, assign

(1) **ascribe** everything to nature, (2) **ascribe** my failure to
bad luck

The project's success was **ascribed** to the team's hard work.

daring

adj. brave and taking risks

synonym : audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

imaginable

adj. capable of being imagined

synonym : conceivable, plausible, possible

(1) easily **imaginable**, (2) worst **imaginable** case

This is the only **imaginable** strategy.

atrocious

n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
synonym : evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocious**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocious**

The **atrocious** of the war left many children orphaned.

corruptible

adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

synonym : bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

innermost

adj. situated or occurring at the deepest or most central part or point; relating to one's deepest or most private thoughts, feelings, or experiences

synonym : deepest, inner, intimate

(1) **innermost** secrets, (2) **innermost** longings

It took years of therapy before the patient could reveal their **innermost** thoughts and feelings.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

placard

n. a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement

synonym : poster, sign, billboard

(1) **placard** campaign, (2) warning **placard**

The protesters held a **placard** with their political message.

subsume

v. to include or encompass within a larger category or concept

synonym : absorb, incorporate, encompass

(1) **subsume** data, (2) **subsume** category

The new software will **subsume** all the functions of the old one, making it unnecessary.

conceal

v. to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

synonym: hide, keep secret, camouflage

(1) **conceal** my identity, (2) **conceal** a close relationship

Despite the intense verbal abuse, she **concealed** her anger well.

arresting

adj. attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something

synonym: striking, impressive, captivating

(1) an **arresting** image, (2) an **arresting** sight

The painting's **arresting** beauty made it difficult to look away.

unequivocal

adj. admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion

synonym: apparent, absolute, undeniable

(1) **unequivocal** evidence, (2) receive an **unequivocal** answer

It is **unequivocal** that human activities are the cause of global warming.

dissent

n. possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted

synonym: discord, conflict, disagreement

(1) **dissent** opinion, (2) with no **dissent**

The dictatorship crushes all **dissent** severely.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

synonym : restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

utopia

n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

synonym : paradise, heaven, Arcadia

(1) perfect **utopia**, (2) a **utopia** for an engineer

The concept of **utopia** is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

wand

n. a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority

synonym : rod, stick, staff

(1) magic **wand**, (2) security **wand**

The magician waved his **wand**, and a rabbit appeared from the hat.

grotesque

adj. bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre

synonym : bizarre, deformed, monstrous

(1) have **grotesque** design, (2) **grotesque** appearance

The **grotesque** sculpture made me feel uneasy.

escapist

adj. tending to or providing an escape from reality, particularly through the use of fantasy, imagination, or entertainment

synonym : fantastical, dreamy

(1) **escapist** literature, (2) **escapist** tendencies

The **escapist** film provided a brief but much-needed break from reality.

shorthand

n. a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

synonym: stenography, speedwriting, tachygraphy

(1) learn **shorthand**, (2) write in **shorthand**

The secretary's **shorthand** was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.

astronaut

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

synonym: spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

tawdry

adj. cheap, gaudy, or tacky in appearance; characterized by a lack of style or quality; showy but tasteless or vulgar

synonym: gaudy, cheap, flashy

(1) **tawdry** affair, (2) **tawdry** decorations

The actress refused to wear the **tawdry** costume, insisting on something more elegant.

blueprint

n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

synonym: draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**

A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

getup

n. a person's clothing, appearance, or style

synonym: attire, costume, outfit

(1) a clownish **getup**, (2) a sharp **getup**

The bride was stunning in her elegant wedding **getup**.

embolden

v. to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief

synonym : encourage, inspire, empower

(1) **embolden** the opposition, (2) **embolden** a country's leadership

She was **emboldened** by her success and decided to take on a more significant challenge.

gumption

n. shrewdness and resourcefulness in solving problems or achieving goals; initiative, drive, and determination to succeed in the face of obstacles or challenges

synonym : initiative, resourcefulness, courage

(1) financial **gumption**, (2) entrepreneurial **gumption**

It takes much **gumption** to start your own business from scratch.

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym : creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a ut___a for an engineer
n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
2. Imperial sa_____on
n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
3. a w__t of summons
n. a written legal order or command
4. r_v up the crowd
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
5. engage in fr_____us conversation
adj. not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
6. el__e together
v. to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends
7. de_____ly unfriendly
adv. in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner

ANSWERS: 1. utopia, 2. sanction, 3. writ, 4. rev, 5. frivolous, 6. elope, 7. decidedly

8. su_____e category *v.* to include or encompass within a larger category or concept
9. co_____l a close relationship *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
10. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
11. bl_____nt for economic reform *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
12. hi____k a phone number *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
13. av_____o smoothie *n.* a pear-shaped fruit with a hard skin and buttery flesh, commonly eaten raw in salads, sandwiches, or as guacamole
14. as____e after perfection *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
15. lapse into an_____y *n.* a state of society without government or law
16. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
17. legal in_____cy *n.* the quality of being complex, detailed, or highly involved; the existence of many interrelated parts or elements
18. ch_____on duties *n.* a person, typically an older woman, who accompanies and supervises a younger woman or a group of young people in social situations to ensure proper behavior; (verb) to accompany and supervise someone, especially a young person, on a social occasion to ensure their safety and proper behavior

ANSWERS: 8. subsume, 9. conceal, 10. electrify, 11. blueprint, 12. hijack, 13. avocado, 14. aspire, 15. anarchy, 16. opportune, 17. intricacy, 18. chaperon

19. follow vo__e trends *n.* the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture
20. sound bo____s *adj.* slang for completely crazy or insane
21. smokeless gu_____er *n.* a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive
22. pl____d campaign *n.* a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement
23. 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
24. ins_____ve behavior *adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
25. di____ve question *adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
26. une_____al evidence *adj.* admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion
27. a pungent sa___e *n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques

ANSWERS: 19. vogue, 20. bonkers, 21. gunpowder, 22. placard, 23. ridicule, 24. instinctive, 25. divisive, 26. unequivocal, 27. satire

28. fierce de_____ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
29. the in_____cy of the design *n.* the quality of being complex, detailed, or highly involved; the existence of many interrelated parts or elements
30. marked with a ha_____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
31. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
32. im_____e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
33. verbal pro_____on *n.* action or speech that intentionally causes someone to become angry, irritated, or frustrated; a reason or motive for something, often negative or undesired
34. co_____y makeup *n.* a type of performance art in which participants dress up in costumes and accessories to represent a specific character or idea from a book, movie, video game, or other media
35. el__e secretly *v.* to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends

ANSWERS: 28. defiance, 29. intricacy, 30. hashtag, 31. electrify, 32. immerse, 33. provocation, 34. cosplay, 35. elope

36. show di_____t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
37. vi__r church *n.* a member of the clergy in certain Christian churches, typically Anglican, who is responsible for the religious needs of parishioners in a particular district
38. sa___e magazine *n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques
39. el__e the law *v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
40. av_____o toast *n.* a pear-shaped fruit with a hard skin and buttery flesh, commonly eaten raw in salads, sandwiches, or as guacamole
41. financial gu_____on *n.* shrewdness and resourcefulness in solving problems or achieving goals; initiative, drive, and determination to succeed in the face of obstacles or challenges
42. show up in a mas_____de *n.* a party, dance, or other festive gatherings of persons wearing masks and other disguises, or a costume worn on such an occasion; making a false outward show
43. a cr_____er for justice *n.* a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims

ANSWERS: 36. disgust, 37. vicar, 38. satire, 39. elude, 40. avocado, 41. gumption, 42. masquerade, 43. crusader

44. logistics re____nt *n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine
45. magic w__d *n.* a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority
46. di____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
47. fr____us lawsuits *adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
48. a j__n skirt *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
49. a crumbling dy____ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
50. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
51. cu____t of flowers *n.* a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing

ANSWERS: 44. regiment, 45. wand, 46. disrupt, 47. frivolous, 48. jean, 49. dystopia, 50. trump, 51. cutout

52. feed a tr__l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
53. ins_____ve reaction *adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
54. a ch_____ul disposition *adj.* happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism
55. su_____e data *v.* to include or encompass within a larger category or concept
56. an ar_____ng sight *adj.* attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something
57. security w__d *n.* a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority
58. make a da____g face *adj.* brave and taking risks
59. re_____d company *v.* to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability
60. j__n denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

ANSWERS: 52. troll, 53. instinctive, 54. cheerful, 55. subsume, 56. arresting, 57. wand, 58. daring, 59. rebrand, 60. jean

61. entrepreneurial gu_____on *n.* shrewdness and resourcefulness in solving problems or achieving goals; initiative, drive, and determination to succeed in the face of obstacles or challenges
62. cu____t from magazines *n.* a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing
63. female su_____ge *n.* the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them
64. bo_____s idea *adj.* slang for completely crazy or insane
65. co_____om trial *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
66. es_____st literature *adj.* tending to or providing an escape from reality, particularly through the use of fantasy, imagination, or entertainment
67. ca_____al atmosphere *n.* a public enjoyment and celebration, usually held in the street, featuring music, dancing, and various forms of entertainment
68. warning pl_____d *n.* a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement
69. sub_____ve elements *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

ANSWERS: 61. gumption, 62. cutout, 63. suffrage, 64. bonkers, 65. courtroom, 66.

escapist, 67. carnival, 68. placard, 69. subversive

70. de___t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
71. re____d product *v.* to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability
72. con_____us subject *adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
73. co_____e gown *n.* fashionable, made-to-measure clothing; high fashion clothing that is custom-made for a person
74. in_____st secrets *adj.* situated or occurring at the deepest or most central part or point; relating to one's deepest or most private thoughts, feelings, or experiences
75. diamond ti__a *n.* a jeweled ornamental crown typically worn by women on formal occasions
76. co_____in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
77. ecc_____ity of behavior *n.* the quality of being unconventional, peculiar, or odd in behavior, appearance, or ideas; (of a celestial body) the state of having an unusual or peculiar shape or orbit
78. in a sen_____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
79. cor_____le judges *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

ANSWERS: 70. depict, 71. rebrand, 72. contentious, 73. couture, 74. innermost, 75. tiara, 76. constrain, 77. eccentricity, 78. sentimental, 79. corruptible

80. ga___r good reviews *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
81. decided to be a fir_____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
82. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
83. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
84. the nation's ca_____l *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
85. current vo___e *n.* the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture
86. with no di_____t *n.* possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted
87. personal ecc_____ity *n.* the quality of being unconventional, peculiar, or odd in behavior, appearance, or ideas; (of a celestial body) the state of having an unusual or peculiar shape or orbit
88. su_____ge movement *n.* the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them
89. em___y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
90. Ca_____l Hill hearing *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
91. co_____l my identity *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

ANSWERS: 80. garner, 81. firefighter, 82. industrious, 83. empower, 84. capitol, 85. vogue, 86. dissent, 87. eccentricity, 88. suffrage, 89. embody, 90. capitol, 91. conceal

92. ta___y affair *adj.* cheap, gaudy, or tacky in appearance; characterized by a lack of style or quality; showy but tasteless or vulgar
93. cold-blooded at_____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
94. in_____st longings *adj.* situated or occurring at the deepest or most central part or point; relating to one's deepest or most private thoughts, feelings, or experiences
95. co_____e collection *n.* fashionable, made-to-measure clothing; high fashion clothing that is custom-made for a person
96. write in sh_____nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
97. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
98. cou_____ive results *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
99. con_____us debate *adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
100. advertising sl___n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

ANSWERS: 92. tawdry, 93. atrocity, 94. innermost, 95. couture, 96. shorthand, 97. nurture, 98. counterintuitive, 99. contentious, 100. slogan

101. as___e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
102. de___t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
103. co_____in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
104. su_____ro movies *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
105. hos_____ze child *v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
106. ti__a crown *n.* a jeweled ornamental crown typically worn by women on formal occasions
107. st___e commodities *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
108. no_____ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
109. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
110. so_____al norms *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
111. adopt an attitude of de_____ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
112. forest fir_____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
113. make a fl___y excuse *adj.* very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used

ANSWERS: 101. aspire, 102. depict, 103. constrain, 104. superhero, 105. hospitalize, 106. tiara, 107. staple, 108. nostalgia, 109. opportune, 110. societal, 111. defiance, 112. firefighter, 113. flimsy

114. es_____st tendencies *adj.* tending to or providing an escape from reality, particularly through the use of fantasy, imagination, or entertainment
115. di_____se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
116. copyright tr___l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
117. capable of ima_____ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
118. a fl___y structure *adj.* very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used
119. absurd mas_____de *n.* a party, dance, or other festive gatherings of persons wearing masks and other disguises, or a costume worn on such an occasion; making a false outward show
120. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
121. sub_____ve literature *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

ANSWERS: 114. escapist, 115. disguise, 116. troll, 117. imaginative, 118. flimsy, 119. masquerade, 120. disrupt, 121. subversive

122. public di____t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
123. ch____ul smile *adj.* happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism
124. trending ha____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
125. skydiving st__t *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
126. uneven s__m *n.* a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil
127. co____ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
128. h__k to the wind in the trees *v.* to recall, to return, or to revert, especially to an earlier time, situation, or condition; to listen attentively; to pay close attention to something
129. m_w the field *v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops

ANSWERS: 122. disgust, 123. cheerful, 124. hashtag, 125. stunt, 126. seam, 127. conceive, 128. hark, 129. mow

140. anti-corruption cr____er *n.* a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims
141. architect's bl____nt *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
142. st___e crop *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
143. completely im____e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
144. pro____on tactics *n.* action or speech that intentionally causes someone to become angry, irritated, or frustrated; a reason or motive for something, often negative or undesired
145. 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
146. sen____al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
147. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

ANSWERS: 140. crusader, 141. blueprint, 142. staple, 143. immerse, 144. provocation, 145. ridicule, 146. sentimental, 147. trump

148. ga___r attention *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
149. catchy sl___n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
150. em_____en the opposition *v.* to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief
151. cou_____ive behavior *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
152. perfect ut___a *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
153. m_w a yard *v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
154. receive an une_____al answer *adj.* admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion
155. gr_____ue appearance *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
156. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
157. marching re_____nt *n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine

ANSWERS: 148. garner, 149. slogan, 150. embolden, 151. counterintuitive, 152. utopia, 153. mow, 154. unequivocal, 155. grotesque, 156. industrious, 157. regiment

158. so_____al expectations *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
159. ima_____ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
160. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
161. participate in co_____y *n.* a type of performance art in which participants dress up in costumes and accessories to represent a specific character or idea from a book, movie, video game, or other media
162. nu_____e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
163. a warm no_____ia *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
164. em_____y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
165. a clownish ge__p *n.* a person's clothing, appearance, or style
166. as_____e everything to nature *v.* to attribute something to a particular cause or source
167. de_____ly different *adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner
168. gu_____er paper *n.* a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive

ANSWERS: 158. societal, 159. imaginative, 160. distract, 161. cosplay, 162. nurture, 163. nostalgia, 164. embody, 165. getup, 166. ascribe, 167. decidedly, 168. gunpowder

169. an ar_____ng image *adj.* attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something
170. ca_____al parade *n.* a public enjoyment and celebration, usually held in the street, featuring music, dancing, and various forms of entertainment
171. di_____t opinion *n.* possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted
172. suppress di_____ve arguments *adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
173. a sharp ge__p *n.* a person's clothing, appearance, or style
174. hos_____ze patient *v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
175. su_____ro comics *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
176. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
177. an_____y in the classroom *n.* a state of society without government or law
178. popular sa_____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

ANSWERS: 169. arresting, 170. carnival, 171. dissent, 172. divisive, 173. getup, 174. hospitalize, 175. superhero, 176. rev, 177. anarchy, 178. sanction

179. di____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
180. have gr_____ue design *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
181. ta____y decorations *adj.* cheap, gaudy, or tacky in appearance; characterized by a lack of style or quality; showy but tasteless or vulgar
182. easily ima_____le *adj.* capable of being imagined
183. st__t brain growth *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
184. commit at_____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
185. assistant vi__r *n.* a member of the clergy in certain Christian churches, typically Anglican, who is responsible for the religious needs of parishioners in a particular district
186. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
187. cor_____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
188. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

ANSWERS: 179. disguise, 180. grotesque, 181. tawdry, 182. imaginable, 183. stunt, 184. atrocity, 185. vicar, 186. empower, 187. corruptible, 188. sew

189. the escape from dy____ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
190. as____ut mission *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
191. the s__m on the shoulder *n.* a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil
192. di____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
193. hi___k a helicopter *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
194. learn sh____nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
195. as____e my failure to bad luck *v.* to attribute something to a particular cause or source
196. co____ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
197. da___g escape *adj.* brave and taking risks
198. bri____ly lit *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

ANSWERS: 189. dystopia, 190. astronaut, 191. seam, 192. distract, 193. hijack, 194. shorthand, 195. ascribe, 196. conceive, 197. daring, 198. brilliantly

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The traffic during rush hour can make even the calmest person go _____.
adj. slang for completely crazy or insane
2. He was accused of being _____ and not taking his responsibilities seriously.
adj. not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
3. The _____ nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.
adj. contrary to what common sense would suggest
4. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
5. The company spent months researching and testing different brand _____ before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.
n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
6. The government imposed economic _____ on the country.
n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
7. The _____ sermon was inspiring and comforting to the attendees.
n. a member of the clergy in certain Christian churches, typically Anglican, who is responsible for the religious needs of parishioners in a particular district

ANSWERS: 1. bonkers, 2. frivolous, 3. counterintuitive, 4. rev, 5. slogans, 6. sanctions, 7. vicar's

8. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.
- v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
9. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
- v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
10. The invention of _____ revolutionized warfare.
- n.* a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive
11. He acted in _____ of our decision.
- n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
12. I love adding _____ to my salads for that extra creaminess.
- n.* a pear-shaped fruit with a hard skin and buttery flesh, commonly eaten raw in salads, sandwiches, or as guacamole
13. The ice cream truck's sound brought back _____ for my childhood.
- n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
14. The proposed policy has been met with _____ reactions from the public.
- adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
15. Bellbottoms were in _____ during the 1970s but are not as popular today.
- n.* the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture
16. He _____ himself in his research.
- v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

ANSWERS: 8. nurture, 9. distract, 10. gunpowder, 11. defiance, 12. avocado, 13. nostalgia, 14. divisive, 15. vogue, 16. immersed

17. She had to be _____ due to her injuries.
v. to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
18. My father likes to ____ the lawn early on Saturday mornings.
v. to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
19. His arguments are based on _____ evidence.
adj. very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used
20. It is _____ that human activities are the cause of global warming.
adj. admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion
21. The princess wore a _____ adorned with precious jewels to the ball.
n. a jeweled ornamental crown typically worn by women on formal occasions
22. Despite the intense verbal abuse, she _____ her anger well.
v. to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
23. The clockwork mechanism of the antique watch showed incredible _____.
n. the quality of being complex, detailed, or highly involved; the existence of many interrelated parts or elements
24. The bride was stunning in her elegant wedding _____.
n. a person's clothing, appearance, or style
25. She's always been interested in fashion and dreams of becoming a famous _____ designer.
n. fashionable, made-to-measure clothing; high fashion clothing that is custom-made for a person

ANSWERS: 17. hospitalized, 18. mow, 19. flimsy, 20. unequivocal, 21. tiara, 22. concealed, 23. intricacy, 24. getup, 25. couture

26. The _____ march was a peaceful protest demanding voting rights for women.
- n.* the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them
27. The comedian's _____ on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.
- n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques
28. He played the piano _____ at the concert.
- adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
29. The young couple decided to _____ instead of having a traditional wedding ceremony.
- v.* to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends
30. My mother taught me how to _____.
- v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
31. The actress refused to wear the _____ costume, insisting on something more elegant.
- adj.* cheap, gaudy, or tacky in appearance; characterized by a lack of style or quality; showy but tasteless or vulgar
32. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.
- v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

ANSWERS: 26. suffrage, 27. satire, 28. brilliantly, 29. elope, 30. sew, 31. tawdry, 32. aspired

33. Rice and beans are a _____ food in many cultures.

adj. essential, crucial, or regularly used

34. The artwork was criticized for its _____ theme that undermined religious beliefs.

adj. intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

35. He made a desperate effort to _____ an airliner.

v. to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

36. The political situation _____ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

37. The daredevil attempted a dangerous _____ by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.

n. a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

38. The protesters held a _____ with their political message.

n. a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement

39. The _____ building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

ANSWERS: 33. staple, 34. subversive, 35. hijack, 36. constrained, 37. stunt, 38. placard, 39. capitol

40. She was _____ unimpressed with his latest attempt at a joke.
adv. in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner
41. Later it turned out that the politician _____ the fact from the public.
v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
42. The concept of _____ is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.
n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
43. 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
44. She took the dress to the tailor to fix the torn _____.
n. a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil
45. Our brand's campaign uses a unique _____ to track engagement and reach.
n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
46. The concept of _____ has been used in literature, music, and other art forms to explore ideas about power, freedom, and rebellion.
n. a state of society without government or law

ANSWERS: 40. decidedly, 41. disguised, 42. utopia, 43. ridicule, 44. seam, 45. hashtag, 46. anarchy

47. The history books are full of tales of legendary _____ who went on epic adventures.
- n.* a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims
48. He was filled with _____ and fear for the threat of war.
- n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
49. There are many _____ issues in claiming a patent.
- adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
50. His _____ made him stand out from the rest of the crowd.
- n.* the quality of being unconventional, peculiar, or odd in behavior, appearance, or ideas; (of a celestial body) the state of having an unusual or peculiar shape or orbit
51. She wore her favorite pair of _____ to the party.
- n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
52. The suspect _____ capture for weeks before being caught by the police.
- v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
53. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.
- adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
54. The traveling _____ is coming to our town next week.
- n.* a public enjoyment and celebration, usually held in the street, featuring music, dancing, and various forms of entertainment

ANSWERS: 47. crusaders, 48. disgust, 49. contentious, 50. eccentricity, 51. jeans, 52. eluded, 53. corruptible, 54. carnival

55. The new smartphone's design _____ back to the original model, which was much simpler and compact.
- v.* to recall, to return, or to revert, especially to an earlier time, situation, or condition; to listen attentively; to pay close attention to something
56. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n.* a written legal order or command
57. The _____ film provided a brief but much-needed break from reality.
- adj.* tending to or providing an escape from reality, particularly through the use of fantasy, imagination, or entertainment
58. The new software will _____ all the functions of the old one, making it unnecessary.
- v.* to include or encompass within a larger category or concept
59. The painting's _____ beauty made it difficult to look away.
- adj.* attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something
60. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
61. The secretary's _____ was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.
- n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

ANSWERS: 55. harks, 56. writ, 57. escapist, 58. subsume, 59. arresting, 60. industrious, 61. shorthand

62. The magician waved his _____ and a rabbit appeared from the hat.
n. a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority
63. The _____ community is a supportive and welcoming group of people.
n. a type of performance art in which participants dress up in costumes and accessories to represent a specific character or idea from a book, movie, video game, or other media
64. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.
v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
65. The _____ of the war left many children orphaned.
n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
66. The project's success was _____ to the team's hard work.
v. to attribute something to a particular cause or source
67. A business plan is a _____ for your success.
n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
68. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
69. I can't _____ he'd want to harm us.
v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
70. This is the only _____ strategy.
adj. capable of being imagined

ANSWERS: 62. wand, 63. cosplay, 64. depicted, 65. atrocity, 66. ascribed, 67. blueprint, 68. empowered, 69. conceive, 70. imaginable

71. The shuttle _____ trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

72. It was _____ for the mother to protect her child from harm.

adj. relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency

73. The _____ broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.

n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires

74. The army _____ marched in perfect unison during the parade.

n. a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine

75. The clothing brand decided to _____ its image to attract a younger audience.

v. to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability

76. The _____ sculpture made me feel uneasy.

adj. bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre

77. The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into _____.

n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

78. The _____ pressure to conform is strong in this community.

adj. relating to society or social relationships

ANSWERS: 71. astronaut, 72. instinctive, 73. firefighter, 74. regiment, 75. rebrand, 76. grotesque, 77. dystopias, 78. societal

79. Her _____ personality brightened up the room.

adj. happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism

80. She was _____ by her success and decided to take on a more significant challenge.

v. to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief

81. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

82. The eyewitness took the stand in the _____ and gave testimony crucial to the case.

n. a room in which a court of law is held

83. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

84. The company's new products _____ the values of innovation and sustainability.

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

85. Superman is a classic _____ known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.

n. a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

86. The school dance required each group of students to have a _____ to supervise.

n. a person, typically an older woman, who accompanies and supervises a younger woman or a group of young people in social situations to ensure proper behavior; (verb) to accompany and supervise someone, especially a young person, on a social occasion to ensure their safety and proper behavior

ANSWERS: 79. cheerful, 80. emboldened, 81. disrupt, 82. courtroom, 83. opportune, 84. embody, 85. superhero, 86. chaperon

87. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.

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

88. He was banned from the online forum for being a _____ and causing trouble.

n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

89. The artist used a star _____ to make a unique art piece.

n. a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing

90. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

91. He used his charm and charisma to _____ support for his campaign.

v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

92. It took years of therapy before the patient could reveal their _____ thoughts and feelings.

adj. situated or occurring at the deepest or most central part or point; relating to one's deepest or most private thoughts, feelings, or experiences

93. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 87. sentimental, 88. troll, 89. cutout, 90. trump, 91. garner, 92. innermost, 93. electrify

94. Her choices become increasingly _____ and creative.

adj. brave and taking risks

95. The politician's speech was seen as a _____ to the opposition party.

n. action or speech that intentionally causes someone to become angry, irritated, or frustrated; a reason or motive for something, often negative or undesired

96. The _____ party was lavish, with guests in elaborate costumes and masks.

n. a party, dance, or other festive gatherings of persons wearing masks and other disguises, or a costume worn on such an occasion; making a false outward show

97. She is a hard worker but not very _____.

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

98. The dictatorship crushes all _____ severely.

n. possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted

99. It takes much _____ to start your own business from scratch.

n. shrewdness and resourcefulness in solving problems or achieving goals; initiative, drive, and determination to succeed in the face of obstacles or challenges

ANSWERS: 94. daring, 95. provocation, 96. masquerade, 97. imaginative, 98. dissent, 99. gumption