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Session 1: Word List

cluster

n. a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

synonym: group, aggregation, array

(1) live in a **cluster**, (2) a **cluster** of stars

A **cluster** of grapes hung from the vine.

vine

n. a climbing plant that produces grapes; any plant with a growth habit of trailing or climbing stems

(1) a green **vine**, (2) **vine** of ore

A **vine** remains productive throughout the year.

dawn

n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

synonym: daybreak, sunrise, advent

(1) the wan light of **dawn**, (2) crack of **dawn**

Missile assaults on the capital continued around **dawn**.

recollection

n. the act of remembering or the state of being remembered

synonym: memory, reminiscence, remembrance

(1) a vague **recollection**, (2) **recollection** of a traumatic event

The older man's **recollections** of his youth were filled with

stories of adventure and romance.

marble

n. a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games

synonym: stone, rock, sphere

(1) **marble** statues, (2) artificial **marble**

The floor was made of white and black **marble** arranged in a checkerboard pattern.

grain

n. wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance

synonym: seed, piece, cereal

(1) a **grain** of sand, (2) flour made from **grain**

Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen **grains**.

leather

n. a material made from the skin of an animal, typically by tanning, and used for clothing, shoes, furniture, and other items

synonym: hide, skin, suede

(1) enameled **leather**, (2) **leather** boots

The **leather** jacket was worn in but still comfortable.

bound

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

synonym: jump, bounce, leap

(1) **bounded** with delight, (2) **bound** up a staircase

Canada **bounds** on the United States.

spray

n. a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage

synonym: mist, aerosol, atomizer

(1) a **spray** of mist, (2) an insect **spray**

The artist used a **spray** paint can to create a graffiti mural on

the wall.

oar *n.* a pole with a flat blade at one end used for rowing a boat through the water

synonym : paddle, row, scull

(1) sculling **oar**, (2) wooden **oar**

The rowing team coordinated their **oars** to move through the water smoothly.

Negro *n.* ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States

synonym : African American

(1) **Negro** literature, (2) American **Negro**

They developed **Negro** blues with a lively rhythm.

eve *n.* (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths

synonym : evening, dusk, twilight

(1) **eve** of the party, (2) Christmas **Eve**

The **eve** of the wedding was filled with excitement and anticipation.

explore *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

synonym : analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

overwhelming *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

synonym : overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory

He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
synonym: alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**
The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

render

v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
synonym: deliver, give, provide

(1) **render** an assessment, (2) **render** the contract void
The jury must **render** a decision on this complex case.

incapable

adj. unable to do, control, or achieve something
synonym: unable, incompetent, unskilled

(1) drunk and **incapable**, (2) **incapable** of being resisted
He seems **incapable** of understanding what she says.

abstract

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
synonym: conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science
The invention of the camera triggered the development of **abstract** painting.

overly

adv. to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable
synonym: excessively, too much

(1) **overly** excessive, (2) **overly** unnecessary
The movie was **overly** dramatic, with exaggerated emotions and cliched plot twists.

replete

adj. fully or abundantly filled or supplied; overflowing or teeming with; rich or well-stocked
synonym: full, abundant, well-stocked

(1) **replete** with flavors, (2) **replete** with meaning
The summer garden was **replete** with colorful flowers and lush greenery.

limitless

adj. without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

synonym: boundless, infinite, unrestricted

(1) for a **limitless** time, (2) **limitless** potential

The possibilities for scientific discovery are **limitless**.

exploration

n. the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place

synonym: inquiry, quest, investigation

(1) future of space **exploration**, (2) an Arctic **exploration**

He called for a careful **exploration** of the consequences.

infinity

n. the state or quality of having no end or limit;
(mathematics) a number greater than any natural number

synonym: endlessness, boundlessness, continuity

(1) the **infinity** of the universe, (2) negative **infinity**

That investor saw an **infinity** of possibilities in this company.

admire

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

synonym: esteem, respect, marvel

(1) **admire** the subtlety of the distinctions, (2) **admire** kids with attitude

We all **admire** him because he is a nobleman.

revolutionary

adj. relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change

synonym: radical, innovative, groundbreaking

(1) **revolutionary** change, (2) enforce **revolutionary** justice

The **revolutionary** leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.

- clan** *n.* a group of families united by actual or perceived kinship and descent, especially in Scotland
synonym : family, kin, tribe
(1) **clan** society, (2) tribal **clan**
This **clan** saved people from a world full of violence.
- essay** *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
synonym : paper, commentary, report
(1) score the SAT **essays**, (2) thoughtful **essay**
The Chief editor checks all **essays** for plagiarism with software.
- poem** *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
synonym : ballad, lyric, verse
(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead
A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.
- pioneer** *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
synonym : frontiersperson, innovator, trailblazer
(1) act as a **pioneer**, (2) early **pioneers**
John Whitney was a computer animation **pioneer**.
- 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**.
- magical** *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
synonym : enchanting, occult, supernatural
(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

realism

n. the attitude or behavior of accepting circumstances as they are and being prepared to deal with them accordingly; (in arts) the general attempt to depict subjects truthfully in different forms of the arts

synonym: verisimilitude, verismo, genuineness

(1) experiential **realism**, (2) have more **realism**

The invention of the camera changed the course of painting in pursuing **realism**.

avid

adj. characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity

synonym: enthusiastic, eager, fervent

(1) **avid** baseball fan, (2) have **avid** eyes

She was an **avid** reader and spent hours every day lost in a book.

recruit

v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.

synonym: raise, enroll, enlist

(1) **recruit** a good worker, (2) **recruit** a new hire

The colonial government **recruited** militia support when civil war broke out.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

paradise

n. a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth
synonym: heaven, Eden, utopia

(1) **paradise** island, (2) **paradise** for criminals

Hawaii is often referred to as an everlasting summer

paradise.

infinite

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

synonym : boundless, countless, limitless

(1) **infinite** appetite, (2) **infinite** in supply

The battle had an **infinite** impact on the nation.

babel

n. a loud noise, typically referring to the confusion of many voices talking at once, derived from the biblical story of the Tower of Babel, in which God caused confusion among people by making them speak different languages

synonym : confusion, chaos, disorder

(1) a **babel** of confusion, (2) **babel** of languages

The classroom was a **babel** of excitement as the students prepared for their field trip.

countless

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

synonym : innumerable, myriad, numerous

(1) **countless** hours, (2) answer **countless** questions

There are **countless** methods for dealing with stress.

identical

adj. being the exact same one

synonym : duplicate, exact, analogous

(1) pair of **identical** twins, (2) an **identical** equation

Infant formulas are nutritionally almost **identical** to a mother's breast milk.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

synonym : cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

variation

n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

synonym : fluctuation, change, variation

(1) **variation** of temperature, (2) gene **variation**

There is a lot of **variation** in the colors of flowers in the garden.

profound

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

synonym : deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea

My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

tome

n. a large, heavy book, usually referring to a scholarly work or reference book

synonym : book, volume, opus

(1) **tome** of knowledge, (2) ancient **tome**

I spent the whole weekend reading an academic **tome** about medieval history.

gibberish

n. unintelligible or nonsensical language or speech; meaningless or difficult to comprehend talk or writing

synonym : nonsense, babble, drivel

(1) **gibberish** language, (2) meaningless **gibberish**

He spoke in **gibberish**, and no one could understand what he was trying to say.

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

synonym : teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program

The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

wander

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

synonym : ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from home

I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

vast

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

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

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

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

labyrinth

n. a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out

synonym: maze, puzzle, network

(1) a **labyrinth** of relationships, (2) **labyrinthine** pathways

It was easy to get lost in the **labyrinth** of narrow alleyways in the old city.

futile

adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

synonym: useless, worthless, ineffective

(1) **futile** talk, (2) make a **futile** protest

It was **futile** to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

maze

n. a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through

synonym: labyrinth, puzzle, network

(1) puzzle **maze**, (2) labyrinth **maze**

We got lost in the **maze** of streets while exploring the city.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

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**.

instant

adj. happening immediately, with no delay

synonym : immediate, urgent, moment

(1) get **instant** access, (2) an **instant** reply

His pleasant face turned cold in an **instant**.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym : chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

beget

v. to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of

synonym : be father, procreate, reproduce

(1) **beget** children, (2) **beget** fear

His irresponsible behavior may **beget** many problems for him in the future.

divergent

adj. different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions

synonym : differing, disparate, atypical

(1) follow a **divergent** path, (2) wildly **divergent** results

The prime minister had to reconcile **divergent** opinions on controversial issues like abortion.

expanse

n. a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

synonym : stretch, field, spread

(1) vast **expanse**, (2) large **expanses**

She looked over the immense **expanse** of the sea.

condense

v. to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

synonym : compress, compact, shorten

(1) **condense** the text, (2) **condense** water vapor

I need to **condense** all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.

script

n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

synonym : writing, penmanship, article

(1) a hand **script**, (2) the **script** of a play

The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian **script** on a stone monument.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

jaguar

n. a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America

synonym : cat, feline, panther

(1) a wild **jaguar**, (2) a female **jaguar**

Humans have developed the **jaguar's** habitat over several decades.

reproduce

v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual

or asexual process

synonym : duplicate, breed, imitate

(1) **reproduce** the painting, (2) **reproduce** by myself

By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria **reproduce**.

cavern

n. a large, natural underground space

synonym : grotto, cave, cavity

(1) a yawning **cavern**, (2) **cavern** tour

The explorer discovered a large **cavern** deep underground.

priest

n. a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith

synonym : clergyman, minister, pastor

(1) **priest** in clerical garb, (2) faithful **priest**

He was ordained as a **priest** in the Catholic Church.

memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym : learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

decipher

v. to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way

synonym : interpret, decode, translate

(1) **decipher** code, (2) **decipher** message

He spent hours trying to **decipher** the ancient text.

culminate

v. to reach a peak or climax

synonym : end, finish, conclude

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

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

epiphany

n. a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

synonym: revelation, enlightenment, insight

(1) **epiphany** about life, (2) Feast of **Epiphany**

She had an **epiphany** while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.

imprison

v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

synonym: incarcerate, detain, confine

(1) **imprison** illegal immigrant, (2) **imprison** myself within the room

He was **imprisoned** for embezzlement.

underground

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

synonym: subterranean, subsurface, confidential

(1) water flowing **underground**, (2) **underground** activist

Having **underground** parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym: condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

glimpse

n. a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly

synonym: glance, peek, sighting

(1) a momentary **glimpse**, (2) passing **glimpse**

Our team caught a **glimpse** of the world-class technique in this game.

Session 2: Spelling

1. make a fu___e protest *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
2. first-person na____or *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
3. faithful pr___t *n.* a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith
4. enforce rev_____ary justice *adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
5. re_____t a good worker *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
6. ma___e statues *n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games
7. ov___y unnecessary *adv.* to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable
8. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
9. drunk and in_____le *adj.* unable to do, control, or achieve something

ANSWERS: 1. futile, 2. narrator, 3. priest, 4. revolutionary, 5. recruit, 6. marble, 7. overly, 8. universe, 9. incapable

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| 10. the sc___t of a play | <i>n.</i> a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand |
| 11. cir_____nce of birth | <i>n.</i> the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence |
| 12. pr___t in clerical garb | <i>n.</i> a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith |
| 13. act as a pi_____r | <i>n.</i> inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something |
| 14. co_____ss hours | <i>adj.</i> too numerous to be counted or very many |
| 15. im_____on illegal immigrant | <i>v.</i> to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement |
| 16. a pr_____nd book | <i>adj.</i> extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension |
| 17. wildly di_____nt results | <i>adj.</i> different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions |
| 18. de_____er message | <i>v.</i> to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way |
| 19. pos_____ty of a major earthquake | <i>n.</i> a chance that something may happen or be true |
| 20. the in_____ty of the universe | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of having no end or limit; (mathematics) a number greater than any natural number |

ANSWERS: 10. script, 11. circumstance, 12. priest, 13. pioneer, 14. countless, 15. imprison, 16. profound, 17. divergent, 18. decipher, 19. possibility, 20. infinity

21. la_____thine pathways *n.* a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out
22. Christmas E_e *n.* (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths
23. negative in_____ty *n.* the state or quality of having no end or limit; (mathematics) a number greater than any natural number
24. Ne__o literature *n.* ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States
25. ba__l of languages *n.* a loud noise, typically referring to the confusion of many voices talking at once, derived from the biblical story of the Tower of Babel, in which God caused confusion among people by making them speak different languages
26. co_____se water vapor *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
27. le_____r boots *n.* a material made from the skin of an animal, typically by tanning, and used for clothing, shoes, furniture, and other items

ANSWERS: 21. labyrinth, 22. eve, 23. infinity, 24. Negro, 25. babel, 26. condense, 27. leather

28. gi_____sh language *n.* unintelligible or nonsensical language or speech; meaningless or difficult to comprehend talk or writing
29. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
30. co_____se the text *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
31. in_____te appetite *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
32. wa____r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
33. get in_____t access *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
34. rec_____ion of a traumatic event *n.* the act of remembering or the state of being remembered
35. have more re_____m *n.* the attitude or behavior of accepting circumstances as they are and being prepared to deal with them accordingly; (in arts) the general attempt to depict subjects truthfully in different forms of the arts
36. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
37. ove_____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
38. Feast of Ep_____ny *n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

ANSWERS: 28. gibberish, 29. vast, 30. condense, 31. infinite, 32. wander, 33. instant, 34. recollection, 35. realism, 36. novel, 37. overwhelming, 38. epiphany

39. e_e of the party *n.* (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths
40. follow a di_____nt path *adj.* different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
41. sculling o_r *n.* a pole with a flat blade at one end used for rowing a boat through the water
42. a la_____th of relationships *n.* a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out
43. an insect sp__y *n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
44. ex_____e the world *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
45. t__e of knowledge *n.* a large, heavy book, usually referring to a scholarly work or reference book
46. the na_____or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
47. pa_____se island *n.* a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth
48. ancient t__e *n.* a large, heavy book, usually referring to a scholarly work or reference book

ANSWERS: 39. eve, 40. divergent, 41. oar, 42. labyrinth, 43. spray, 44. explore, 45. tome, 46. narrator, 47. paradise, 48. tome

49. re___r an assessment *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
50. bo__ded with delight *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
51. the pr_____nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
52. an Arctic exp_____on *n.* the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
53. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
54. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
55. future of space exp_____on *n.* the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
56. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
57. wa___r far from home *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
58. va_____on of temperature *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
59. fu___e talk *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
60. re_____e with flavors *adj.* fully or abundantly filled or supplied; overflowing or teeming with; rich or well-stocked

ANSWERS: 49. render, 50. bound, 51. profound, 52. exploration, 53. vast, 54. possibility, 55. exploration, 56. blind, 57. wander, 58. variation, 59. futile, 60. replete

61. im_____on myself within the room *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
62. ad___e kids with attitude *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
63. labyrinth m___e *n.* a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through
64. passing gl_____e *n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
65. cu_____te in failure *v.* to reach a peak or climax
66. the wan light of d___n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
67. try hard to me_____ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
68. me_____ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
69. enameled le_____r *n.* a material made from the skin of an animal, typically by tanning, and used for clothing, shoes, furniture, and other items
70. for a li_____ss time *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
71. American Ne__o *n.* ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States

ANSWERS: 61. imprison, 62. admire, 63. maze, 64. glimpse, 65. culminate, 66. dawn, 67. memorize, 68. memorize, 69. leather, 70. limitless, 71. Negro

72. li_____ss potential *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
73. a momentary gl_____e *n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
74. wooden o_r *n.* a pole with a flat blade at one end used for rowing a boat through the water
75. re_____e with meaning *adj.* fully or abundantly filled or supplied; overflowing or teeming with; rich or well-stocked
76. ma_____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
77. ex_____e our options *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
78. early pi_____rs *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
79. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
80. ca____n tour *n.* a large, natural underground space
81. 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
82. re____r the contract void *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

ANSWERS: 72. limitless, 73. glimpse, 74. oar, 75. replete, 76. magical, 77. explore, 78. pioneer, 79. ancestor, 80. cavern, 81. rev, 82. render

83. a female ja___r *n.* a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America
84. a wild ja___r *n.* a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America
85. rev_____ary change *adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
86. ma_____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
87. a gr__n of sand *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
88. re_____ce by myself *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
89. score the SAT es__ys *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
90. a vague rec_____ion *n.* the act of remembering or the state of being remembered
91. v__e of ore *n.* a climbing plant that produces grapes; any plant with a growth habit of trailing or climbing stems
92. live in a cl_____r *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

ANSWERS: 83. jaguar, 84. jaguar, 85. revolutionary, 86. magical, 87. grain, 88. reproduce, 89. essay, 90. recollection, 91. vine, 92. cluster

93. binational ac___d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
94. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
95. answer co_____ss questions *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
96. flour made from gr__n *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
97. in_____te in supply *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
98. pair of id_____al twins *adj.* being the exact same one
99. bo__d up a staircase *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
100. a ba__l of confusion *n.* a loud noise, typically referring to the confusion of many voices talking at once, derived from the biblical story of the Tower of Babel, in which God caused confusion among people by making them speak different languages
101. crack of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
102. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
103. c__n society *n.* a group of families united by actual or perceived kinship and descent, especially in Scotland

ANSWERS: 93. accord, 94. novel, 95. countless, 96. grain, 97. infinite, 98. identical, 99. bound, 100. babel, 101. dawn, 102. circumstance, 103. clan

104. pa____se for criminals *n.* a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth
105. a yawning ca____n *n.* a large, natural underground space
106. puzzle m__e *n.* a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through
107. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
108. thoughtful es__y *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
109. ad___e the subtlety of the distinctions *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
110. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
111. experiential re_____m *n.* the attitude or behavior of accepting circumstances as they are and being prepared to deal with them accordingly; (in arts) the general attempt to depict subjects truthfully in different forms of the arts
112. 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

ANSWERS: 104. paradise, 105. cavern, 106. maze, 107. overwhelming, 108. essay, 109. admire, 110. spot, 111. realism, 112. rev

113. a__d baseball fan *adj.* characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity
114. ep____ny about life *n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus
115. large ex____es *n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
116. cu____te in a heart attack *v.* to reach a peak or climax
117. re____ce the painting *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
118. have a__d eyes *adj.* characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity
119. und____nd activist *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
120. a narrative p__m *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
121. a cl____r of stars *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

ANSWERS: 113. avid, 114. epiphany, 115. expanse, 116. culminate, 117. reproduce, 118. avid, 119. underground, 120. poem, 121. cluster

122. p__m to the dead *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
123. be__t fear *v.* to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of
124. be__t children *v.* to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of
125. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
126. a sp__y of mist *n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
127. re____t a new hire *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
128. tribal c__n *n.* a group of families united by actual or perceived kinship and descent, especially in Scotland
129. water flowing und____nd *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
130. vast ex____e *n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
131. a hand sc__t *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

ANSWERS: 122. poem, 123. beget, 124. beget, 125. ancestor, 126. spray, 127. recruit, 128. clan, 129. underground, 130. expanse, 131. script

132. technical ma___l *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
133. artificial ma___e *n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games
134. an id_____al equation *adj.* being the exact same one
135. ov___y excessive *adv.* to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable
136. ab_____ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
137. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
138. an ab_____ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
139. gene va_____on *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
140. a green v___e *n.* a climbing plant that produces grapes; any plant with a growth habit of trailing or climbing stems
141. a ma___l of beauty *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

ANSWERS: 132. marvel, 133. marble, 134. identical, 135. overly, 136. abstract, 137. universe, 138. abstract, 139. variation, 140. vine, 141. marvel

142. an in____t reply *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
143. ac____d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
144. de_____er code *v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way
145. in_____le of being resisted *adj.* unable to do, control, or achieve something
146. meaningless gi_____sh *n.* unintelligible or nonsensical language or speech; meaningless or difficult to comprehend talk or writing
147. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
148. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

ANSWERS: 142. instant, 143. accord, 144. decipher, 145. incapable, 146. gibberish, 147. blind, 148. spot

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He called for a careful _____ of the consequences.
n. the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
2. By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria _____.
v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
3. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
4. She was an _____ reader and spent hours every day lost in a book.
adj. characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity
5. He seems _____ of understanding what she says.
adj. unable to do, control, or achieve something
6. Having _____ parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.
adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
7. He was _____ for embezzlement.
v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
8. It was easy to get lost in the _____ of narrow alleyways in the old city.
n. a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out

ANSWERS: 1. exploration, 2. reproduce, 3. ancestor, 4. avid, 5. incapable, 6. underground, 7. imprisoned, 8. labyrinth

9. 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
10. Infant formulas are nutritionally almost _____ to a mother's breast milk.
- adj.* being the exact same one
11. I often _____ around the park for half an hour.
- v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
12. The _____ jacket was worn in but still comfortable.
- n.* a material made from the skin of an animal, typically by tanning, and used for clothing, shoes, furniture, and other items
13. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.
- n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
14. John Whitney was a computer animation _____.
- n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
15. The jury must _____ a decision on this complex case.
- v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
16. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.
- adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 9. rev, 10. identical, 11. wander, 12. leather, 13. universe, 14. pioneer, 15. render, 16. magical

17. That investor saw an _____ of possibilities in this company.
n. the state or quality of having no end or limit; (mathematics) a number greater than any natural number
18. A great _____ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.
n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
19. Our team caught a _____ of the world-class technique in this game.
n. a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
20. The explorer discovered a large _____ deep underground.
n. a large, natural underground space
21. I spent the whole weekend reading an academic _____ about medieval history.
n. a large, heavy book, usually referring to a scholarly work or reference book
22. The event will _____ in a grand fireworks display.
v. to reach a peak or climax
23. The _____ leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.
adj. relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
24. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have

ANSWERS: 17. infinity, 18. poem, 19. glimpse, 20. cavern, 21. tome, 22. culminate, 23. revolutionary, 24. accord

25. The movie was _____ dramatic, with exaggerated emotions and cliched plot twists.

adv. to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable

26. They developed _____ blues with a lively rhythm.

n. ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States

27. The ____ of the wedding was filled with excitement and anticipation.

n. (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths

28. It was _____ to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

29. The _____ makes use of the local dialect.

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

30. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

31. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

32. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

ANSWERS: 25. overly, 26. Negro, 27. eve, 28. futile, 29. narrator, 30. circumstances, 31. spot, 32. marvel

33. There is a lot of _____ in the colors of flowers in the garden.
n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
34. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
35. A _____ remains productive throughout the year.
n. a climbing plant that produces grapes; any plant with a growth habit of trailing or climbing stems
36. The Chief editor checks all _____ for plagiarism with software.
n. a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
37. His irresponsible behavior may _____ many problems for him in the future.
v. to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of
38. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
39. His pleasant face turned cold in an _____.
adj. happening immediately, with no delay
40. She looked over the immense _____ of the sea.
n. a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

ANSWERS: 33. variation, 34. possibility, 35. vine, 36. essays, 37. beget, 38. blind, 39. instant, 40. expanse

41. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

42. There are _____ methods for dealing with stress.

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

43. We got lost in the _____ of streets while exploring the city.

n. a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through

44. The rowing team coordinated their _____ to move through the water smoothly.

n. a pole with a flat blade at one end used for rowing a boat through the water

45. This _____ saved people from a world full of violence.

n. a group of families united by actual or perceived kinship and descent, especially in Scotland

46. The floor was made of white and black _____ arranged in a checkerboard pattern.

n. a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games

47. The older man's _____ of his youth were filled with stories of adventure and romance.

n. the act of remembering or the state of being remembered

48. I need to _____ all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.

v. to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

ANSWERS: 41. overwhelming, 42. countless, 43. maze, 44. oars, 45. clan, 46. marble, 47. recollections, 48. condense

49. The possibilities for scientific discovery are _____.

adj. without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

50. The classroom was a _____ of excitement as the students prepared for their field trip.

n. a loud noise, typically referring to the confusion of many voices talking at once, derived from the biblical story of the Tower of Babel, in which God caused confusion among people by making them speak different languages

51. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.

n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

52. We all _____ him because he is a nobleman.

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

53. A _____ of grapes hung from the vine.

n. a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

54. Canada _____ on the United States.

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

55. The invention of the camera triggered the development of _____ painting.

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

56. Humans have developed the _____ habitat over several decades.

n. a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America

ANSWERS: 49. limitless, 50. babel, 51. dawn, 52. admire, 53. cluster, 54. bounds, 55. abstract, 56. jaguar's

57. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

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

58. Lawyers need to _____ even the most minor provisions of the law.

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

59. The battle had an _____ impact on the nation.

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

60. Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen _____.

n. wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance

61. The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian _____ on a stone monument.

n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

62. The invention of the camera changed the course of painting in pursuing _____.

n. the attitude or behavior of accepting circumstances as they are and being prepared to deal with them accordingly; (in arts) the general attempt to depict subjects truthfully in different forms of the arts

63. She had an _____ while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.

n. a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

64. The artist used a _____ paint can to create a graffiti mural on the wall.

n. a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage

ANSWERS: 57. vast, 58. memorize, 59. infinite, 60. grains, 61. script, 62. realism, 63. epiphany, 64. spray

65. The colonial government _____ militia support when civil war broke out.
- v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
66. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.
- adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
67. He spent hours trying to _____ the ancient text.
- v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way
68. He was ordained as a _____ in the Catholic Church.
- n.* a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith
69. Hawaii is often referred to as an everlasting summer _____.
- n.* a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth
70. The prime minister had to reconcile _____ opinions on controversial issues like abortion.
- adj.* different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
71. The management must _____ strategies to increase office security.
- v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
72. He spoke in _____ and no one could understand what he was trying to say.
- n.* unintelligible or nonsensical language or speech; meaningless or difficult to comprehend talk or writing

ANSWERS: 65. recruited, 66. profound, 67. decipher, 68. priest, 69. paradise, 70. divergent, 71. explore, 72. gibberish,

73. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

74. The summer garden was _____ with colorful flowers and lush greenery.

adj. fully or abundantly filled or supplied; overflowing or teeming with; rich or well-stocked

ANSWERS: 73. novel, 74. replete