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Session 1: Word List

linguist

n. a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics

synonym : grammarist, philologue, polyglot

(1) foreign **linguist**, (2) cognitive **linguist**

Though I love literature, I'm a bad **linguist**.

phony

adj. not genuine; counterfeit; insincere; pretentious

synonym : fake, fraudulent, counterfeit

(1) **phony** excuse, (2) **phony** smile

He's a **phony** salesman who promises things he can't deliver.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym : evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym : expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

evoke

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

synonym: arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy

This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

tame

v. to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training

synonym: domesticate, soften, (adjective) harmless

(1) **tame** a wild beast, (2) a **tame** animal

We have to **tame** substantial financial deficits at first.

clown

n. a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences

synonym: jester, harlequin, comedian

(1) a **clown** act, (2) act as a **clown**

She dressed up as a Halloween **clown** with a rainbow wig and oversized red nose.

synonym

n. a word or expression that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word or expression in the same language

synonym: equivalent, substitute, parallel

(1) **synonym** retrieval, (2) rough **synonym**

She was searching for a **synonym** for 'happiness' in the thesaurus.

obnoxious

adj. extremely unpleasant or offensive; annoying or irritating to the point of causing discomfort or harm

synonym : offensive, unpleasant, irritating

(1) **obnoxious** habits, (2) **obnoxious** odor

His **obnoxious** behavior at the party made everyone uncomfortable.

disrespect

n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

synonym : impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer

His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

demean

v. to lower or damage someone's dignity, honor, or reputation; to treat someone disrespectfully, often in a way that makes them feel inferior or humiliated

synonym : lower, degrade, humiliate

(1) **demean** the value, (2) **demean** the reputation

You shouldn't **demean** yourself by taking on tasks beneath your skill level.

dole

v. to distribute or allot something, such as food, money, or other resources, usually in a charitable or humanitarian context; to dispense or allocate in a measured or limited way; (noun) financial assistance provided by the government or an organization to individuals who are unemployed, unable to work, or in need of financial support; grief, sorrow, or sadness

synonym : dispense, distribute, allocate

(1) **dole** out harsher punishment, (2) unemployment **dole**

The government will **dole** out financial aid to those affected by the natural disaster.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym : intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy
I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

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.

connoisseur

n. a person who is knowledgeable and discerning about a particular subject, particularly the arts, food, or drink; an expert with refined tastes and opinions

synonym : expert, specialist, aficionado

(1) **connoisseur** of art, (2) **connoisseur** of wine
He's a **connoisseur** of fine wine and can tell you all about the various regions and vintages.

energize

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

synonym : invigorate, animate, electrify

(1) **energize** the body, (2) **energize** a team
The motivational speaker **energized** the crowd with their words.

downhill

adv. in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner

synonym : downslope

(1) ski **downhill**, (2) walk **downhill** to the beach
The family's finances have been going **downhill** since they lost their main source of income.

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.

berate

v. to scold or criticize harshly, often in a loud or angry manner; to rebuke or chastise severely

synonym : rebuke, scold, criticize

(1) **berate** him for his mistakes, (2) **berate** a child

She would **berate** her husband for not taking out the trash every day.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

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**.

profess

v. to declare openly, often publicly or formally, that one has a particular skill, belief, or feeling; to admit or affirm

synonym : declare, claim, confess

(1) **profess** innocence, (2) **profess** law

He **professes** his love for her every day, showering her with gifts and affection.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym : agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep
Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

slam

v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

synonym: bang, crash, shut

(1) **slam** the door, (2) **slam** the book against a wall

She **slammed** the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

anagram

n. a word or phrase formed by rearranging the letters of another word or phrase

synonym: rearrangement, permutation, transposition

(1) **anagram** puzzle, (2) scrambled **anagram**

The **anagram** phrases 'Listen' and 'Silent' show how rearranging a word's letters can create another related word.

prolong

v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

synonym: extend, lengthen, stretch

(1) **prolong** the agony, (2) measures to **prolong** the lifespan

We need to **prolong** the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

bully

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

synonym: tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

contagious

adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

synonym: infectious, transmissible, communicable

(1) **contagious** enthusiasm, (2) **contagious** virus
The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

quitter

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

synonym : coward, deserter, surrender

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

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

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

ruthless

adj. lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others

synonym : heartless, pitiless, merciless

(1) show **ruthless** behavior, (2) **ruthless** brutality

The dictator was known for his **ruthless** tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.

deceitful

adj. dishonest; prone to or engaging in trickery or deception

synonym : dishonest, fraudulent, treacherous

(1) **deceitful** behavior, (2) **deceitful** person

The politician was accused of making **deceitful** promises to gain votes.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

belittle

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

synonym : degrade, demean, disparage

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

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

harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

synonym : pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

catharsis

n. a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions

synonym : cleansing, purification, purging

(1) **catharsis** of grief, (2) spiritual **catharsis**

Many people find that physical exercise provides a sense of **catharsis**, helping to relieve stress and anxiety.

mercurial

adj. characterized by rapid and unpredictable changes in mood or emotions; volatile or unstable in behavior or temperament

synonym : unpredictable, volatile, erratic

(1) **mercurial** brilliance, (2) **mercurial** nature

Her **mercurial** temperament made it difficult for others to predict her moods.

retrospect

n. a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished

synonym : review, hindsight, contemplation

(1) **retrospect** review, (2) with hindsight **retrospect**

In **retrospect**, I wish I had made a different decision.

devalue

v. to reduce the value or worth of something

synonym: diminish, depreciate, reduce

(1) **devalue** the pound, (2) **devalue** a brand

Her negative comments about the project only **devalued** the team's efforts.

worthless

adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

synonym: valueless, useless, pointless

(1) **worthless** stock, (2) **worthless** coin

The product was found to be **worthless** as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.

mediate

v. to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

synonym: arbitrate, reconcile, intervene

(1) **mediate** allergic reaction, (2) **mediate** a negotiation

The teacher had to **mediate** a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.

escalate

v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

synonym: increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

mediator

n. a person who acts as an impartial third party to resolve a dispute or disagreement between two or more parties

synonym: conciliator, arbitrator, interceder

(1) legal **mediator**, (2) **mediator** between two sides

The **mediator's** primary task was to help the two countries resolve their differences and peacefully resolve the conflict.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

misstep

n. a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement

synonym : mistake, blunder, fumble

(1) recover from a **misstep**, (2) navigating **missteps**

She took a **misstep** on the stairs and tumbled down to the bottom.

straighten

v. to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

synonym : even up, align, untangle

(1) **straighten** out a problem, (2) **straighten** a crooked picture

I need to **straighten** my hair before I go to the party.

solvable

adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

synonym : attainable, resolvable, achievable

(1) **solvable** problem, (2) mathematically **solvable** equation

The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite **solvable** with a software update.

humiliate

v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

synonym : shame, embarrass, degrade

(1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

ripple

n. a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

synonym : wave, undulation, fluctuation

(1) a **ripple** of laughter, (2) **ripple** in the water
Many businesses felt the **ripple** effect of the economy's decline.

yell v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
synonym: shout, scream, cry
(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can
When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

afterward *adv.* after the time mentioned
synonym: later, thereafter, following
(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**
We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

overestimate v. to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
synonym: overrate, overvalue, embellish
(1) **overestimate** the value, (2) **overestimate** the amount of time spent
He tends to **overestimate** his abilities.

unfavorable *adj.* not advantageous or beneficial; opposed to one's interests or desires
synonym: adverse, negative, hostile
(1) **unfavorable** situation, (2) **unfavorable** reviews
The unforeseen weather change resulted in an **unfavorable** outcome for the outdoor event.

lettuce *n.* a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor
synonym: greens, salad, cress
(1) crisp **lettuce**, (2) wilted **lettuce**
I want a sandwich with extra **lettuce**, please.

zucchini

n. a type of summer squash that has a green skin and a mild flavor, often used in cooking

synonym : courgette

(1) **zucchini** soup, (2) stuffed **zucchini**

I made a delicious **zucchini** casserole for dinner last night.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

growl

v. to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval

synonym : snarl, rumble, grumble

(1) **growl** menacingly, (2) **growl** a command

The dog began to **growl** at the stranger approaching the house.

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym : respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **nodded** quietly in response to the question.

mustache

n. an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip

synonym : whisker

(1) a gray **mustache**, (2) big **mustache**

The actor's **mustache** has become an icon.

prank

n. a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others

synonym : hoax, trick, stunt

(1) **prank** caller, (2) harmless **prank**

The group of teenagers played an innocent **prank** on their

teacher, but it backfired, and they got in trouble.

abrasive

adj. causing irritation, rubbing, or friction, especially upon the skin; rough to the touch; harsh and unkind in manner

synonym: rough, scratchy, grating

(1) **abrasive** personality, (2) **abrasive** material

Using an **abrasive** cleaner on delicate surfaces can cause permanent damage.

mellow

adj. (of a person) relaxed and comfortable; (of a color, sound, or light) soft and warm

synonym: calm, relaxed, easy-going

(1) a **mellow** apple, (2) **mellow** music

He was in a **mellow** mood after a long day of fishing.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym: grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

recurrence

n. the act of happening again or recurring; the return of something, such as a disease or symptom, after a period of abatement or remission

synonym: repetition, return, reappearance

(1) **recurrence** rate, (2) **recurrence** after chemotherapy

The **recurrence** of the flu every winter is a common occurrence.

condolence

n. sympathy or expression of sympathy offered to someone who has experienced a loss or tragedy; an expression of comfort or consolation

synonym: sympathy, compassion, consolation

(1) express **condolences**, (2) sincere **condolences**

Sending a **condolence** card is a small gesture that can bring comfort to someone who is grieving.

indescribable

adj. not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language

synonym : uncommunicable, indefinable, unutterable

(1) **indescribable** horror, (2) **indescribable** experience

The beauty of the sunset was **indescribable**, leaving me in awe of its splendor.

tuxedo

n. (also "tux") a formal suit of clothing for men, typically consisting of a black jacket with satin lapels and trousers with a stripe down the side, worn with a bow tie

synonym : black tie, dinner jacket, formalwear

(1) black **tuxedo**, (2) **tuxedo** jacket

The waiter wore a freshly pressed **tuxedo** to serve at the upscale restaurant.

capstone

n. a final stone or brick placed on top of a structure, such as a wall or arch, often serving as a decorative element; a high point, or a crowning achievement

synonym : summit, topstone, copestone

(1) architectural **capstone**, (2) the **capstone** of her career

The **capstone** project was the culmination of the student's four-year college experience.

heartfelt

adj. genuine, sincere, and expressing deep feelings or emotions

synonym : sincere, genuine, heartfelt

(1) **heartfelt** apology, (2) **heartfelt** condolence

The letter was a **heartfelt** expression of gratitude to her parents.

bonobo

n. a species of great ape that is native to the Congo Basin in Africa, known for its intelligence, social behavior, and peaceful temperament

synonym : ape, chimpanzee, monkey

(1) endangered **bonobo**, (2) **bonobo** habitat

The **bonobo** sanctuary is dedicated to protecting and

rehabilitating these endangered primates.

briefcase

n. a flat, rectangular container, typically made of leather or other sturdy material, used for carrying documents, books, or other important items

synonym : portfolio, attaché, case

(1) **briefcase** handle, (2) leather **briefcase**

The detective found crucial evidence inside the suspect's **briefcase**.

enrage

v. to make someone extremely angry

synonym : anger, incense, infuriate

(1) **enrage** the international community, (2) **enrage** critics

The news of the betrayal **enraged** him.

dent

v. to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface

synonym : indent, depress, mark

(1) **dent** removal, (2) **dent** his pride

He acci **dentally** dented his car when he bumped into a tree.

verbatim

adv. word for word; in the exact words; exactly as spoken or written

synonym : word-for-word, exactly, literally

(1) quote his words **verbatim**, (2) **verbatim** transcript

The court reporter transcribed the testimony **verbatim** to ensure accuracy.

sabotage

n. the deliberate and malicious damage, destruction, or disruption of equipment, machinery, or other property, often by someone with a particular agenda or motive; the subversion of an organization or institution by secret agents or spies

synonym : sabotage, subversion, destruction

(1) act of **sabotage**, (2) **sabotage** mission

The **sabotage** of the factory's equipment caused significant

damage.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

gamification

n. the use of game design elements and techniques in non-game contexts to engage and motivate people to achieve their goals

(1) **gamification** of education, (2) use **gamification** to learning

The company implemented a **gamification** program to encourage employees to meet their sales targets.

slang

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

synonym : lingo, jargon, vernacular

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

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

captcha

n. a program or security feature used to ensure that a human, rather than a computer program, is accessing a website by requiring the user to perform a task or input specific information

synonym : verification, security test

(1) the **captcha** on the website, (2) **captcha** verification

To secure your website from spam and bot traffic, it's recommended to use a **captcha** system.

squiggle

n. a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops

synonym: squiggle, doodle, scribble

(1) **squiggle** line, (2) wavy **squiggle**

My signature always has a little **squiggle** at the end.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym: creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

rando

n. (a colloquial term derived from "random") a person who is not known or not part of a particular group, or an unexpected or random occurrence or item; (short for "randonneur") a type of long-distance, endurance cycling race or event

(1) **rando** race, (2) a **rando** on the train

Our team was assigned a **rando** who didn't know how to play in the game.

foist

v. to impose something unwanted or unwelcome on someone, often by deceit or trickery; to pass off or palm off something as genuine or valuable when it is not

synonym: impose, force, inflict

(1) **foist** responsibility, (2) **foist** blame

The company tried to **foist** unnecessary services on their customers to increase profits.

nuance

n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

synonym: shading, refinement, subtlety

(1) rich in **nuance**, (2) subtle cultural **nuance**

The painter has tried to express every **nuance** of the woman's expression in his work.

pushover

n. a person who is easily manipulated or influenced; someone who can be easily defeated or overwhelmed

synonym: easy mark, cinch, child's play

(1) **pushover** boss, (2) stop being a **pushover**

She's far from a **pushover** in negotiations and will fight for every advantage.

manipulative

adj. characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner

synonym: maneuvering, calculating, shrewd

(1) **manipulative** behavior, (2) **manipulative** language

He was accused of being **manipulative** when he lied to his friends to get what he wanted.

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.

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

synonym: wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug

The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

incentivize

v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

synonym: encourage, motivate

(1) **incentivize** carpooling, (2) **incentivize** the right behavior
Governments **incentivize** their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

elevate

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

synonym: lift, heighten, promote

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

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

subordinate

adj. of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else

synonym: inferior, secondary, subservient

(1) **subordinate** position, (2) **subordinate** role

The CEO's **subordinate** employees were expected to follow his instructions without question.

unfettered

adj. not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled

synonym: unrestricted, free, unchained

(1) **unfettered** access, (2) **unfettered** capitalism

The athlete felt **unfettered** by her recent injury and performed with ease.

vestibule

n. a small entryway or antechamber between two larger rooms; a chamber or passageway leading into a larger building or structure

synonym: entrance hall, lobby, foyer

(1) **vestibule** doors, (2) **vestibule** area

The **vestibule** of the building was decorated with beautiful artwork.

teamwork

n. the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal

synonym: collaboration, cooperation, coordination

(1) poor **teamwork**, (2) **teamwork** in business

Harmonious **teamwork** is essential to the success of this project.

folly

n. a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit

synonym: absurdity, foolishness, irrationality

(1) economic **folly**, (2) act of **folly**

It was **folly** for the hiker to climb the dangerous mountain alone.

superstar

n. a very famous and successful performer or athlete

synonym: celebrity, icon, megastar

(1) **superstar** athlete, (2) jazz **superstar**

She is a **superstar** in the music industry.

grouch

n. a person who is habitually irritable or complaining; a grumpy or ill-tempered person; (verb) to complain or grumble persistently and in a bad-tempered or discontented way

synonym: crank, curmudgeon, grump

(1) persistent **grouch**, (2) foul-mouthed **grouch**

The storekeeper was known for being a **grouch** towards his customers.

transgression

n. the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle

synonym: misdeed, crime, wrongdoing

(1) inexcusable **transgression**, (2) commit a **transgression**

Reporters questioned the politician about his past

transgression.

perpetrator

n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

synonym: culprit, wrongdoer, offender

(1) **perpetrator** identity, (2) culprit **perpetrator**

The police have not yet caught the **perpetrator** of the crime.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

pineapple

n. tropical fruit with a rough, spiky exterior and sweet, juicy flesh inside, often used in cooking, baking, or as a snack

synonym: ananas, tropical fruit, bromeliad

(1) ripe **pineapple**, (2) canned **pineapple**

I love to eat fresh **pineapple** in my fruit salad.

emir

n. a title of high rank used in some Islamic countries, typically for a ruler or governor; a member of a ruling family in such a country

synonym: prince, ruler, leader

(1) **emir** palace, (2) **emir** crown

The **emir** of the small country was known for his generosity towards his people.

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.

astound

v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

synonym: amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer
The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ha___s with constant criticism
v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
2. spiritual ca_____is
n. a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions
3. me_____al nature
adj. characterized by rapid and unpredictable changes in mood or emotions; volatile or unstable in behavior or temperament
4. fo__t blame
v. to impose something unwanted or unwelcome on someone, often by deceit or trickery; to pass off or palm off something as genuine or valuable when it is not
5. cannot log in to the a_p
n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
6. foreign li_____st
n. a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
7. an_____m puzzle
n. a word or phrase formed by rearranging the letters of another word or phrase
8. unemployment d__e
v. to distribute or allot something, such as food, money, or other resources, usually in a charitable or humanitarian context; to dispense or allocate in a measured or limited way; (noun) financial assistance provided by the government or an organization to individuals who are unemployed, unable to work, or in need of financial support; grief, sorrow, or sadness

ANSWERS: 1. harass, 2. catharsis, 3. mercurial, 4. foist, 5. app, 6. linguist, 7. anagram, 8. dole

9. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
10. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
11. me_____e a negotiation *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
12. rec_____ce rate *n.* the act of happening again or recurring; the return of something, such as a disease or symptom, after a period of abatement or remission
13. endangered bo___o *n.* a species of great ape that is native to the Congo Basin in Africa, known for its intelligence, social behavior, and peaceful temperament
14. cognitive li_____st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
15. walk do_____ll to the beach *adv.* in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner
16. to es_____te *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
17. d__e out harsher punishment *v.* to distribute or allot something, such as food, money, or other resources, usually in a charitable or humanitarian context; to dispense or allocate in a measured or limited way; (noun) financial assistance provided by the government or an organization to individuals who are unemployed, unable to work, or in need of financial support; grief, sorrow, or sadness

ANSWERS: 9. confer, 10. medicinal, 11. mediate, 12. recurrence, 13. bonobo, 14.

linguist, 15. downhill, 16. escalate, 17. dole

18. em____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
19. so____le problem *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
20. bo____o habitat *n.* a species of great ape that is native to the Congo Basin in Africa, known for its intelligence, social behavior, and peaceful temperament
21. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
22. sub____te role *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
23. bu__y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
24. be____le his ability *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect
25. tu____o jacket *n.* (also "tux") a formal suit of clothing for men, typically consisting of a black jacket with satin lapels and trousers with a stripe down the side, worn with a bow tie

ANSWERS: 18. empower, 19. solvable, 20. bonobo, 21. app, 22. subordinate, 23. bully, 24. belittle, 25. tuxedo

26. man_____ive behavior *adj.* characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner
27. architectural ca_____ne *n.* a final stone or brick placed on top of a structure, such as a wall or arch, often serving as a decorative element; a high point, or a crowning achievement
28. unf_____le reviews *adj.* not advantageous or beneficial; opposed to one's interests or desires
29. economic fo__y *n.* a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit
30. ab_____ve material *adj.* causing irritation, rubbing, or friction, especially upon the skin; rough to the touch; harsh and unkind in manner
31. sw__l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
32. 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
33. me_____or between two sides *n.* a person who acts as an impartial third party to resolve a dispute or disagreement between two or more parties

ANSWERS: 26. manipulative, 27. capstone, 28. unfavorable, 29. folly, 30. abrasive, 31. swell, 32. ridicule, 33. mediator

34. unf_____ed access *adj.* not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled
35. a cl__n act *n.* a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences
36. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
37. ve_____le doors *n.* a small entryway or antechamber between two larger rooms; a chamber or passageway leading into a larger building or structure
38. wo_____ss coin *adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
39. 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
40. de_____ul person *adj.* dishonest; prone to or engaging in trickery or deception
41. de___n the value *v.* to lower or damage someone's dignity, honor, or reputation; to treat someone disrespectfully, often in a way that makes them feel inferior or humiliated
42. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
43. de_____e a brand *v.* to reduce the value or worth of something

ANSWERS: 34. unfettered, 35. clown, 36. quitter, 37. vestibule, 38. worthless, 39. disrupt, 40. deceitful, 41. demean, 42. industrious, 43. devalue

44. stop being a pu_____er *n.* a person who is easily manipulated or influenced; someone who can be easily defeated or overwhelmed
45. a ri___e of laughter *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
46. jazz su_____ar *n.* a very famous and successful performer or athlete
47. ve_____le area *n.* a small entryway or antechamber between two larger rooms; a chamber or passageway leading into a larger building or structure
48. di_____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
49. wilted le_____e *n.* a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor
50. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
51. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
52. crisp le_____e *n.* a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor
53. ri___e in the water *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

ANSWERS: 44. pushover, 45. ripple, 46. superstar, 47. vestibule, 48. disturb, 49. lettuce, 50. nod, 51. quitter, 52. lettuce, 53. ripple

54. rich in nu___e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
55. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
56. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
57. ru_____ss brutality *adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
58. con_____ur of wine *n.* a person who is knowledgeable and discerning about a particular subject, particularly the arts, food, or drink; an expert with refined tastes and opinions
59. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
60. ob_____us habits *adj.* extremely unpleasant or offensive; annoying or irritating to the point of causing discomfort or harm
61. pu_____er boss *n.* a person who is easily manipulated or influenced; someone who can be easily defeated or overwhelmed
62. gr__l menacingly *v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval

ANSWERS: 54. nuance, 55. pun, 56. seize, 57. ruthless, 58. connoisseur, 59. pun, 60. obnoxious, 61. pushover, 62. growl

63. sy____m retrieval *n.* a word or expression that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word or expression in the same language
64. s__m the door *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
65. Internet sl__g *n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
66. ve____im transcript *adv.* word for word; in the exact words; exactly as spoken or written
67. wavy sq____le *n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops
68. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
69. en____ze a team *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
70. act of sa____ge *n.* the deliberate and malicious damage, destruction, or disruption of equipment, machinery, or other property, often by someone with a particular agenda or motive; the subversion of an organization or institution by secret agents or spies

ANSWERS: 63. synonym, 64. slam, 65. slang, 66. verbatim, 67. squiggle, 68. nod, 69. energize, 70. sabotage

71. br_____se handle *n.* a flat, rectangular container, typically made of leather or other sturdy material, used for carrying documents, books, or other important items
72. en___e the international community *v.* to make someone extremely angry
73. unf_____ed capitalism *adj.* not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled
74. t__e a wild beast *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
75. be___e a child *v.* to scold or criticize harshly, often in a loud or angry manner; to rebuke or chastise severely
76. black tu___o *n.* (also "tux") a formal suit of clothing for men, typically consisting of a black jacket with satin lapels and trousers with a stripe down the side, worn with a bow tie
77. en_____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
78. big mu_____he *n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
79. in___e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
80. e__r palace *n.* a title of high rank used in some Islamic countries, typically for a ruler or governor; a member of a ruling family in such a country

ANSWERS: 71. briefcase, 72. enrage, 73. unfettered, 74. tame, 75. berate, 76. tuxedo, 77. envelop, 78. mustache, 79. invade, 80. emir

81. ind_____ble horror *adj.* not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language
82. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
83. e__r crown *n.* a title of high rank used in some Islamic countries, typically for a ruler or governor; a member of a ruling family in such a country
84. rec_____ce after chemotherapy *n.* the act of happening again or recurring; the return of something, such as a disease or symptom, after a period of abatement or remission
85. te_____rk in business *n.* the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal
86. a t__e animal *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
87. ph__y excuse *adj.* not genuine; counterfeit; insincere; pretentious
88. act as a cl__n *n.* a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences
89. 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: 81. indescribable, 82. embarrass, 83. emir, 84. recurrence, 85. teamwork, 86. tame, 87. phony, 88. clown, 89. rev

90. me_____al brilliance *adj.* characterized by rapid and unpredictable changes in mood or emotions; volatile or unstable in behavior or temperament
91. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
92. the ca_____ne of her career *n.* a final stone or brick placed on top of a structure, such as a wall or arch, often serving as a decorative element; a high point, or a crowning achievement
93. di_____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
94. fo__t responsibility *v.* to impose something unwanted or unwelcome on someone, often by deceit or trickery; to pass off or palm off something as genuine or valuable when it is not
95. pr_____s law *v.* to declare openly, often publicly or formally, that one has a particular skill, belief, or feeling; to admit or affirm
96. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
97. ph__y smile *adj.* not genuine; counterfeit; insincere; pretentious
98. me___w music *adj.* (of a person) relaxed and comfortable; (of a color, sound, or light) soft and warm
99. ab_____ve personality *adj.* causing irritation, rubbing, or friction, especially upon the skin; rough to the touch; harsh and unkind in manner

ANSWERS: 90. mercurial, 91. yell, 92. capstone, 93. displace, 94. foist, 95. profess, 96. yell, 97. phony, 98. mellow, 99. abrasive

100. commit a tra_____ion *n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
101. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
102. pr_____s innocence *v.* to declare openly, often publicly or formally, that one has a particular skill, belief, or feeling; to admit or affirm
103. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
104. con_____us virus *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
105. 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
106. en___e critics *v.* to make someone extremely angry
107. di_____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
108. navigating mi_____ps *n.* a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement
109. man_____ive language *adj.* characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner

ANSWERS: 100. transgression, 101. medicinal, 102. profess, 103. industrious, 104. contagious, 105. rev, 106. enrage, 107. displace, 108. misstep, 109. manipulative

110. with hindsight ret_____ct *n.* a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished
111. de_____ul behavior *adj.* dishonest; prone to or engaging in trickery or deception
112. show ru_____ss behavior *adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
113. d__t his pride *v.* to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface
114. subtle cultural nu____e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
115. act of fo__y *n.* a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit
116. a gray mu_____he *n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
117. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 110. retrospect, 111. deceitful, 112. ruthless, 113. dent, 114. nuance, 115. folly, 116. mustache, 117. pretension

118. as____d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
119. poor te____rk *n.* the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal
120. en____p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
121. as____d the viewer *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
122. me____e allergic reaction *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
123. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
124. leather br____se *n.* a flat, rectangular container, typically made of leather or other sturdy material, used for carrying documents, books, or other important items
125. culprit per____or *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
126. de____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
127. s__m the book against a wall *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

ANSWERS: 118. astound, 119. teamwork, 120. envelop, 121. astound, 122. mediate, 123. seize, 124. briefcase, 125. perpetrator, 126. dedicate, 127. slam

128. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
129. a me___w apple *adj.* (of a person) relaxed and comfortable; (of a color, sound, or light) soft and warm
130. ca_____is of grief *n.* a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions
131. es_____te into a major international incident *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
132. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
133. ra__o race *n.* (a colloquial term derived from "random") a person who is not known or not part of a particular group, or an unexpected or random occurrence or item; (short for "randonneur") a type of long-distance, endurance cycling race or event
134. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
135. de___n the reputation *v.* to lower or damage someone's dignity, honor, or reputation; to treat someone disrespectfully, often in a way that makes them feel inferior or humiliated
136. quote his words ve_____im *adv.* word for word; in the exact words; exactly as spoken or written

ANSWERS: 128. afterward, 129. mellow, 130. catharsis, 131. escalate, 132. empower, 133. rando, 134. elevate, 135. demean, 136. verbatim

137. zu____ni soup *n.* a type of summer squash that has a green skin and a mild flavor, often used in cooking
138. use gam_____ion to learning *n.* the use of game design elements and techniques in non-game contexts to engage and motivate people to achieve their goals
139. stuffed zu____ni *n.* a type of summer squash that has a green skin and a mild flavor, often used in cooking
140. ret_____ct review *n.* a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished
141. canned pi_____le *n.* tropical fruit with a rough, spiky exterior and sweet, juicy flesh inside, often used in cooking, baking, or as a snack
142. ind_____ble experience *adj.* not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language
143. in___e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
144. str_____en a crooked picture *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
145. inexcusable tra_____ion *n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle

ANSWERS: 137. zucchini, 138. gamification, 139. zucchini, 140. retrospect, 141. pineapple, 142. indescribable, 143. invade, 144. straighten, 145. transgression

146. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
147. legal me____or *n.* a person who acts as an impartial third party to resolve a dispute or disagreement between two or more parties
148. gr__l a command *v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval
149. con_____ur of art *n.* a person who is knowledgeable and discerning about a particular subject, particularly the arts, food, or drink; an expert with refined tastes and opinions
150. su_____ar athlete *n.* a very famous and successful performer or athlete
151. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
152. sa_____ge mission *n.* the deliberate and malicious damage, destruction, or disruption of equipment, machinery, or other property, often by someone with a particular agenda or motive; the subversion of an organization or institution by secret agents or spies
153. inc_____ze the right behavior *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
154. co_____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

ANSWERS: 146. sneak, 147. mediator, 148. growl, 149. connoisseur, 150. superstar, 151. embarrass, 152. sabotage, 153. incentivize, 154. cofounder

155. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
156. sincere con_____ces *n.* sympathy or expression of sympathy offered to someone who has experienced a loss or tragedy; an expression of comfort or consolation
157. mean no dis_____ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
158. gam_____ion of education *n.* the use of game design elements and techniques in non-game contexts to engage and motivate people to achieve their goals
159. ca_____a verification *n.* a program or security feature used to ensure that a human, rather than a computer program, is accessing a website by requiring the user to perform a task or input specific information
160. di_____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
161. late co_____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
162. wo_____ss stock *adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
163. ripe pi_____le *n.* tropical fruit with a rough, spiky exterior and sweet, juicy flesh inside, often used in cooking, baking, or as a snack
164. be_____le through talk *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect
165. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 155. afterward, 156. condolence, 157. disrespect, 158. gamification, 159. captcha, 160. disturb, 161. cofounder, 162. worthless, 163. pineapple, 164. belittle, 165. determinant

166. be___e him for his mistakes *v.* to scold or criticize harshly, often in a loud or angry manner; to rebuke or chastise severely
167. sub_____te position *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
168. ev___e a sense of awe *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
169. dis_____ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
170. sw___l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
171. sq_____le line *n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops
172. unf_____le situation *adj.* not advantageous or beneficial; opposed to one's interests or desires
173. he_____lt condolence *adj.* genuine, sincere, and expressing deep feelings or emotions
174. scrambled an_____m *n.* a word or phrase formed by rearranging the letters of another word or phrase
175. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 166. berate, 167. subordinate, 168. evoke, 169. disrespect, 170. swell, 171. squiggle, 172. unfavorable, 173. heartfelt, 174. anagram, 175. pretension

176. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
177. ob_____us odor *adj.* extremely unpleasant or offensive; annoying or irritating to the point of causing discomfort or harm
178. foul-mouthed gr___h *n.* a person who is habitually irritable or complaining; a grumpy or ill-tempered person; (verb) to complain or grumble persistently and in a bad-tempered or discontented way
179. harmless pr__k *n.* a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others
180. en_____ze the body *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
181. con_____us enthusiasm *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
182. 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
183. mathematically so_____le equation *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

ANSWERS: 176. confer, 177. obnoxious, 178. grouch, 179. prank, 180. energize, 181. contagious, 182. ridicule, 183. solvable

184. sl__g phrases *n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
185. rough sy____m *n.* a word or expression that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word or expression in the same language
186. de____e the pound *v.* to reduce the value or worth of something
187. ove_____ate the amount of time spent *v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
188. measures to pr____g the lifespan *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
189. 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
190. persistent gr___h *n.* a person who is habitually irritable or complaining; a grumpy or ill-tempered person; (verb) to complain or grumble persistently and in a bad-tempered or discontented way
191. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
192. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 184. slang, 185. synonym, 186. devalue, 187. overestimate, 188. prolong, 189. disrupt, 190. grouch, 191. creditor, 192. creditor

193. a ra__o on the train
n. (a colloquial term derived from "random") a person who is not known or not part of a particular group, or an unexpected or random occurrence or item; (short for "randonneur") a type of long-distance, endurance cycling race or event
194. the ca____a on the website
n. a program or security feature used to ensure that a human, rather than a computer program, is accessing a website by requiring the user to perform a task or input specific information
195. ove_____ate the value
v. to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
196. str_____en out a problem
v. to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
197. ski do_____ll
adv. in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner
198. de_____te a few hours
v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
199. inc_____ze carpooling
v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
200. ev__e sympathy
v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
201. hu_____te the heckler in the audience
v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

ANSWERS: 193. rando, 194. captcha, 195. overestimate, 196. straighten, 197. downhill, 198. dedicate, 199. incentivize, 200. evoke, 201. humiliate

202. express con_____ces *n.* sympathy or expression of sympathy offered to someone who has experienced a loss or tragedy; an expression of comfort or consolation
203. pr__k caller *n.* a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others
204. bu__y the weak *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
205. he_____lt apology *adj.* genuine, sincere, and expressing deep feelings or emotions
206. d__t removal *v.* to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface
207. recover from a mi_____p *n.* a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement
208. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
209. pr_____g the agony *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
210. sn__k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

ANSWERS: 202. condolence, 203. prank, 204. bully, 205. heartfelt, 206. dent, 207. misstep, 208. elevate, 209. prolong, 210. sneak

211. hu_____te him publicly *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
212. per_____or identity *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
213. ha___s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
214. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 211. humiliate, 212. perpetrator, 213. harass, 214. determinant

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
2. We have to _____ substantial financial deficits at first.
v. to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
3. The comedian's _____ had the audience laughing out loud.
n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
4. Our team was assigned a _____ who didn't know how to play in the game.
n. (a colloquial term derived from "random") a person who is not known or not part of a particular group, or an unexpected or random occurrence or item; (short for "randonneur") a type of long-distance, endurance cycling race or event
5. She _____ the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.
v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
6. She _____ quietly in response to the question.
v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
7. The detective found crucial evidence inside the suspect's _____.
n. a flat, rectangular container, typically made of leather or other sturdy material, used for carrying documents, books, or other important items

ANSWERS: 1. industrious, 2. tame, 3. pun, 4. rando, 5. slammed, 6. nodded, 7. briefcase

8. He acci_____ dented his car when he bumped into a tree.
- v. to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface
9. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
- v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
10. She took a _____ on the stairs and tumbled down to the bottom.
- n. a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement
11. She was constantly _____ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.
- v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
12. To secure your website from spam and bot traffic, it's recommended to use a _____ system.
- n. a program or security feature used to ensure that a human, rather than a computer program, is accessing a website by requiring the user to perform a task or input specific information
13. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.
- v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
14. He's a _____ salesman who promises things he can't deliver.
- adj. not genuine; counterfeit; insincere; pretentious
15. In _____ I wish I had made a different decision.
- n. a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished

ANSWERS: 8. dentally, 9. elevates, 10. misstep, 11. harassed, 12. captcha, 13. yelled, 14. phony, 15. retrospect,

16. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
17. The disease is highly _____ and spreads quickly.
adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
18. I love to eat fresh _____ in my fruit salad.
n. tropical fruit with a rough, spiky exterior and sweet, juicy flesh inside, often used in cooking, baking, or as a snack
19. She would _____ her husband for not taking out the trash every day.
v. to scold or criticize harshly, often in a loud or angry manner; to rebuke or chastise severely
20. His arm was _____ from the insect bite.
v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
21. 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
22. We need to _____ the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.
v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
23. The construction of the new dam will _____ hundreds of families living downstream.
v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

ANSWERS: 16. creditor, 17. contagious, 18. pineapple, 19. berate, 20. swelling, 21. empowered, 22. prolong, 23. displace

24. He tends to _____ his abilities.
- v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
25. He's a _____ of fine wine and can tell you all about the various regions and vintages.
- n.* a person who is knowledgeable and discerning about a particular subject, particularly the arts, food, or drink; an expert with refined tastes and opinions
26. He _____ her in front of the office, making her feel small and insignificant.
- v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect
27. His _____ behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.
- n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
28. The _____ of the flu every winter is a common occurrence.
- n.* the act of happening again or recurring; the return of something, such as a disease or symptom, after a period of abatement or remission
29. The dictator was known for his _____ tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.
- adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
30. The situation quickly _____ and turned violent.
- v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
31. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
- n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

ANSWERS: 24. overestimate, 25. connoisseur, 26. belittled, 27. disrespectful, 28. recurrence, 29. ruthless, 30. escalated, 31. quitter

32. His _____ behavior at the party made everyone uncomfortable.
adj. extremely unpleasant or offensive; annoying or irritating to the point of causing discomfort or harm
33. Reporters questioned the politician about his past _____.
n. the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
34. The company implemented a _____ program to encourage employees to meet their sales targets.
n. the use of game design elements and techniques in non-game contexts to engage and motivate people to achieve their goals
35. The children tried to _____ out and eat the candy.
v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
36. The motivational speaker _____ the crowd with their words.
v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
37. He _____ his love for her every day, showering her with gifts and affection.
v. to declare openly, often publicly or formally, that one has a particular skill, belief, or feeling; to admit or affirm
38. Many businesses felt the _____ effect of the economy's decline.
n. a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
39. He _____ his life to helping others.
v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

ANSWERS: 32. obnoxious, 33. transgression, 34. gamification, 35. sneak, 36. energized, 37. professes, 38. ripple, 39. dedicated

40. He was accused of being _____ when he lied to his friends to get what he wanted.
adj. characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner
41. The waiter wore a freshly pressed _____ to serve at the upscale restaurant.
n. (also "tux") a formal suit of clothing for men, typically consisting of a black jacket with satin lapels and trousers with a stripe down the side, worn with a bow tie
42. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
43. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.
v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
44. The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite _____ with a software update.
adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
45. Governments _____ their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.
v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
46. The politician was accused of making _____ promises to gain votes.
adj. dishonest; prone to or engaging in trickery or deception
47. Sending a _____ card is a small gesture that can bring comfort to someone who is grieving.
n. sympathy or expression of sympathy offered to someone who has experienced a loss or tragedy; an expression of comfort or consolation

ANSWERS: 40. manipulative, 41. tuxedo, 42. embarrass, 43. invade, 44. solvable, 45. incentivize, 46. deceitful, 47. condolence

48. A lot of _____ words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.
- n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
49. Harmonious _____ is essential to the success of this project.
- n.* the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal
50. The athlete felt _____ by her recent injury and performed with ease.
- adj.* not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled
51. The CEO's _____ employees were expected to follow his instructions without question.
- adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
52. The fog _____ the city, making it difficult to see.
- v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
53. The _____ sanctuary is dedicated to protecting and rehabilitating these endangered primates.
- n.* a species of great ape that is native to the Congo Basin in Africa, known for its intelligence, social behavior, and peaceful temperament
54. The _____ of the factory's equipment caused significant damage.
- n.* the deliberate and malicious damage, destruction, or disruption of equipment, machinery, or other property, often by someone with a particular agenda or motive; the subversion of an organization or institution by secret agents or spies

ANSWERS: 48. slang, 49. teamwork, 50. unfettered, 51. subordinate, 52. enveloped, 53. bonobo, 54. sabotage

55. The _____ primary task was to help the two countries resolve their differences and peacefully resolve the conflict.
- n.* a person who acts as an impartial third party to resolve a dispute or disagreement between two or more parties
56. The group of teenagers played an innocent _____ on their teacher, but it backfired, and they got in trouble.
- n.* a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others
57. The court reporter transcribed the testimony _____ to ensure accuracy.
- adv.* word for word; in the exact words; exactly as spoken or written
58. Many people find that physical exercise provides a sense of _____ helping to relieve stress and anxiety.
- n.* a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions
59. Her negative comments about the project only _____ the team's efforts.
- v.* to reduce the value or worth of something
60. The beauty of the sunset was _____ leaving me in awe of its splendor.
- adj.* not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language
61. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 55. mediator's, 56. prank, 57. verbatim, 58. catharsis, 59. devalued, 60. indescribable, 61. determinant

62. The company tried to _____ unnecessary services on their customers to increase profits.
- v.* to impose something unwanted or unwelcome on someone, often by deceit or trickery; to pass off or palm off something as genuine or valuable when it is not
63. The schoolyard _____ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.
- n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
64. The government will _____ out financial aid to those affected by the natural disaster.
- v.* to distribute or allot something, such as food, money, or other resources, usually in a charitable or humanitarian context; to dispense or allocate in a measured or limited way; (noun) financial assistance provided by the government or an organization to individuals who are unemployed, unable to work, or in need of financial support; grief, sorrow, or sadness
65. The police have not yet caught the _____ of the crime.
- n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
66. I need to _____ my hair before I go to the party.
- v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
67. The letter was a _____ expression of gratitude to her parents.
- adj.* genuine, sincere, and expressing deep feelings or emotions

ANSWERS: 62. foist, 63. bully, 64. dole, 65. perpetrator, 66. straighten, 67. heartfelt

68. The teacher had to _____ a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.
- v. to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
69. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
- n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
70. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.
- n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
71. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
- v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
72. You shouldn't _____ yourself by taking on tasks beneath your skill level.
- v. to lower or damage someone's dignity, honor, or reputation; to treat someone disrespectfully, often in a way that makes them feel inferior or humiliated
73. Though I love literature, I'm a bad _____.
- n. a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
74. The product was found to be _____ as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.
- adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
75. She's far from a _____ in negotiations and will fight for every advantage.
- n. a person who is easily manipulated or influenced; someone who can be easily defeated or overwhelmed

ANSWERS: 68. mediate, 69. app's, 70. cofounder, 71. confer, 72. demean, 73. linguist, 74. worthless, 75. pushover

76. I want a sandwich with extra _____ please.
- n.* a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor
77. The _____ phrases 'Listen' and 'Silent' show how rearranging a word's letters can create another related word.
- n.* a word or phrase formed by rearranging the letters of another word or phrase
78. The unforeseen weather change resulted in an _____ outcome for the outdoor event.
- adj.* not advantageous or beneficial; opposed to one's interests or desires
79. My signature always has a little _____ at the end.
- n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops
80. The dog began to _____ at the stranger approaching the house.
- v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval
81. He was in a _____ mood after a long day of fishing.
- adj.* (of a person) relaxed and comfortable; (of a color, sound, or light) soft and warm
82. The news of the betrayal _____ him.
- v.* to make someone extremely angry
83. The actor's _____ has become an icon.
- n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip

ANSWERS: 76. lettuce, 77. anagram, 78. unfavorable, 79. squiggle, 80. growl, 81. mellow, 82. enraged, 83. mustache

84. She was searching for a _____ for 'happiness' in the thesaurus.
- n.* a word or expression that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word or expression in the same language
85. The _____ of the small country was known for his generosity towards his people.
- n.* a title of high rank used in some Islamic countries, typically for a ruler or governor; a member of a ruling family in such a country
86. The painter has tried to express every _____ of the woman's expression in his work.
- n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
87. 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
88. The family's finances have been going _____ since they lost their main source of income.
- adv.* in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner
89. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.
- v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
90. 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

ANSWERS: 84. synonym, 85. emir, 86. nuance, 87. ridicule, 88. downhill, 89. seize, 90. disrupt

91. Using an _____ cleaner on delicate surfaces can cause permanent damage.
adj. causing irritation, rubbing, or friction, especially upon the skin; rough to the touch; harsh and unkind in manner
92. The storekeeper was known for being a _____ towards his customers.
n. a person who is habitually irritable or complaining; a grumpy or ill-tempered person; (verb) to complain or grumble persistently and in a bad-tempered or discontented way
93. The _____ of the building was decorated with beautiful artwork.
n. a small entryway or antechamber between two larger rooms; a chamber or passageway leading into a larger building or structure
94. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.
adv. after the time mentioned
95. The _____ project was the culmination of the student's four-year college experience.
n. a final stone or brick placed on top of a structure, such as a wall or arch, often serving as a decorative element; a high point, or a crowning achievement
96. Her _____ temperament made it difficult for others to predict her moods.
adj. characterized by rapid and unpredictable changes in mood or emotions; volatile or unstable in behavior or temperament
97. I made a delicious _____ casserole for dinner last night.
n. a type of summer squash that has a green skin and a mild flavor, often used in cooking
98. The final result was nothing short of _____.
v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

ANSWERS: 91. abrasive, 92. grouch, 93. vestibule, 94. afterward, 95. capstone, 96. mercurial, 97. zucchini, 98. astounding

99. She is a _____ in the music industry.
n. a very famous and successful performer or athlete
100. The boss _____ her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.
v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
101. This movie is likely to _____ strong emotions in the viewer.
v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
102. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
103. It was _____ for the hiker to climb the dangerous mountain alone.
n. a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit
104. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
105. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
106. 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

ANSWERS: 99. superstar, 100. humiliated, 101. evoke, 102. medicinal, 103. folly, 104. disturb, 105. pretensions, 106. rev

107. She dressed up as a Halloween _____ with a rainbow wig and oversized red nose.

- n.* a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences

ANSWERS: 107. clown