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Session 1: Word List

wary

adj. cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience

synonym : cautious, suspicious, leery

(1) a **wary** statesman, (2) **wary** of marriage

She was **wary** of meeting new people because of past experiences.

faux

adj. not genuine; fake, or artificial; made to resemble something that it is not

synonym : imitation, artificial, simulated

(1) **faux** painting, (2) **faux** fur

She was embarrassed to realize her designer handbag was a **faux** leather knockoff.

transgender

adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

synonym : non-binary

(1) **transgender** person, (2) **transgender** rights

Many **transgender** individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

pronoun

n. a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"

(1) **pronoun** usage, (2) possessive **pronoun**

In English, personal **pronouns** such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.

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.

ditto

adv. used to indicate that the same thing mentioned previously is true again; in the same way; (noun) a symbol that means "the same as above" or "repeat," often used in lists or tables to indicate that a previous item or value should be repeated

synonym: likewise, also, as well

(1) said **ditto**, (2) **ditto** on that

I loved the first book in the series, so I'm hoping the second one will be just as good - **ditto** for the third.

parlance

n. the way in which a particular group or community uses language; the specific terms, expressions, and jargon used by people in a particular field, profession, or social group

synonym: jargon, vernacular, dialect

(1) legal **parlance**, (2) common **parlance**

In medical **parlance**, a heart attack is a myocardial infarction.

commonwealth

n. a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power

synonym: federation, union, republic

(1) the **commonwealth** of learning, (2) **commonwealth** authority

The **Commonwealth** of Nations is an association of 54 countries, mostly former territories of the British Empire.

equate

v. to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous

synonym: associate, liken, relate

(1) **equate** mistakes with failure, (2) **equate** to legal responsibility

It isn't very reasonable to **equate** money with happiness.

decorum

n. behavior that is in keeping with good taste and propriety; polite or appropriate conduct or behavior

synonym: propriety, manners, etiquette

(1) **decorum** rules, (2) **decorum** violation

The wedding reception had an air of **decorum** and elegance.

conflate

v. to blend or fuse two or more things, often with the result of creating confusion or a loss of distinction between them; to mistakenly treat two separate entities as one

synonym: fuse, blend, merge

(1) **conflate** ideas, (2) **conflate** data

It's important not to **conflate** two issues when analyzing a complex situation.

forcibly

adv. done by physical power or violence; against someone's will

synonym: violently, roughly, aggressively

(1) **forcibly** remove, (2) **forcibly** taken into a car

The police officer **forcibly** removed the protesters from the public park.

rattle

v. to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds

synonym: jolt, shake, babble

(1) **rattle** along a road, (2) **rattle** and bang at the door

The vast earthquake caused the house to **rattle**.

trump

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

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

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

pathological

adj. relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy

synonym : aberrant, diseased, abnormal

(1) **pathological** liar, (2) **pathological** condition

The doctor was concerned that the patient's **pathological** fear of germs impacted their daily life.

demonize

v. to portray or represent someone or something as evil or wicked, often to create fear or hostility towards them

synonym : vilify, condemn, defame

(1) **demonize** opponent, (2) **demonize** sugar

Some politicians try to **demonize** certain groups of people to gain political advantage.

censure

n. strong criticism or disapproval; an official expression of disapproval or rebuke; (verb) to criticize or express disapproval of someone or something in a formal or official way

synonym : condemnation, criticism, disapproval

(1) **censure** him for his failure, (2) **censure** resolution

The athlete received a **censure** from her coaches for violating team rules.

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.

incivility

n. a lack of civility, courtesy, or politeness; rude or disrespectful behavior toward others

synonym : rudeness, impoliteness, disrespect

(1) **incivility** in politics, (2) online **incivility**

The **incivility** between the two politicians during the debate was disappointing.

suffrage

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

synonym : franchise, vote, enfranchisement

(1) **suffrage** movement, (2) female **suffrage**

The **suffrage** march was a peaceful protest demanding voting rights for women.

picket

n. a pointed wooden or metal stake driven into the ground used as a support or for marking an area or boundary; a group of people, typically strikers or protestors, stationed or moving around in front of a workplace, government building, or other location, to demonstrate opposition or to pick up supporters

synonym : fence, stake, lookout

(1) **picket** sign, (2) cross the **picket** line

The farmer built a **picket** fence around his garden to keep the animals out.

chastise

v. to criticize or reprimand severely; to discipline or punish for wrongdoing or mistake

synonym : rebuke, reprimand, scold

(1) **chastise** behavior, (2) **chastise** a child

The coach **chastised** the players for not giving their best effort during the game.

revere

v. to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem

synonym : worship, venerate, admire

(1) **revere** a hero, (2) **revere** a deity

Many people **revere** their religious leaders and look up to them for guidance.

nonviolence

n. the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change

synonym : pacifism, nonresistance, peacekeeping

(1) **nonviolence** movement, (2) **nonviolence** protest

Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of **nonviolence** in the fight for civil rights.

disobedience

n. the act of refusing or failing to follow orders or rules

synonym : rebelliousness, insubordination, defiance

(1) **disobedience** to authority, (2) civil **disobedience**

The **disobedience** of the soldiers resulted in a court martial.

uncivil

adj. rude or impolite; lacking in courtesy or consideration for others; violating commonly accepted social norms or expectations

synonym : rude, impolite, discourteous

(1) **uncivil** political climate, (2) **uncivil** remark

Her **uncivil** behavior at the meeting caused much tension among the group.

civility

n. polite and courteous behavior towards other people; a formalized display of politeness, often in the form of ritualized etiquette

synonym : politeness, courtesy, gentility

(1) **civility** in politics, (2) practice **civility**

A culture of **civility** promotes respectful discourse and constructive conflict resolution.

appease

v. to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety

synonym : pacify, calm, soothe

(1) **appease** hunger, (2) **appease** her fears

The manager tried to **appease** the angry customer by offering them a refund.

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.

intolerant

adj. the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects

synonym : failure, impotence, shortcoming

(1) an **intolerant** person, (2) **intolerant** of criticism

His **intolerant** attitude towards other cultures made it difficult for him to get along with others.

snowflake

n. a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement

synonym : flake, crystal, ice pellet

(1) delicate **snowflake**, (2) **snowflake** pattern

The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated with delicate **snowflake** ornaments.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym : charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

redact

v. to remove words or information from a document for publication; (noun) a person who puts text into appropriate form for publication

synonym : edit, bowdlerize, alter

(1) **redact** information, (2) **redact** content

This system **redacts** personal information when the data is made public.

darn

v. to mend a piece of clothing by sewing over a hole or tear with small, tight stitches

synonym: mend, repair, patch

(1) **darn** stockings, (2) **darn** hole

I have to **darn** these socks before they become unwearable.

vulgar

adj. not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions

synonym: crude, nasty, tasteless

(1) **vulgar** language, (2) **vulgar** content

She was offended by his **vulgar** gesture.

grudge

n. a feeling of resentment or ill-will towards someone, often stemming from a past event or perceived wrongdoing

synonym: animosity, resentment, bitterness

(1) deep-seated **grudge**, (2) bitter **grudge**

I still hold a **grudge** against my former boss for treating me unfairly.

stalk

v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

synonym: follow, creep up on, (noun) stem

(1) **stalk** of celery, (2) **stalk** from the room

The hunter quietly **stalked** the deer for hours before taking the shot

fluffy

adj. soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur

synonym: soft, feathery, puffy

(1) **fluffy** clouds, (2) **fluffy** blanket

The kitten had **fluffy** fur that was soft to the touch.

leash

n. a long, flexible cord or chain used to restrain or control a dog (or other animals); a figurative tool used to control or limit someone's behavior or actions

synonym : tether, lead, restraint

(1) dog **leash**, (2) walk on a **leash**

Make sure to put the **leash** on your dog before walking.

slug

n. a common name for any terrestrial gastropod mollusk that appears to lack a shell with soft and black or brown color; a bullet, a shot of alcoholic drink

(1) lazy **slug**, (2) reduce **slug** damage

I spotted a giant **slug** in the rain garden.

forestall

v. to prevent or obstruct something from happening; to anticipate and take action to prevent or prepare for something

synonym : prevent, hinder, obstruct

(1) **forestall** disaster, (2) **forestall** a negative outcome

She wanted to **forestall** any potential issues by planning and taking proactive measures.

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.

homophobia

n. a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

synonym : prejudice, discrimination, bigotry

(1) **homophobia** awareness, (2) **homophobia** in sports
The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated **homophobia**.

xenophobia

n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
synonym: fear, hatred, aversion

(1) suffer from **xenophobia**, (2) linguistic **xenophobia**
The **xenophobia** in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.

incendiary

adj. intended to cause fires, arson, or combustible materials;
capable of causing a fire

synonym: flaming, explosive, blazing

(1) **incendiary** bombs, (2) **incendiary** speech
The arsonist used an **incendiary** device to start the fire.

noteworthy

adj. deserving of attention, interest, or acclaim; significant or remarkable

synonym: remarkable, significant, notable

(1) **noteworthy** achievement, (2) **noteworthy** event
The artist's latest work received **noteworthy** critical acclaim.

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.

breakup

n. the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections

synonym: breakdown, divorce, separation

(1) a **breakup** hug, (2) air **breakup**
He got over the big **breakup** with his wife.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

parochial

adj. related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings

synonym : narrow-minded, insular, provincial

(1) **parochial** views, (2) **parochial** community

The **parochial** attitude of the small town made it difficult for outsiders to feel welcome.

lizard

n. a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail

(1) giant **lizard**, (2) **lizard** leather

The **lizard's** tail regenerates if severed.

abbey

n. a monastery or convent, especially for monks or nuns

synonym : monastery, convent

(1) ruined **abbey**, (2) **abbey** church

The venerable **abbey** was founded in the 12th century.

patina

n. a thin layer that forms on the surface of an object as a result of natural aging or exposure to environmental factors often valued for its aesthetic or historical significance

synonym : tarnish, oxidation, weathering

(1) green **patina**, (2) coat with a **patina**

The antique dealer valued the piece higher due to its rich **patina** and aged appearance.

dowager

n. a widow who holds a title or property that was inherited from her deceased husband; an older woman of high

social rank

synonym: widow, older woman, matriarch

(1) empress **dowager**, (2) **dowager** duchess

She carried the title of **dowager** baroness with pride, honoring her late husband's legacy.

countess

n. the wife or widow of a count or a woman of noble rank that holds the title of countess in her own right

synonym: noblewoman, peeress, lady

(1) young **countess**, (2) **countess** of Lonsdale

The **countess's** impeccable manners and elegant dress made her the talk of the ball.

blacksmith

n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

defeatist

n. a person who expects not to succeed without offering positive suggestions

synonym: pessimist, negativist, downbeat

(1) **defeatist** attitude, (2) **defeatist** mood

Our team has to overcome a **defeatist** mentality.

bakery

n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

synonym: bakeshop, bakehouse

(1) run a **bakery**, (2) **bakery** industry

He worked at the **bakery** as a baker.

croissant

n. a crescent-shaped pastry made of laminated dough and often filled with cheese, chocolate, or other ingredients; a popular breakfast pastry in France and other countries

synonym: crescent roll, pastry, Danish pastry

(1) butter **croissant**, (2) delicious **croissant**

I had a cup of coffee and a **croissant** for breakfast this

morning.

puzzled

adj. confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

synonym : confused, perplexed, bewildered

(1) **puzzled** expression, (2) **puzzled** by the question

She was **puzzled** by the strange behavior of her cat.

pastry

n. a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes

synonym : bakery, baked goods, sweet treats

(1) **pastry** chef, (2) fruit **pastry**

The chef's specialty is a savory **pastry** with spinach and feta cheese.

appall

v. to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay

synonym : shock, disgust, dismay

(1) **appall** the tourists, (2) **appall** me

The news of the massacre **appalled** the entire nation.

forgo

v. to give up or abstain from something; to do without something that one might be entitled to

synonym : abstain, renounce, sacrifice

(1) **forgo** dessert, (2) **forgo** the luxury

We had to **forgo** our outdoor picnic because of the sudden rain.

Session 2: Spelling

1. reduce s__g damage *n.* a common name for any terrestrial gastropod mollusk that appears to lack a shell with soft and black or brown color; a bullet, a shot of alcoholic drink

2. a br____p hug *n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections

3. d__n stockings *v.* to mend a piece of clothing by sewing over a hole or tear with small, tight stitches

4. ap___l me *v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay

5. pu____d expression *adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

6. eq___e to legal responsibility *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous

7. inc_____ry bombs *adj.* intended to cause fires, arson, or combustible materials; capable of causing a fire

8. st__k of celery *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

ANSWERS: 1. slug, 2. breakup, 3. darn, 4. appall, 5. puzzled, 6. equate, 7. incendiary, 8. stalk

9. ra___e and bang at the door *v.* to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds
10. ac___e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
11. legal pa____ce *n.* the way in which a particular group or community uses language; the specific terms, expressions, and jargon used by people in a particular field, profession, or social group
12. dog le__h *n.* a long, flexible cord or chain used to restrain or control a dog (or other animals); a figurative tool used to control or limit someone's behavior or actions
13. ce____e resolution *n.* strong criticism or disapproval; an official expression of disapproval or rebuke; (verb) to criticize or express disapproval of someone or something in a formal or official way
14. mean no dis____ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
15. pi___t sign *n.* a pointed wooden or metal stake driven into the ground used as a support or for marking an area or boundary; a group of people, typically strikers or protestors, stationed or moving around in front of a workplace, government building, or other location, to demonstrate opposition or to pick up supporters

ANSWERS: 9. rattle, 10. accuse, 11. parlance, 12. leash, 13. censure, 14. disrespect, 15. picket

16. f__x painting *adj.* not genuine; fake, or artificial; made to resemble something that it is not
17. d__n hole *v.* to mend a piece of clothing by sewing over a hole or tear with small, tight stitches
18. pa_____al community *adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings
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20. bla_____th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
21. empress do_____r *n.* a widow who holds a title or property that was inherited from her deceased husband; an older woman of high social rank
22. co_____te data *v.* to blend or fuse two or more things, often with the result of creating confusion or a loss of distinction between them; to mistakenly treat two separate entities as one
23. inc_____ry speech *adj.* intended to cause fires, arson, or combustible materials; capable of causing a fire
24. delicious cr_____nt *n.* a crescent-shaped pastry made of laminated dough and often filled with cheese, chocolate, or other ingredients; a popular breakfast pastry in France and other countries

ANSWERS: 16. faux, 17. darn, 18. parochial, 19. redact, 20. blacksmith, 21. dowager, 22. conflate, 23. incendiary, 24. croissant

25. bla_____th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
26. online inc_____ty *n.* a lack of civility, courtesy, or politeness; rude or disrespectful behavior toward others
27. 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
28. tra_____er rights *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
29. w__y of marriage *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
30. de_____st attitude *n.* a person who expects not to succeed without offering positive suggestions
31. pat_____cal condition *adj.* relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy
32. ac___e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
33. re___t content *v.* to remove words or information from a document for publication; (noun) a person who puts text into appropriate form for publication
34. pa_____al views *adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings

ANSWERS: 25. blacksmith, 26. incivility, 27. demean, 28. transgender, 29. wary, 30. defeatist, 31. pathological, 32. accuse, 33. redact, 34. parochial

35. ch____se a child *v.* to criticize or reprimand severely; to discipline or punish for wrongdoing or mistake
36. not____hy event *adj.* deserving of attention, interest, or acclaim; significant or remarkable
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38. young co____ss *n.* the wife or widow of a count or a woman of noble rank that holds the title of countess in her own right
39. fruit pa____y *n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes
40. st__k from the room *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
41. delicate sn____ke *n.* a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement
42. vu____r language *adj.* not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions

ANSWERS: 35. chastise, 36. noteworthy, 37. demonize, 38. countess, 39. pastry, 40. stalk, 41. snowflake, 42. vulgar

43. ci____ty in politics *n.* polite and courteous behavior towards other people; a formalized display of politeness, often in the form of ritualized etiquette
44. fo____ly taken into a car *adv.* done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
45. possessive pr____n *n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
46. ch____se behavior *v.* to criticize or reprimand severely; to discipline or punish for wrongdoing or mistake
47. walk on a le__h *n.* a long, flexible cord or chain used to restrain or control a dog (or other animals); a figurative tool used to control or limit someone's behavior or actions
48. ra____e along a road *v.* to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds
49. fo__o the luxury *v.* to give up or abstain from something; to do without something that one might be entitled to
50. suffer from xen____ia *n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
51. de____st mood *n.* a person who expects not to succeed without offering positive suggestions
52. practice ci____ty *n.* polite and courteous behavior towards other people; a formalized display of politeness, often in the form of ritualized etiquette

ANSWERS: 43. civility, 44. forcibly, 45. pronoun, 46. chastise, 47. leash, 48. rattle, 49. forgo, 50. xenophobia, 51. defeatist, 52. civility

53. int_____nt of criticism *adj.* the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects
54. un_____l remark *adj.* rude or impolite; lacking in courtesy or consideration for others; violating commonly accepted social norms or expectations
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ANSWERS: 53. intolerant, 54. uncivil, 55. abbey, 56. suffrage, 57. faux, 58. snowflake, 59. pathological, 60. lizard, 61. escalate

62. un____l political climate *adj.* rude or impolite; lacking in courtesy or consideration for others; violating commonly accepted social norms or expectations
63. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
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65. fo_____ly remove *adv.* done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
66. fl___y blanket *adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur
67. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
68. re___e a hero *v.* to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem
69. vu___r content *adj.* not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions
70. ha___s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

ANSWERS: 62. uncivil, 63. frightening, 64. ditto, 65. forcibly, 66. fluffy, 67. trump, 68. revere, 69. vulgar, 70. harass

71. an int_____nt person *adj.* the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects
72. dis_____ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
73. tra_____er person *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
74. a w__y statesman *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
75. 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
76. ap_____e her fears *v.* to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety
77. air br_____p *n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections
78. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
79. hom_____ia awareness *n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

ANSWERS: 71. intolerant, 72. disrespect, 73. transgender, 74. wary, 75. demean, 76. appease, 77. breakup, 78. frightening, 79. homophobia

80. inc_____ty in politics *n.* a lack of civility, courtesy, or politeness; rude or disrespectful behavior toward others
81. run a ba____y *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
82. hom_____ia in sports *n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
83. re____e a deity *v.* to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem
84. ce_____e him for his failure *n.* strong criticism or disapproval; an official expression of disapproval or rebuke; (verb) to criticize or express disapproval of someone or something in a formal or official way
85. common pa_____ce *n.* the way in which a particular group or community uses language; the specific terms, expressions, and jargon used by people in a particular field, profession, or social group
86. non_____ce movement *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change

ANSWERS: 80. incivility, 81. bakery, 82. homophobia, 83. revere, 84. censure, 85. parlance, 86. nonviolence

87. ap____e hunger *v.* to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety
88. female su____ge *n.* the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them
89. co____te ideas *v.* to blend or fuse two or more things, often with the result of creating confusion or a loss of distinction between them; to mistakenly treat two separate entities as one
90. 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
91. not____hy achievement *adj.* deserving of attention, interest, or acclaim; significant or remarkable
92. fo__o dessert *v.* to give up or abstain from something; to do without something that one might be entitled to
93. de____m violation *n.* behavior that is in keeping with good taste and propriety; polite or appropriate conduct or behavior
94. bitter gr____e *n.* a feeling of resentment or ill-will towards someone, often stemming from a past event or perceived wrongdoing
95. de____m rules *n.* behavior that is in keeping with good taste and propriety; polite or appropriate conduct or behavior

ANSWERS: 87. appease, 88. suffrage, 89. conflate, 90. bully, 91. noteworthy, 92. forgo, 93. decorum, 94. grudge, 95. decorum

96. li___d leather *n.* a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail
97. ap___l the tourists *v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
98. pa___y chef *n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes
99. to es____te *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
100. green pa___a *n.* a thin layer that forms on the surface of an object as a result of natural aging or exposure to environmental factors often valued for its aesthetic or historical significance
101. dis_____nce to authority *n.* the act of refusing or failing to follow orders or rules
102. butter cr_____nt *n.* a crescent-shaped pastry made of laminated dough and often filled with cheese, chocolate, or other ingredients; a popular breakfast pastry in France and other countries
103. non_____ce protest *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
104. civil dis_____nce *n.* the act of refusing or failing to follow orders or rules

ANSWERS: 96. lizard, 97. appall, 98. pastry, 99. escalate, 100. patina, 101. disobedience, 102. croissant, 103. nonviolence, 104. disobedience

105. com_____lth authority *n.* a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power
106. fo_____ll a negative outcome *v.* to prevent or obstruct something from happening; to anticipate and take action to prevent or prepare for something
107. the com_____lth of learning *n.* a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power
108. ha____s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
109. fl____y clouds *adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur
110. pu_____d by the question *adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
111. cross the pi____t line *n.* a pointed wooden or metal stake driven into the ground used as a support or for marking an area or boundary; a group of people, typically strikers or protestors, stationed or moving around in front of a workplace, government building, or other location, to demonstrate opposition or to pick up supporters
112. pr_____n usage *n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
113. do_____r duchess *n.* a widow who holds a title or property that was inherited from her deceased husband; an older woman of high social rank

ANSWERS: 105. commonwealth, 106. forestall, 107. commonwealth, 108. harass, 109. fluffy, 110. puzzled, 111. picket, 112. pronoun, 113. dowager

114. co_____ss of Lonsdale *n.* the wife or widow of a count or a woman of noble rank that holds the title of countess in her own right
115. ba___y industry *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
116. coat with a pa___a *n.* a thin layer that forms on the surface of an object as a result of natural aging or exposure to environmental factors often valued for its aesthetic or historical significance
117. di__o on that *adv.* used to indicate that the same thing mentioned previously is true again; in the same way; (noun) a symbol that means "the same as above" or "repeat," often used in lists or tables to indicate that a previous item or value should be repeated
118. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
119. fo_____ll disaster *v.* to prevent or obstruct something from happening; to anticipate and take action to prevent or prepare for something
120. eq___e mistakes with failure *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
121. 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

ANSWERS: 114. countess, 115. bakery, 116. patina, 117. ditto, 118. trump, 119. forestall, 120. equate, 121. bully

122. linguistic xen_____ia *n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
123. ruined ab__y *n.* a monastery or convent, especially for monks or nuns
124. deep-seated gr___e *n.* a feeling of resentment or ill-will towards someone, often stemming from a past event or perceived wrongdoing
125. lazy s__g *n.* a common name for any terrestrial gastropod mollusk that appears to lack a shell with soft and black or brown color; a bullet, a shot of alcoholic drink
126. de_____ze sugar *v.* to portray or represent someone or something as evil or wicked, often to create fear or hostility towards them

ANSWERS: 122. xenophobia, 123. abbey, 124. grudge, 125. slug, 126. demonize

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The venerable _____ was founded in the 12th century.
n. a monastery or convent, especially for monks or nuns
2. In medical _____ a heart attack is a myocardial infarction.
n. the way in which a particular group or community uses language; the specific terms, expressions, and jargon used by people in a particular field, profession, or social group
3. I have to _____ these socks before they become unwearable.
v. to mend a piece of clothing by sewing over a hole or tear with small, tight stitches
4. I still hold a _____ against my former boss for treating me unfairly.
n. a feeling of resentment or ill-will towards someone, often stemming from a past event or perceived wrongdoing
5. It's important not to _____ two issues when analyzing a complex situation.
v. to blend or fuse two or more things, often with the result of creating confusion or a loss of distinction between them; to mistakenly treat two separate entities as one
6. The _____ between the two politicians during the debate was disappointing.
n. a lack of civility, courtesy, or politeness; rude or disrespectful behavior toward others
7. The situation quickly _____ and turned violent.
v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

ANSWERS: 1. abbey, 2. parlance, 3. darn, 4. grudge, 5. conflate, 6. incivility, 7. escalated

8. The _____ march was a peaceful protest demanding voting rights for women.
- n.* the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them
9. The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated with delicate _____ ornaments.
- n.* a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement
10. He got over the big _____ with his wife.
- n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections
11. The artist's latest work received _____ critical acclaim.
- adj.* deserving of attention, interest, or acclaim; significant or remarkable
12. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.
- v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
13. The hunter quietly _____ the deer for hours before taking the shot
- v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
14. Make sure to put the _____ on your dog before walking.
- n.* a long, flexible cord or chain used to restrain or control a dog (or other animals); a figurative tool used to control or limit someone's behavior or actions

ANSWERS: 8. suffrage, 9. snowflake, 10. breakup, 11. noteworthy, 12. accused, 13. stalked, 14. leash

15. She was _____ by the strange behavior of her cat.

adj. confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

16. We had to _____ our outdoor picnic because of the sudden rain.

v. to give up or abstain from something; to do without something that one might be entitled to

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

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

18. The antique dealer valued the piece higher due to its rich _____ and aged appearance.

n. a thin layer that forms on the surface of an object as a result of natural aging or exposure to environmental factors often valued for its aesthetic or historical significance

19. This system _____ personal information when the data is made public.

v. to remove words or information from a document for publication; (noun) a person who puts text into appropriate form for publication

20. The vast earthquake caused the house to _____.

v. to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds

21. It isn't very reasonable to _____ money with happiness.

v. to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous

22. Many people _____ their religious leaders and look up to them for guidance.

v. to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem

ANSWERS: 15. puzzled, 16. forgo, 17. trump, 18. patina, 19. redacts, 20. rattle, 21. equate, 22. revere

23. She was _____ of meeting new people because of past experiences.
adj. cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
24. The _____ tail regenerates if severed.
n. a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail
25. The police officer _____ removed the protesters from the public park.
adv. done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
26. The news of the massacre _____ the entire nation.
v. to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
27. Her _____ behavior at the meeting caused much tension among the group.
adj. rude or impolite; lacking in courtesy or consideration for others; violating commonly accepted social norms or expectations
28. 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
29. The arsonist used an _____ device to start the fire.
adj. intended to cause fires, arson, or combustible materials; capable of causing a fire
30. The athlete received a _____ from her coaches for violating team rules.
n. strong criticism or disapproval; an official expression of disapproval or rebuke; (verb) to criticize or express disapproval of someone or something in a formal or official way

ANSWERS: 23. wary, 24. lizard's, 25. forcibly, 26. appalled, 27. uncivil, 28. disrespectful, 29. incendiary, 30. censure

31. Many _____ individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

32. 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

33. The _____ impeccable manners and elegant dress made her the talk of the ball.

n. the wife or widow of a count or a woman of noble rank that holds the title of countess in her own right

34. I spotted a giant _____ in the rain garden.

n. a common name for any terrestrial gastropod mollusk that appears to lack a shell with soft and black or brown color; a bullet, a shot of alcoholic drink

35. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

36. His _____ attitude towards other cultures made it difficult for him to get along with others.

adj. the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects

37. Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of _____ in the fight for civil rights.

n. the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change

ANSWERS: 31. transgender, 32. harassed, 33. countess's, 34. slug, 35. frightening, 36. intolerant, 37. nonviolence

38. She was offended by his _____ gesture.

adj. not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions

39. The _____ in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.

n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

40. She carried the title of _____ baroness with pride, honoring her late husband's legacy.

n. a widow who holds a title or property that was inherited from her deceased husband; an older woman of high social rank

41. The chef's specialty is a savory _____ with spinach and feta cheese.

n. a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes

42. He worked at the _____ as a baker.

n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

43. In English, personal _____ such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.

n. a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"

44. I had a cup of coffee and a _____ for breakfast this morning.

n. a crescent-shaped pastry made of laminated dough and often filled with cheese, chocolate, or other ingredients; a popular breakfast pastry in France and other countries

ANSWERS: 38. vulgar, 39. xenophobia, 40. dowager, 41. pastry, 42. bakery, 43. pronouns, 44. croissant

45. The manager tried to _____ the angry customer by offering them a refund.
v. to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety
46. Our team has to overcome a _____ mentality.
n. a person who expects not to succeed without offering positive suggestions
47. I loved the first book in the series, so I'm hoping the second one will be just as good - _____ for the third.
adv. used to indicate that the same thing mentioned previously is true again; in the same way; (noun) a symbol that means "the same as above" or "repeat," often used in lists or tables to indicate that a previous item or value should be repeated
48. A culture of _____ promotes respectful discourse and constructive conflict resolution.
n. polite and courteous behavior towards other people; a formalized display of politeness, often in the form of ritualized etiquette
49. The _____ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
50. The doctor was concerned that the patient's _____ fear of germs impacted their daily life.
adj. relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy
51. The _____ of the soldiers resulted in a court martial.
n. the act of refusing or failing to follow orders or rules

ANSWERS: 45. appease, 46. defeatist, 47. ditto, 48. civility, 49. blacksmith, 50. pathological, 51. disobedience

52. The coach _____ the players for not giving their best effort during the game.
- v. to criticize or reprimand severely; to discipline or punish for wrongdoing or mistake
53. She was embarrassed to realize her designer handbag was a _____ leather knockoff.
- adj. not genuine; fake, or artificial; made to resemble something that it is not
54. 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
55. She wanted to _____ any potential issues by planning and taking proactive measures.
- v. to prevent or obstruct something from happening; to anticipate and take action to prevent or prepare for something
56. The kitten had _____ fur that was soft to the touch.
- adj. soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur
57. The wedding reception had an air of _____ and elegance.
- n. behavior that is in keeping with good taste and propriety; polite or appropriate conduct or behavior
58. The farmer built a _____ fence around his garden to keep the animals out.
- n. a pointed wooden or metal stake driven into the ground used as a support or for marking an area or boundary; a group of people, typically strikers or protestors, stationed or moving around in front of a workplace, government building, or other location, to demonstrate opposition or to pick up supporters

ANSWERS: 52. chastised, 53. faux, 54. demean, 55. forestall, 56. fluffy, 57. decorum, 58. picket

59. The _____ of Nations is an association of 54 countries, mostly former territories of the British Empire.
- n.* a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power
60. The _____ attitude of the small town made it difficult for outsiders to feel welcome.
- adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings
61. The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated _____.
- n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
62. Some politicians try to _____ certain groups of people to gain political advantage.
- v.* to portray or represent someone or something as evil or wicked, often to create fear or hostility towards them
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

ANSWERS: 59. Commonwealth, 60. parochial, 61. homophobia, 62. demonize, 63. bully