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Session 1: Word List

talented

adj. having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

synonym : gifted, able, skilled

(1) a very **talented** actor, (2) **talented** athlete

She is a **talented** musician, able to play several instruments.

herb

n. a small plant with aromatic or flavorful leaves used for seasoning or medicinal purposes

synonym : plant, weed, shrub

(1) **herb** garden, (2) **herb** spices

Rosemary is a fragrant **herb** commonly used in cooking.

victorious

adj. being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.

synonym : triumphant, winning

(1) the **victorious** entry, (2) the **victorious** army

The **victorious** troops marched back to their homeland.

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.

employer

n. a person or organization that pays workers to work for them

synonym: boss, owner, company

(1) illegal **employer**, (2) **employer** responsibility

An **employer's** attitude toward its employees significantly impacts their productivity.

resentful

adj. feeling or expressing bitterness or anger because you have been treated unfairly

synonym: bitter, indignant, angry

(1) **resentful** attitude, (2) grow bitter and **resentful**

She was **resentful** of her ex-partner's new relationship, feeling that he had unfairly replaced her.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym: perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

useless

adj. not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

synonym: ineffectual, unhelpful, worthless

(1) **useless** information, (2) **useless** in the kitchen

The old, rusty tools were now **useless** and had to be thrown away.

inventory

n. a complete list of all the items or goods held in stock by a business or organization; the act of making such a list

synonym: stock, supplies, goods

(1) **inventory** control, (2) annual **inventory**

The store manager took **inventory** of the products on the shelves to know what needed restocking.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or

characteristic

synonym : client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

synonym : deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

plague

n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

synonym : epidemic, pandemic, pest

(1) catch the **plague**, (2) deadly **plague**

Our farm experienced a **plague** of locusts this year.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym : hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

panic

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

synonym : confusion, hysteria, consternation

(1) a **panic** reaction, (2) **panic** buying

The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused **panic** in the financial markets.

recipe

n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

synonym : instructions, formula, method

(1) **recipe** book, (2) **recipe** collection

The **recipe** for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.

remedy

n. a successful way of dealing with or improving an unpleasant or difficult situation or curing an illness

synonym: treatment, medication, therapy

(1) **remedy** for air pollution, (2) an internal **remedy**

This drug will be a good **remedy** for your stomach trouble.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer

immediately

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

monk

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym: friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym: alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

demon

n. an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful

synonym: fiend, devil, evil spirit

(1) **demon** hunter, (2) cast **demon** eyes

The actor's portrayal of the **demon** in the horror movie was terrifying.

kind-hearted

adj. having a caring and sympathetic nature; characterized by concern for the well-being and happiness of others

synonym : compassionate, kind, sympathetic

(1) **kind-hearted** person, (2) **kind-hearted** gesture

The volunteer organization is full of **kind-hearted** people who donate their time to help others.

resourceful

adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems

synonym : inventive, imaginative, clever

(1) **resourceful** thinker, (2) **resourceful** cook in town

She was **resourceful** and found a solution to the problem on her own.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym : demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

realgar

n. a bright orange-red mineral consisting of arsenic sulfide, often used as a pigment or in traditional herbal medicines

synonym : red arsenic, ruby sulfur, arsenic sulfide

(1) **realgar** powder, (2) **realgar** mines

The crystals of **realgar** have a bright orange color and a metallic luster.

dismiss

v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

synonym : decline, disband, dissolve

(1) **dismiss** a person from the office, (2) **dismiss** a matter with a laugh

The committee has decided to **dismiss** the president from the post.

politely

adv. in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others

synonym : courteously, respectfully, graciously

(1) **politely** ask, (2) nodded **politely**

She **politely** declined the invitation to the party, saying she had other plans.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym : purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym : assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

serpent

n. a large snake

synonym : snake, viper, reptile

(1) the feathered **serpent** god, (2) **Serpent** Bearer

That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a **serpent's** tail.

bloody

adj. covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality

synonym : gory, gruesome, savage

(1) **bloody** massacre, (2) **bloody** diarrhea

The crime scene was **bloody** and gruesome.

tongue

n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

synonym : lingo, language, vocabulary

(1) native **tongue**, (2) **tongue** cancer

The **tongue** is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym : tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

immortal

adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

synonym : eternal, everlasting, undying

(1) **immortal** soul, (2) **immortal** love

Legends often describe mythical creatures as **immortal** beings.

formidable

adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

synonym: daunting, intimidating, fearful

(1) **formidable** challenge, (2) **formidable** competitor

The mountain range was a **formidable** obstacle for the hikers.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

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

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

fortune

n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

synonym: wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym: fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

revive

v. to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore

synonym: reanimate, rejuvenate, renew

(1) **revive** my energy, (2) **revive** an old friendship

They **revived** the tradition of holding a parade on the main street every year.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym: allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

longevity

n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

synonym: seniority, endurance

(1) **longevity** crisis, (2) **longevity** genes

He is proud of the **longevity** of the business.

pole

n. one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something

synonym: rod, staff, shaft

(1) a fishing **pole**, (2) the plus **pole**

The North **Pole** is the northernmost point on Earth.

forbidden

adj. not permitted or allowed by rules or laws

synonym: prohibited, banned, illegal

(1) **forbidden** words, (2) **forbidden** love

Taking photographs inside the museum is **forbidden**.

peak

n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

synonym: summit, vertex, apex

(1) at **peak** hour, (2) the **peak** current in the circuit

This measurement aims to reduce traffic at **peak** periods.

gateway

n. an entrance, door, or other openings that lead to a larger space, particularly one that serves as an entry point or access point to a larger area or system; a route, means,

or method used to gain access to or acquire something
synonym : portal, entrance, access

(1) **gateway** drug, (2) airport **gateway**

The **gateway** to the city was a beautiful archway made of stone.

arch

n. a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building

synonym : turn, bow, arc

(1) the **arch** of a person's foot, (2) an **arch-shaped** stone structure

The **arch** bears the weight of the overhead bridge.

mortal

adj. subject to death; unrelenting and deadly

synonym : deathly, perishable, non-eternal

(1) a **mortal** combat, (2) this **mortal** life

All humans are **mortal** and will eventually die.

disciple

n. a person who learns from another, especially one who then teaches others

synonym : student, follower, apprentice

(1) enthusiastic **disciple**, (2) **disciple** of Buddha

He became a **disciple** of a well-known spiritual leader.

disguise

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

synonym : mask, misinterpret, cloak

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

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

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

relay

v. to receive and pass something, such as information or a message, from one person or group to another; to broadcast something on television, radio, etc.

synonym : pass on, transmit, broadcast

(1) **relay** a scene, (2) **relay** a request

Please **relay** the news to the world.

pluck

v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

synonym : grab, pull out, pick

(1) **pluck** a gray hair, (2) **pluck** out weeds

She **plucked** the flowers off the bush.

servant

n. a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant

synonym : attendant, helper, assistant

(1) **servant** of God, (2) fellow **servant**

The faithful **servant** had been working for the family for many years and was well-trusted.

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym : pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

cough

v. to expel air from the lungs suddenly and noisily, often as a reaction to irritation, illness, or some other physical condition; (noun) a sudden, forceful expulsion of air from the lungs, often accompanied by a distinctive sound

synonym :

hack, clear throat, wheeze

(1) **cough** several times, (2) persistent **cough**

I can't stop **coughing** and think I might have caught a cold.

beak

n. the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird

synonym: nib, pecker, snoot

(1) sharp **beak**, (2) a tip of the **beak**

The bird's **beak** evolves according to the type of prey it can take on the area.

clamp

v. to fasten or secure something tightly, often using a tool or device called a clamp; to restrict something or someone's freedom or movement; (noun) a device used to secure, fasten, or hold objects together; a mass or group of things that are held or gathered tightly together

synonym: fasten, secure, hold tight

(1) **clamp** down on extremism, (2) **clamp** coupling

He used a wrench to **clamp** down the pipes tightly.

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.

karma

n. a concept that originated in Hinduism and Buddhism and referred to the idea that a person's actions in the present moment will affect their future experiences and circumstances

synonym: destiny, fate, providence

(1) bad **karma**, (2) **karma** yoga

Some people believe that if you do good deeds, you will accumulate positive **karma** that will benefit you in the future.

beggar

n. a person who asks for money or food from others, particularly as a means of survival due to poverty or homelessness

synonym : pauper, mendicant, panhandler

(1) homeless **beggar**, (2) give alms to a **beggar**

The **beggar's** rags barely covered his body as he shivered in the cold.

passerby

n. a person who is walking by or happens to be in the vicinity of a particular place or event, often without necessarily being involved in it in any way

synonym : spectator, onlooker

(1) curious **passerby**, (2) **passerby** in the street

The police officer questioned the **passerby** for any information they had about the suspect

rescue

v. to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation

synonym : save, extricate, retrieve

(1) **rescue** a dying dog, (2) **rescue** a company from bankruptcy

The fire department arrived just in time to **rescue** the family from the burning building.

touched

adj. affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration

synonym : affected, moved, emotional

(1) **touched-hearted** audience, (2) emotionally **touched** by the speech

He gave a **touched** smile as he read the heartfelt message in the card from his daughter.

willingness

n. the state of being ready or inclined to do something

synonym : readiness, eagerness, enthusiasm

(1) **willingness** to help, (2) indicate a **willingness** to change

Her **willingness** to help others earned her many friends.

permit

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

synonym: allow, authorize, concede

(1) **permit** application, (2) work **permit**

The teacher will not **permit** any students to leave the classroom early.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. pa____t with weight loss | <i>n.</i> a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic |
| 2. a tip of the b__k | <i>n.</i> the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird |
| 3. ga____y drug | <i>n.</i> an entrance, door, or other openings that lead to a larger space, particularly one that serves as an entry point or access point to a larger area or system; a route, means, or method used to gain access to or acquire something |
| 4. environmental det_____nt | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 5. pl__k out weeds | <i>v.</i> to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers |
| 6. traditional me_____al | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease |
| 7. false cl__m | <i>v.</i> to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true |

ANSWERS: 1. patient, 2. beak, 3. gateway, 4. determinant, 5. pluck, 6. medicinal, 7. claim

8. the p__k current in the circuit *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
9. ill fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
10. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
11. re__y a request *v.* to receive and pass something, such as information or a message, from one person or group to another; to broadcast something on television, radio, etc.
12. h__b spices *n.* a small plant with aromatic or flavorful leaves used for seasoning or medicinal purposes
13. cl__p down on extremism *v.* to fasten or secure something tightly, often using a tool or device called a clamp; to restrict something or someone's freedom or movement; (noun) a device used to secure, fasten, or hold objects together; a mass or group of things that are held or gathered tightly together
14. ready to co_____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
15. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

ANSWERS: 8. peak, 9. fortune, 10. panic, 11. relay, 12. herb, 13. clamp, 14. collapse, 15. strike

16. the stock market co____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
17. pe____t application *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
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19. catch the pl____e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
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21. curious pa____by *n.* a person who is walking by or happens to be in the vicinity of a particular place or event, often without necessarily being involved in it in any way
22. imm____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
23. kin____ted person *adj.* having a caring and sympathetic nature; characterized by concern for the well-being and happiness of others
24. re____r mines *n.* a bright orange-red mineral consisting of arsenic sulfide, often used as a pigment or in traditional herbal medicines
25. us____s in the kitchen *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

ANSWERS: 16. collapse, 17. permit, 18. strike, 19. plague, 20. decide, 21. passerby, 22. immediately, 23. kind-hearted, 24. realgar, 25. useless

26. 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
27. re__y a scene *v.* to receive and pass something, such as information or a message, from one person or group to another; to broadcast something on television, radio, etc.
28. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
29. to___e cancer *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
30. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
31. re___e a company from bankruptcy *v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
32. pa_____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
33. di_____le of Buddha *n.* a person who learns from another, especially one who then teaches others
34. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

ANSWERS: 26. determinant, 27. relay, 28. panic, 29. tongue, 30. invite, 31. rescue, 32. patient, 33. disciple, 34. warn

35. im____al soul *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
36. for_____le competitor *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
37. re____r powder *n.* a bright orange-red mineral consisting of arsenic sulfide, often used as a pigment or in traditional herbal medicines
38. the plus p__e *n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
39. nodded po_____ly *adv.* in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others
40. the feathered se_____t god *n.* a large snake
41. kin_____ted gesture *adj.* having a caring and sympathetic nature; characterized by concern for the well-being and happiness of others
42. persistent co__h *v.* to expel air from the lungs suddenly and noisily, often as a reaction to irritation, illness, or some other physical condition; (noun) a sudden, forceful expulsion of air from the lungs, often accompanied by a distinctive sound

ANSWERS: 35. immortal, 36. formidable, 37. realgar, 38. pole, 39. politely, 40. serpent, 41. kind-hearted, 42. cough

43. an a__h-shaped stone structure *n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
44. re___e a dying dog *v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
45. lo_____ty genes *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
46. homeless be___r *n.* a person who asks for money or food from others, particularly as a means of survival due to poverty or homelessness
47. at p__k hour *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
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ANSWERS: 43. arch, 44. rescue, 45. longevity, 46. beggar, 47. peak, 48. cough, 49. terrify, 50. mortal, 51. invite, 52. dismiss

53. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
54. re___e my energy *v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
55. illegal em_____er *n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
56. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
57. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
58. wil_____ss to help *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
59. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
60. annual in_____ry *n.* a complete list of all the items or goods held in stock by a business or organization; the act of making such a list
61. airport ga_____y *n.* an entrance, door, or other openings that lead to a larger space, particularly one that serves as an entry point or access point to a larger area or system; a route, means, or method used to gain access to or acquire something

ANSWERS: 53. flood, 54. revive, 55. employer, 56. claim, 57. medicinal, 58. willingness, 59. giant, 60. inventory, 61. gateway

62. lo_____ty crisis *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
63. cast de__n eyes *n.* an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful
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67. ma_____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
68. bl___y massacre *adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
69. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
70. ch__e a dream *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 62. longevity, 63. demon, 64. pole, 65. permit, 66. remedy, 67. magical, 68. bloody, 69. flood, 70. chase

71. di____se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
72. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
73. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
74. m__k lifestyle *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
75. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
76. cl__p coupling *v.* to fasten or secure something tightly, often using a tool or device called a clamp; to restrict something or someone's freedom or movement; (noun) a device used to secure, fasten, or hold objects together; a mass or group of things that are held or gathered tightly together
77. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
78. di____s a person from the office *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
79. ka__a yoga *n.* a concept that originated in Hinduism and Buddhism and referred to the idea that a person's actions in the present moment will affect their future experiences and circumstances

ANSWERS: 71. disguise, 72. intention, 73. magic, 74. monk, 75. grant, 76. clamp, 77. giant, 78. dismiss, 79. karma

80. r_t with age v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
81. re___y for air pollution n. a successful way of dealing with or improving an unpleasant or difficult situation or curing an illness
82. po_____ly ask adv. in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others
83. deadly pl___e n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
84. for_____le challenge adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
85. pl__k a gray hair v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
86. begin to r_t v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
87. fo_____en words adj. not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
88. im_____e a process v. to make or become better
89. Se_____t Bearer n. a large snake
90. re___e collection n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

ANSWERS: 80. rot, 81. remedy, 82. politely, 83. plague, 84. formidable, 85. pluck, 86. rot, 87. forbidden, 88. improve, 89. serpent, 90. recipe

91. bit of good fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
92. fo_____en love *adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
93. in____t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
94. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
95. re_____ul attitude *adj.* feeling or expressing bitterness or anger because you have been treated unfairly
96. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
97. give alms to a be____r *n.* a person who asks for money or food from others, particularly as a means of survival due to poverty or homelessness
98. the vic_____us entry *adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.
99. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
100. re____e book *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
101. the a__h of a person's foot *n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building

ANSWERS: 91. fortune, 92. forbidden, 93. insist, 94. improve, 95. resentful, 96. intention, 97. beggar, 98. victorious, 99. shock, 100. recipe, 101. arch

102. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
103. a mo___l combat *adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
104. the vic_____us army *adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.
105. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
106. a very ta_____ed actor *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
107. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
108. res_____ul thinker *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
109. res_____ul cook in town *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
110. indicate a wil_____ss to change *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
111. cloistered m__k *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
112. bad ka__a *n.* a concept that originated in Hinduism and Buddhism and referred to the idea that a person's actions in the present moment will affect their future experiences and circumstances

ANSWERS: 102. magic, 103. mortal, 104. victorious, 105. immediately, 106. talented, 107. grant, 108. resourceful, 109. resourceful, 110. willingness, 111. monk, 112. karma

113. im_____al love *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
114. grow bitter and re_____ul *adj.* feeling or expressing bitterness or anger because you have been treated unfairly
115. em_____er responsibility *n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
116. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
117. sharp b__k *n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
118. ma_____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
119. in____t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
120. us_____s information *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
121. de____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
122. enthusiastic di_____le *n.* a person who learns from another, especially one who then teaches others
123. fellow se_____t *n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant

ANSWERS: 113. immortal, 114. resentful, 115. employer, 116. shock, 117. beak, 118. magical, 119. insist, 120. useless, 121. decide, 122. disciple, 123. servant

124. wild goose ch__e *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
125. native to___e *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
126. se_____t of God *n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
127. di_____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
128. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
129. h__b garden *n.* a small plant with aromatic or flavorful leaves used for seasoning or medicinal purposes
130. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
131. re___e an old friendship *v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
132. in_____ry control *n.* a complete list of all the items or goods held in stock by a business or organization; the act of making such a list

ANSWERS: 124. chase, 125. tongue, 126. servant, 127. disguise, 128. terrify, 129. herb, 130. warn, 131. revive, 132. inventory

133. emotionally to_____d by the speech *adj.* affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration
134. pa_____by in the street *n.* a person who is walking by or happens to be in the vicinity of a particular place or event, often without necessarily being involved in it in any way
135. to_____d-hearted audience *adj.* affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration
136. bl_____y diarrhea *adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
137. de__n hunter *n.* an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful
138. ta_____ed athlete *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

ANSWERS: 133. touched, 134. passerby, 135. touched, 136. bloody, 137. demon, 138. talented

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her _____ to help others earned her many friends.
n. the state of being ready or inclined to do something

2. The North _____ is the northernmost point on Earth.
n. one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something

3. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

4. The bird's _____ evolves according to the type of prey it can take on the area.
n. the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird

5. The _____ rags barely covered his body as he shivered in the cold.
n. a person who asks for money or food from others, particularly as a means of survival due to poverty or homelessness

6. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.
v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

7. The _____ for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.
n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

ANSWERS: 1. willingness, 2. Pole, 3. strike, 4. beak, 5. beggar's, 6. rot, 7. recipe

8. That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a _____ tail.
n. a large snake
9. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.
v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
10. He became a _____ of a well-known spiritual leader.
n. a person who learns from another, especially one who then teaches others
11. The fire department arrived just in time to _____ the family from the burning building.
v. to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
12. The store manager took _____ of the products on the shelves to know what needed restocking.
n. a complete list of all the items or goods held in stock by a business or organization; the act of making such a list
13. I can't stop _____ and think I might have caught a cold.
v. to expel air from the lungs suddenly and noisily, often as a reaction to irritation, illness, or some other physical condition; (noun) a sudden, forceful expulsion of air from the lungs, often accompanied by a distinctive sound
14. The faithful _____ had been working for the family for many years and was well-trusted.
n. a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
15. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
v. to frighten someone very much

ANSWERS: 8. serpent's, 9. insisted, 10. disciple, 11. rescue, 12. inventory, 13. coughing, 14. servant, 15. terrify

16. The actor's portrayal of the _____ in the horror movie was terrifying.
n. an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful
17. She is a _____ musician, able to play several instruments.
adj. having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
18. She _____ declined the invitation to the party, saying she had other plans.
adv. in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others
19. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
20. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.
adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers
21. The _____ is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.
n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
22. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal _____.
n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
23. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.
v. to agree to give or allow somebody

ANSWERS: 16. demon, 17. talented, 18. politely, 19. medicinal, 20. magical, 21. tongue, 22. fortune, 23. granted

24. 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
25. He is proud of the _____ of the business.
- n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
26. Taking photographs inside the museum is _____.
- adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
27. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
- v.* to make or become better
28. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
- v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
29. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
- v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
30. She _____ the flowers off the bush.
- v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
31. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.
- v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 24. determinant, 25. longevity, 26. forbidden, 27. improve, 28. invite, 29. collapsed, 30. plucked, 31. chased

32. He got an electric _____ at work.

- n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

33. The ascetic _____ spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

- n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

34. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.

- n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

35. Later it turned out that the politician _____ the fact from the public.

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

36. She was _____ of her ex-partner's new relationship, feeling that he had unfairly replaced her.

- adj.* feeling or expressing bitterness or anger because you have been treated unfairly

37. The _____ troops marched back to their homeland.

- adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.

38. Rosemary is a fragrant _____ commonly used in cooking.

- n.* a small plant with aromatic or flavorful leaves used for seasoning or medicinal purposes

39. The committee has decided to _____ the president from the post.

- v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

ANSWERS: 32. shock, 33. monk, 34. floods, 35. disguised, 36. resentful, 37. victorious, 38. herb, 39. dismiss

40. The volunteer organization is full of _____ people who donate their time to help others.
adj. having a caring and sympathetic nature; characterized by concern for the well-being and happiness of others
41. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
42. An _____ attitude toward its employees significantly impacts their productivity.
n. a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
43. He gave a _____ smile as he read the heartfelt message in the card from his daughter.
adj. affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration
44. This measurement aims to reduce traffic at _____ periods.
n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
45. The crystals of _____ have a bright orange color and a metallic luster.
n. a bright orange-red mineral consisting of arsenic sulfide, often used as a pigment or in traditional herbal medicines
46. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
47. The _____ bears the weight of the overhead bridge.
n. a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building

ANSWERS: 40. kind-hearted, 41. decide, 42. employer's, 43. touched, 44. peak, 45. realgar, 46. warn, 47. arch

48. She was _____ and found a solution to the problem on her own.
adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
49. All humans are _____ and will eventually die.
adj. subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
50. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.
n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
51. The police officer questioned the _____ for any information they had about the suspect
n. a person who is walking by or happens to be in the vicinity of a particular place or event, often without necessarily being involved in it in any way
52. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.
adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
53. Some people believe that if you do good deeds, you will accumulate positive _____ that will benefit you in the future.
n. a concept that originated in Hinduism and Buddhism and referred to the idea that a person's actions in the present moment will affect their future experiences and circumstances
54. Please _____ the news to the world.
v. to receive and pass something, such as information or a message, from one person or group to another; to broadcast something on television, radio, etc.
55. The mountain range was a _____ obstacle for the hikers.
adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

ANSWERS: 48. resourceful, 49. mortal, 50. magic, 51. passerby, 52. giant, 53. karma, 54. relay, 55. formidable

56. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

adv. now or without delay

57. The _____ to the city was a beautiful archway made of stone.

n. an entrance, door, or other openings that lead to a larger space, particularly one that serves as an entry point or access point to a larger area or system; a route, means, or method used to gain access to or acquire something

58. The old, rusty tools were now _____ and had to be thrown away.

adj. not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

59. He used a wrench to _____ down the pipes tightly.

v. to fasten or secure something tightly, often using a tool or device called a clamp; to restrict something or someone's freedom or movement; (noun) a device used to secure, fasten, or hold objects together; a mass or group of things that are held or gathered tightly together

60. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

61. The teacher will not _____ any students to leave the classroom early.

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

62. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 56. immediately, 57. gateway, 58. useless, 59. clamp, 60. patient's, 61. permit, 62. claim

63. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

64. The crime scene was _____ and gruesome.

adj. covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality

65. Our farm experienced a _____ of locusts this year.

n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

66. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.

n. something you want to do and are going to do

67. This drug will be a good _____ for your stomach trouble.

n. a successful way of dealing with or improving an unpleasant or difficult situation or curing an illness

68. They _____ the tradition of holding a parade on the main street every year.

v. to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore

69. Legends often describe mythical creatures as _____ beings.

adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

ANSWERS: 63. panic, 64. bloody, 65. plague, 66. intentions, 67. remedy, 68. revived, 69. immortal