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Session 1: Word List

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym : limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

purple

adj. of a color intermediate between red and blue

synonym : violet

(1) deep **purple**, (2) **purple** sweet potatoes

The plant has a stunning **purple** blossom.

fig

n. a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow

(1) **fig** marigold, (2) **fig** tree

He ate the dried **figs** he had preserved.

beckon

v. to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable

synonym: signal, summon, gesture

(1) **beckon** with a hand, (2) **beckon** a taxi

The warm sun and gentle breeze **beckoned** us to spend the day outside.

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.

wrinkle

n. a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty

synonym: crinkle, fold, crumple

(1) a fine **wrinkle** on a fabric, (2) a facial **wrinkle**

This suit is made of **wrinkle-proof** material.

plop

n. a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water

synonym: drop, flop, plunk

(1) loud **plop**, (2) **plop** of water

The ball fell into the water with a **plop**.

jar

n. a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

synonym: container, vessel, pot

(1) a **jar** of jam, (2) a water **jar**

He placed the coins in a **jar** to save for a trip.

uncertain

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose
synonym : doubtful, skeptical, pending

(1) numerous **uncertain** factors, (2) take an **uncertain** attitude

She was **uncertain** about her friend's intentions.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
synonym : common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

synonym : immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

prospect

n. the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

synonym : hope, possibility, expectation

(1) **prospect** for gold, (2) job **prospects**

The **prospect** of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.

poetry

n. poems in general as a genre of literature

synonym : ode, poesy, verse

(1) modern **poetry**, (2) book of **poetry**

Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of **poetry** varies greatly.

shrewd

adj. marked by sharp intelligence and keen awareness; having good judgment and practical know-how; characterized by a savvy or astute manner

synonym : astute, sharp, clever

(1) **shrewd** negotiation tactics, (2) **shrewd** observation
The **shrewd** businessman always knew the right moves to make to succeed.

haunting

adj. lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off

synonym : lingering, disturbing, unsettling

(1) **haunting** memory, (2) a **haunting** sense of fear
The song's **haunting** melody stayed with me long after I heard it.

statue

n. a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

synonym : sculpture, figurine, monument

(1) a beautiful **statue**, (2) the ancient Egyptian **statues**
The **statue** of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.

draft

n. a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form

synonym : blueprint, outline, rough drawing

(1) a working **draft**, (2) write the first **draft**
During debates in the legislature, the **draft** of the law caused a lot of controversies.

shadow

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

synonym : shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry
The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

slab

n. a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure

synonym : slate, tile, paving stone

(1) a **slab** of chocolate, (2) marble **slab**

The construction workers poured a large **slab** of concrete for the foundation of the building.

fierce

adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening

synonym : ferocious, convulsive, forceful

(1) **fierce** competition, (2) a **fierce** animal

The **fierce** thunders echoed across the plain.

intelligent

adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

synonym : brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system

Intelligent robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

penetrating

adj. able to pierce or enter deeply into something; having a sharp, intense quality that cuts through superficiality or confusion

synonym : keen, piercing, sharp

(1) **penetrating** gaze, (2) **penetrating** analysis

The **penetrating** smell of freshly brewed coffee filled the room.

witty

adj. cleverly amusing or entertaining, especially in a spontaneous or impromptu way

synonym : clever, humorous, satirical

(1) **witty** cartoon, (2) make **witty** remarks

The comedian's **witty** jokes had the audience in stitches.

diagnose

v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

synonym : identify, analyze, interpret

(1) **diagnose** the problem, (2) **diagnose** with CT scans
This device is used to **diagnose** brain cancer and other tumors.

clinical

adj. of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies

synonym: dispassionate, analytic, scientific

(1) **clinical** surgery, (2) participate in **clinical** trials

She received special **clinical** training at the hospital.

depression

n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

synonym: recession, slump, despair

(1) the Great **Depression**, (2) the root problem of her **depression**

Depression symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

intimate

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

synonym: close, tight, friendly

(1) my **intimate** affairs, (2) **intimate** relationship

He has an **intimate** knowledge of American history.

brehtaking

adj. extremely impressive, stunning, awe-inspiring, or emotionally overwhelming

synonym: stunning, awe-inspiring, magnificent

(1) **brehtaking** view, (2) **brehtaking** performance

The sunset over the ocean was truly **brehtaking**.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym: feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

captivate

v. to attract and hold the attention or interest of

synonym: enchant, charm, fascinate

(1) **captivate** public sentiment, (2) **captivate** the mind

The magician **captivated** the audience with his illusions.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

poem

n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

synonym: ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead

A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

colossus

n. a person or thing that is unusually large, powerful, or impressive; a person or entity that is a dominant force in their field or industry

synonym: giant, titan, mammoth

(1) **colossus** company, (2) ancient **colossus**

The automobile industry is a **colossus** behemoth of the modern economy.

complexion

n. the natural color, texture, and appearance of a person's skin, especially their face

synonym: appearance, color, hue

(1) **complexion** cream, (2) dull **complexion**

Her skincare routine paid off, as her **complexion** was glowing and healthy-looking.

solace

n. comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering

synonym: comfort, condolence, peace

(1) **solace** in music, (2) offer **solace**

The grieving widow found **solace** in reading her late husband's letters.

mist

n. a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water

synonym: fog, murk, haze

(1) **mist** in the morning, (2) fine **mist**

The sun has risen, and the **mist** has faded.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym: haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

tower

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

synonym: building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff

She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

topple

v. to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing

synonym: overturn, capsize, upset

(1) **topple** communist rule, (2) **topple** off a ledge

The statue was old and unstable, so it easily **toppled** over.

mussel

n. a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible

synonym : clam, oyster, bivalve

(1) **mussel** shells, (2) **mussel** cultivation

I ordered the **mussels** in a white wine sauce for dinner.

clump

n. a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.

synonym : cluster, bunch, bundle

(1) **clump** of bacteria, (2) a **clump** of trees

I heard the **clump** of his boots in the hallway.

bulb

n. a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball

(1) wet- **bulb** thermometer, (2) a lily **bulb**

The light **bulb** has burned out.

novel

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

synonym : fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

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

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

fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym : fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

heroine

n. a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film

synonym : protagonist

(1) medieval **heroine**, (2) tragic **heroine**

The brave **heroine** rescued the prince from the dragon's lair.

slide

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

synonym : glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

severe

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

synonym : harsh, relentless, powerful

(1) **severe** heat, (2) a **severe** case of pneumonia

The senator received **severe** criticism from his opponent.

depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

synonym : sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

episode

n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

synonym : event, chapter, seizure

(1) end of the first **episode**, (2) **episode** of vertigo

I want to put that **episode** of my life behind me.

wicked

adj. morally bad or evil

synonym : evil, sinful, nefarious

(1) **wicked** thoughts, (2) **wicked** grin

The **wicked** witch cast a spell on the kingdom.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym : illustrate, describe, express

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

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

snob

n. a person who believes themselves to be socially superior or of a higher class than others, often looking down on or criticizing those perceived as inferior or less cultured

synonym: snoot, elitist, pretentious person

(1) have **snob** appeal, (2) rich **snob**

He's a **snob** when it comes to music and only listens to classical.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym: style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

dull

adj. not interesting or exciting; not bright, vivid, or shiny; not active, brisk, or sharp

synonym: insensitive, unintelligent, boring

(1) a **dull** pain, (2) **dull** sight

The trade is **dull** right now due to the collapse of the prominent investment bank.

suicide

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

synonym: self-destruction, self-annihilation, felo-de-se

(1) commit **suicide**, (2) **suicide** attack

In an economically prosperous country, most male **suicide** is due to child support problems.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

masterpiece

n. a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement

synonym: classic, chef-d'oeuvre, magnum opus

(1) literary **masterpiece**, (2) a **masterpiece** of design

The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a **masterpiece** of art.

exemplify

v. to serve as a typical example of something

synonym: illustrate, show, demonstrate

(1) **exemplify** the importance, (2) **exemplify** the solution

The example of a successful startup serves to **exemplify** the potential of the industry.

honesty

n. the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles

synonym: sincerity, integrity, truthfulness

(1) **honesty** policy, (2) **honesty** box

A culture of **honesty** in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

harness

v. to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

synonym: rein in, control, (noun) belt

(1) **harness** a horse to a carriage, (2) put a **harness** on my pet

People have been exploring ways to **harness** natural forces and resources since ancient times.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts
I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

forceful

adj. having or showing great strength or energy

synonym: powerful, strong, energetic

(1) **forceful** argument, (2) take **forceful** action

She spoke with a **forceful** tone and made her point clear.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym: endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

bible

n. the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field

synonym: authoritative book, holy book, doctrine

(1) a passage from the **Bible**, (2) believe **Bible** prophecy

Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology **bible**.

testament

n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

synonym: proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym: endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

unflinching

adj. not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute

synonym : resolute, steadfast, unwavering

(1) **unflinching** commitment, (2) **unflinching** gaze

His **unflinching** courage in the face of danger was impressive.

touchstone

n. a standard or criterion by which something is judged or evaluated; a fine-grained dark stone, such as jasper or basalt, used to test the purity of gold or silver in alloys by observing how much the color changes when rubbed against it

synonym : benchmark, standard, criterion

(1) artistic **touchstone**, (2) the **touchstone** of truth

The **touchstone** for our company's success has always been our commitment to customer satisfaction.

countless

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

synonym : innumerable, myriad, numerous

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

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

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

surrounding

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something

synonym : circumferent, encircling, neighboring

(1) **surrounding** areas, (2) a fence **surrounding** a castle

The **surrounding** mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

trauma

n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

synonym : agony, injury, ordeal

(1) psychic **trauma**, (2) **trauma** care

Many civilians have suffered **trauma** as a result of the war.

frustration

n. the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something

synonym: disappointment, discouragement, dissatisfaction

(1) **frustration** level, (2) express **frustration**

He felt a deep **frustration** as he realized the project would not be completed on time.

meditation

n. the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state

synonym: contemplation, reflection, introspection

(1) **meditation** training, (2) religious **meditation**

The **meditation** instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.

heartbreak

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

synonym: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

stasis

n. a state of stillness or immobility, often used in a medical context to refer to a lack of change or progress in a condition or disease

synonym: stillness, inactivity, stagnation

(1) renal **stasis**, (2) **stasis** in development

The patient's **stasis** in the hospital was concerning to the doctors.

substance

n. the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

synonym: essence, core, material

(1) an explosive **substance**, (2) **substance** abuse problem

The **substance** of the argument was well-presented.

tor

n. a peak or rocky outcrop on a hill or mountain; a high, craggy hill or rocky mountain

synonym: rock, peak, crag

(1) **tor** hill, (2) rocky **tor**

We had an excellent view of the surrounding landscape from the top of the granite **tor**.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym: space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

horseback

n. the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse

synonym: equestrian, horse riding, mounted

(1) **horseback** trek, (2) **horseback** adventure

We went on a scenic trail ride on **horseback** through the mountains.

memorable

adj. worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable

synonym: extraordinary, noteworthy, unforgettable

(1) create **memorable** experiences, (2) least **memorable** song

His passionate speech makes a **memorable** impression.

foreboding

n. a feeling that something bad or unpleasant is about to happen; a sense of impending danger or doom

synonym: premonition, omen, portent

(1) **foreboding** sign, (2) ominous **foreboding**

The dark clouds in the sky created a sense of **foreboding**

and made everyone anxious.

imagery

n. the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events

synonym : metaphors, symbolism, imaging

(1) visual **imagery**, (2) satellite **imagery**

This movie is famous for its romantic **imagery**.

melt

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

synonym : disintegrate, soften, disappear

(1) **melt** the ice, (2) **melt** down gold

Her resistance **melted** under his persuasion.

cauldron

n. a large metal pot or kettle used for cooking or boiling liquids, often associated with witches or magic in folklore or mythology

synonym : pot, kettle

(1) steaming **cauldron**, (2) **cauldron** of soup

The witch stirred her bubbling **cauldron** filled with mysterious ingredients.

echo

n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

synonym : reverberate, repeat, reflection

(1) the **echo** of a person's footsteps, (2) sound **echo**

A thunderous boom **echoed** throughout the valley.

controversial

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

synonym : contentious, disputed, questionable

(1) **controversial** book, (2) **controversial** policy

The issue of the death penalty is highly **controversial**.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to

something as evidence or support

synonym : cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

holocaust

n. the systematic killing of millions of Jews and other minority groups by the Nazis during World War II, or any similar act of mass destruction

synonym : genocide, mass murder, devastation

(1) nuclear **holocaust**, (2) the **holocaust** museum

Many **holocaust** survivors still suffer from the trauma they experienced during that time.

relic

n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value

synonym : whiff, vestige, antique

(1) historical **relic**, (2) holy **relics**

This bronze sword is a **relic** of ancient times.

crucify

v. to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die

synonym : execute, martyr, nail to cross

(1) **crucify** a criminal, (2) **crucify** him for their actions

The religious leaders wanted to **crucify** the heretic for his teachings.

hook

n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

synonym : buckle, pin, curve

(1) a hat **hook**, (2) the curved shape of a **hook**

Please hang your towel on a **hook**.

domestic

adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

synonym : endemic, private, household

(1) **domestic** airline, (2) a **domestic** animal
GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

dissatisfy

v. to fail to satisfy someone

synonym: disappoint, disgruntle, dishearten

(1) **dissatisfy** the users with bugs, (2) **dissatisfy** people with service

The company's results **dissatisfy** everyone.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym: ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

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.

exclude

v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity

synonym: expel, ban, bar

(1) **exclude** a newcomer, (2) **exclude** all other possibilities

The cost for the trip **excludes** food and beverages.

omission

n. the act of leaving out, neglecting, or failing to include or mention something or someone; a failure to do something that is expected or required

synonym:

neglect, oversight, skip

(1) homicide by **omission**, (2) serious **omission**

The **omission** of his name from the list of award recipients surprised everyone.

untimely

adj. happening at an inappropriate or unfortunate time

synonym: inappropriate, unfortunate, inopportune

(1) die an **untimely** death, (2) **untimely** snowfall in May

The **untimely** arrival of the storm ruined their plans for a picnic.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

poet

n. a person who writes poetry

synonym: versifier, rhymer, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

shocking

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

synonym: startling, surprising, astounding

(1) **shocking** response, (2) **shocking** revelation

The news of the accident was **shocking** and left many in shock.

rage

n. a strong feeling of anger or violence

synonym: fury, anger, outrage

(1) uncontrollable **rage**, (2) fall into a **rage**

She was filled with a burning **rage** at the injustice she had witnessed.

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym: throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

astound

v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

synonym: amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer

The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

inexpressible

adj. not able to be expressed in words or language; too great or overwhelming to be adequately conveyed by any means of verbal or visual communication

synonym: unutterable, incommunicable, unspeakable

(1) **inexpressible** gratitude, (2) **inexpressible** pain

The beauty of the sunset was so stunning that it brought **inexpressible** joy to my heart.

Session 2: Spelling

1. my in____te affairs *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
2. a court p__t *n.* a person who writes poetry
3. ease her hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
4. give si____t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
5. rich s__b *n.* a person who believes themselves to be socially superior or of a higher class than others, often looking down on or criticizing those perceived as inferior or less cultured
6. unf_____ng commitment *adj.* not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute
7. homicide by om____on *n.* the act of leaving out, neglecting, or failing to include or mention something or someone; a failure to do something that is expected or required
8. have s__b appeal *n.* a person who believes themselves to be socially superior or of a higher class than others, often looking down on or criticizing those perceived as inferior or less cultured
9. make wi__y remarks *adj.* cleverly amusing or entertaining, especially in a spontaneous or impromptu way

ANSWERS: 1. intimate, 2. poet, 3. heartbreak, 4. silent, 5. snob, 6. unflinching, 7. omission, 8. snob, 9. witty

10. serious om____on *n.* the act of leaving out, neglecting, or failing to include or mention something or someone; a failure to do something that is expected or required
11. de____t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
12. answer co____ss questions *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
13. fi____e competition *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
14. a narrative p__m *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
15. si____t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
16. br____h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
17. co____ss hours *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
18. cr____y a criminal *v.* to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die
19. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

ANSWERS: 10. omission, 11. depict, 12. countless, 13. fierce, 14. poem, 15. silent, 16. branch, 17. countless, 18. crucify, 19. tip

20. ha____ng memory *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
21. a bell to__r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
22. a beautiful st___e *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
23. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
24. fo____ul argument *adj.* having or showing great strength or energy
25. new fa____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
26. create me____le experiences *adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable
27. a j_r of jam *n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials
28. non-fi____n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

ANSWERS: 20. haunting, 21. tower, 22. statue, 23. decide, 24. forceful, 25. fashion, 26. memorable, 27. jar, 28. fiction

29. te_____nt to the superior quality *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
30. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
31. a co_____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
32. holy re__cs *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
33. ca_____te public sentiment *v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of
34. con_____ial policy *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
35. die an un_____ly death *adj.* happening at an inappropriate or unfortunate time
36. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
37. in_____te relationship *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
38. job pr_____cts *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
39. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

ANSWERS: 29. testament, 30. novel, 31. constant, 32. relic, 33. captivate, 34. controversial, 35. untimely, 36. refer, 37. intimate, 38. prospect, 39. inherit

40. su____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
41. numerous un_____in factors *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
42. sh____d negotiation tactics *adj.* marked by sharp intelligence and keen awareness; having good judgment and practical know-how; characterized by a savvy or astute manner
43. sh____ng response *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
44. com_____on cream *n.* the natural color, texture, and appearance of a person's skin, especially their face
45. de____e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
46. a do____ic animal *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
47. sh____d observation *adj.* marked by sharp intelligence and keen awareness; having good judgment and practical know-how; characterized by a savvy or astute manner
48. st____s in development *n.* a state of stillness or immobility, often used in a medical context to refer to a lack of change or progress in a condition or disease
49. pen_____ng gaze *adj.* able to pierce or enter deeply into something; having a sharp, intense quality that cuts through superficiality or confusion

ANSWERS: 40. survival, 41. uncertain, 42. shrewd, 43. shocking, 44. complexion, 45. decide, 46. domestic, 47. shrewd, 48. stasis, 49. penetrating

50. su____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
51. di____se with CT scans *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
52. m__t the ice *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
53. the root problem of her dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
54. fru_____on level *n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
55. c__t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
56. ho_____y policy *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
57. the curved shape of a h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
58. a se___e case of pneumonia *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

ANSWERS: 50. survive, 51. diagnose, 52. melt, 53. depression, 54. frustration, 55. cast, 56. honesty, 57. hook, 58. severe

59. a ha____ng sense of fear *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
60. pu____e sweet potatoes *adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue
61. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
62. historical re__c *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
63. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
64. a passage from the Bi__e *n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
65. dis____fy the users with bugs *v.* to fail to satisfy someone
66. tragic he____e *n.* a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film
67. ine____ble gratitude *adj.* not able to be expressed in words or language; too great or overwhelming to be adequately conveyed by any means of verbal or visual communication
68. ominous for____ng *n.* a feeling that something bad or unpleasant is about to happen; a sense of impending danger or doom

ANSWERS: 59. haunting, 60. purple, 61. refer, 62. relic, 63. tower, 64. bible, 65. dissatisfy, 66. heroine, 67. inexpressible, 68. foreboding

69. pen_____ng analysis *adj.* able to pierce or enter deeply into something; having a sharp, intense quality that cuts through superficiality or confusion
70. cl__p of bacteria *n.* a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.
71. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
72. a mas_____ce of design *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
73. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
74. commit su_____e *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
75. ho_____y box *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
76. cr_____y him for their actions *v.* to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die
77. a water j_r *n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials
78. m__t down gold *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

ANSWERS: 69. penetrating, 70. clump, 71. novel, 72. masterpiece, 73. creative, 74. suicide, 75. honesty, 76. crucify, 77. jar, 78. melt

79. give properties by te_____nt *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
80. dull com_____on *n.* the natural color, texture, and appearance of a person's skin, especially their face
81. mu____l shells *n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
82. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
83. bre_____ing view *adj.* extremely impressive, stunning, awe-inspiring, or emotionally overwhelming
84. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
85. an int_____nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
86. f_g tree *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
87. believe Bi__e prophecy *n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
88. a br____h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
89. artistic tou_____ne *n.* a standard or criterion by which something is judged or evaluated; a fine-grained dark stone, such as jasper or basalt, used to test the purity of gold or silver in alloys by observing how much the color changes when rubbed against it

ANSWERS: 79. testament, 80. complexion, 81. mussel, 82. extraordinary, 83. breathtaking, 84. attempt, 85. intelligent, 86. fig, 87. bible, 88. branch, 89. touchstone

90. offer so___e *n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering
91. con_____ial book *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
92. book of po___y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
93. the ho_____st museum *n.* the systematic killing of millions of Jews and other minority groups by the Nazis during World War II, or any similar act of mass destruction
94. steaming ca_____on *n.* a large metal pot or kettle used for cooking or boiling liquids, often associated with witches or magic in folklore or mythology
95. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
96. d__l sight *adj.* not interesting or exciting; not bright, vivid, or shiny; not active, brisk, or sharp
97. stuff of science fi_____n *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
98. t_r hill *n.* a peak or rocky outcrop on a hill or mountain; a high, craggy hill or rocky mountain
99. sl___e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

ANSWERS: 90. solace, 91. controversial, 92. poetry, 93. holocaust, 94. cauldron, 95. emotion, 96. dull, 97. fiction, 98. tor, 99. slide

100. re_____te in the same frequency	<i>v.</i>	to be filled with a deep echoing sound
101. be____n a taxi	<i>v.</i>	to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable
102. wi____d grin	<i>adj.</i>	morally bad or evil
103. unfl_____ng gaze	<i>adj.</i>	not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute
104. the per_____ve of the battle	<i>n.</i>	a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
105. psy_____gy of crowd	<i>n.</i>	the scientific study of mind and behavior
106. tr____a care	<i>n.</i>	an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
107. de____s their spirits	<i>v.</i>	to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
108. im_____ry number	<i>adj.</i>	existing only in someone's mind
109. go out of fa____n	<i>n.</i>	a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
110. psy_____gy experiment	<i>n.</i>	the scientific study of mind and behavior
111. an explosive su_____ce	<i>n.</i>	the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

ANSWERS: 100. resonate, 101. beckon, 102. wicked, 103. unflinching, 104. perspective, 105. psychology, 106. trauma, 107. depress, 108. imaginary, 109. fashion, 110. psychology, 111. substance

112. put a ha_____s on my pet *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
113. go through hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
114. a fi___e animal *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
115. dis_____fy people with service *v.* to fail to satisfy someone
116. uncontrollable r___e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
117. to___e communist rule *v.* to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing
118. marble s___b *n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure
119. sound e___o *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
120. ho_____ck adventure *n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse
121. wi___d thoughts *adj.* morally bad or evil
122. ac___e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
123. co_____us company *n.* a person or thing that is unusually large, powerful, or impressive; a person or entity that is a dominant force in their field or industry

ANSWERS: 112. harness, 113. heartbreak, 114. fierce, 115. dissatisfy, 116. rage, 117. topple, 118. slab, 119. echo, 120. horseback, 121. wicked, 122. accuse, 123. colossus

124. ca____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
125. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
126. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
127. fall into a r__e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
128. ep_____e of vertigo *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
129. a working dr__t *n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
130. loud p__p *n.* a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water
131. to___e off a ledge *v.* to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing
132. the Great Dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
133. sh___w puppetry *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

ANSWERS: 124. capture, 125. universal, 126. emotion, 127. rage, 128. episode, 129. draft, 130. plop, 131. topple, 132. depression, 133. shadow

134. ex_____fy the importance *v.* to serve as a typical example of something
135. as_____d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
136. nuclear ho_____st *n.* the systematic killing of millions of Jews and other minority groups by the Nazis during World War II, or any similar act of mass destruction
137. pa_____ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
138. ca_____on of soup *n.* a large metal pot or kettle used for cooking or boiling liquids, often associated with witches or magic in folklore or mythology
139. su_____ce abuse problem *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
140. cl_____al surgery *adj.* of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies
141. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
142. the e__o of a person's footsteps *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
143. as_____d the viewer *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
144. a hat h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

ANSWERS: 134. exemplify, 135. astound, 136. holocaust, 137. paralyze, 138. cauldron, 139. substance, 140. clinical, 141. creative, 142. echo, 143. astound, 144. hook

145. a s__b of chocolate *n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure
146. take an un_____in attitude *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
147. wet-b__b thermometer *n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
148. be___n with a hand *v.* to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable
149. medieval he_____e *n.* a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film
150. a fine wr_____e on a fabric *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
151. driving di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
152. the ancient Egyptian st___es *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

ANSWERS: 145. slab, 146. uncertain, 147. bulb, 148. beckon, 149. heroine, 150. wrinkle, 151. distance, 152. statue

153. wi__y cartoon *adj.* cleverly amusing or entertaining, especially in a spontaneous or impromptu way
154. sh_____ng revelation *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
155. f_g marigold *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
156. ac___e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
157. ine_____ble pain *adj.* not able to be expressed in words or language; too great or overwhelming to be adequately conveyed by any means of verbal or visual communication
158. least me_____le song *adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable
159. a fence sur_____ng a castle *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
160. ancient co_____us *n.* a person or thing that is unusually large, powerful, or impressive; a person or entity that is a dominant force in their field or industry
161. ca_____te the mind *v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of
162. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
163. de_____s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

ANSWERS: 153. witty, 154. shocking, 155. fig, 156. accuse, 157. inexpressible, 158. memorable, 159. surrounding, 160. colossus, 161. captivate, 162. capture, 163. depress

164. su____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
165. religious med_____on *n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
166. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
167. int_____nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
168. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
169. express fru_____on *n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
170. for_____ng sign *n.* a feeling that something bad or unpleasant is about to happen; a sense of impending danger or doom
171. d__g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
172. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
173. sur_____ng areas *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
174. take fo_____ul action *adj.* having or showing great strength or energy
175. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

ANSWERS: 164. survival, 165. meditation, 166. universal, 167. intelligent, 168. slide, 169. frustration, 170. foreboding, 171. drag, 172. imaginary, 173. surrounding, 174. forceful, 175. extraordinary

176. pa____ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
177. p__m to the dead *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
178. a cl__p of trees *n.* a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.
179. write the first dr__t *n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
180. med_____on training *n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
181. literary mas_____ce *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
182. sh___w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
183. ex_____fy the solution *v.* to serve as a typical example of something
184. satellite im_____y *n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events

ANSWERS: 176. paralyze, 177. poem, 178. clump, 179. draft, 180. meditation, 181. masterpiece, 182. shadow, 183. exemplify, 184. imagery

185. in____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
186. visual im____y *n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events
187. the at____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
188. su____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
189. se____e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
190. su____e attack *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
191. a co____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
192. di____se the problem *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
193. mu____l cultivation *n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
194. a d__l pain *adj.* not interesting or exciting; not bright, vivid, or shiny; not active, brisk, or sharp
195. bre____ing performance *adj.* extremely impressive, stunning, awe-inspiring, or emotionally overwhelming

ANSWERS: 185. inherit, 186. imagery, 187. attempt, 188. survive, 189. severe, 190. suicide, 191. constant, 192. diagnose, 193. mussel, 194. dull, 195. breathtaking

196. modern po___y	<i>n.</i> poems in general as a genre of literature
197. psychic tr___a	<i>n.</i> an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
198. a p__t of sorts	<i>n.</i> a person who writes poetry
199. de___t a feeling of isolation	<i>v.</i> to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
200. a facial wr____e	<i>n.</i> a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
201. do____ic airline	<i>adj.</i> relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
202. d__g a team down	<i>v.</i> to pull or haul with force
203. social di____ce	<i>n.</i> the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
204. end of the first ep____e	<i>n.</i> a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
205. m__t in the morning	<i>n.</i> a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water
206. a per____ve view	<i>n.</i> a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

ANSWERS: 196. poetry, 197. trauma, 198. poet, 199. depict, 200. wrinkle, 201. domestic, 202. drag, 203. distance, 204. episode, 205. mist, 206. perspective

207. rocky t_r *n.* a peak or rocky outcrop on a hill or mountain; a high, craggy hill or rocky mountain
208. ha_____s a horse to a carriage *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
209. ho_____ck trek *n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse
210. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
211. deep pu___e *adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue
212. renal st___s *n.* a state of stillness or immobility, often used in a medical context to refer to a lack of change or progress in a condition or disease
213. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
214. fine m__t *n.* a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water
215. ex_____e all other possibilities *v.* to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity

ANSWERS: 207. tor, 208. harness, 209. horseback, 210. cast, 211. purple, 212. stasis, 213. tip, 214. mist, 215. exclude

216. participate in cl____al trials *adj.* of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies
217. the tou_____ne of truth *n.* a standard or criterion by which something is judged or evaluated; a fine-grained dark stone, such as jasper or basalt, used to test the purity of gold or silver in alloys by observing how much the color changes when rubbed against it
218. so___e in music *n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering
219. ex_____e a newcomer *v.* to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
220. pr_____ct for gold *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
221. deeply re_____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
222. a lily b__b *n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
223. un_____ly snowfall in May *adj.* happening at an inappropriate or unfortunate time

ANSWERS: 216. clinical, 217. touchstone, 218. solace, 219. exclude, 220. prospect, 221. resonate, 222. bulb, 223. untimely

224. p__p of water

n. a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water

ANSWERS: 224. plop

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The witch stirred her bubbling _____ filled with mysterious ingredients.
n. a large metal pot or kettle used for cooking or boiling liquids, often associated with witches or magic in folklore or mythology
2. The company's results _____ everyone.
v. to fail to satisfy someone
3. The patient's _____ in the hospital was concerning to the doctors.
n. a state of stillness or immobility, often used in a medical context to refer to a lack of change or progress in a condition or disease
4. His passionate speech makes a _____ impression.
adj. worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable
5. We went on a scenic trail ride on _____ through the mountains.
n. the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse
6. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
7. The comedian's _____ jokes had the audience in stitches.
adj. cleverly amusing or entertaining, especially in a spontaneous or impromptu way
8. The automobile industry is a _____ behemoth of the modern economy.
n. a person or thing that is unusually large, powerful, or impressive; a person or entity that is a dominant force in their field or industry

ANSWERS: 1. cauldron, 2. dissatisfy, 3. stasis, 4. memorable, 5. horseback, 6. perspective, 7. witty, 8. colossus

9. This movie is famous for its romantic _____.
- n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events
10. _____ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.
- adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
11. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.
- v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
12. He ate the dried _____ he had preserved.
- n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
13. The _____ instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.
- n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
14. The _____ of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.
- n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
15. He has an _____ knowledge of American history.
- adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
16. The sunset over the ocean was truly _____.
- adj.* extremely impressive, stunning, awe-inspiring, or emotionally overwhelming

ANSWERS: 9. imagery, 10. Intelligent, 11. depicted, 12. figs, 13. meditation, 14. prospect, 15. intimate, 16. breathtaking

17. I ordered the _____ in a white wine sauce for dinner.

- n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible

18. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

- adj.* existing only in someone's mind

19. The song's _____ melody stayed with me long after I heard it.

- adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off

20. _____ symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

- n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

21. That style is no longer in _____.

- n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

22. After his death, his sons _____ his business.

- v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

23. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.

- n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

24. This bronze sword is a _____ of ancient times.

- n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value

25. She had a master's degree in _____.

- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

ANSWERS: 17. mussels, 18. imaginary, 19. haunting, 20. Depression, 21. fashion, 22. inherited, 23. tower, 24. relic, 25. psychology

26. She was _____ about her friend's intentions.

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

27. The sun has risen, and the _____ has faded.

n. a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water

28. The issue of the death penalty is highly _____.

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

29. The sound _____ well in this theater.

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

30. The _____ of his name from the list of award recipients surprised everyone.

n. the act of leaving out, neglecting, or failing to include or mention something or someone; a failure to do something that is expected or required

31. The light _____ has burned out.

n. a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball

32. This suit is made of _____ material.

n. a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty

33. The venom from the snake bite _____ his arm.

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

ANSWERS: 26. uncertain, 27. mist, 28. controversial, 29. resonates, 30. omission, 31. bulb, 32. wrinkle-proof, 33. paralyzed

34. Truth is stranger than _____.
- n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
35. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.
- v.* to pull or haul with force
36. The construction workers poured a large _____ of concrete for the foundation of the building.
- n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure
37. The grieving widow found _____ in reading her late husband's letters.
- n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering
38. The economic recession _____ the housing market.
- v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
39. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.
- v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
40. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.
- adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
41. Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology _____.
- n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field

ANSWERS: 34. fiction, 35. dragged, 36. slab, 37. solace, 38. depressed, 39. cast, 40. universal, 41. bible

42. _____ dropping wears away the stone.

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

43. The _____ smell of freshly brewed coffee filled the room.

adj. able to pierce or enter deeply into something; having a sharp, intense quality that cuts through superficiality or confusion

44. The statue was old and unstable, so it easily _____ over.

v. to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing

45. A thunderous boom _____ throughout the valley.

n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

46. The _____ witch cast a spell on the kingdom.

adj. morally bad or evil

47. The ball fell into the water with a _____.

n. a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water

48. In an economically prosperous country, most male _____ is due to child support problems.

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

49. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

50. The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a _____ of art.

n. a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement

ANSWERS: 42. Constant, 43. penetrating, 44. toppled, 45. echoed, 46. wicked, 47. plop, 48. suicide, 49. extraordinary, 50. masterpiece

51. The news of the accident was _____ and left many in shock.

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

52. GDP stands for gross _____ product.

adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

53. The magician _____ the audience with his illusions.

v. to attract and hold the attention or interest of

54. The plant has a stunning _____ blossom.

adj. of a color intermediate between red and blue

55. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

56. Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of _____ varies greatly.

n. poems in general as a genre of literature

57. The trade is _____ right now due to the collapse of the prominent investment bank.

adj. not interesting or exciting; not bright, vivid, or shiny; not active, brisk, or sharp

58. The _____ of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.

n. a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

ANSWERS: 51. shocking, 52. domestic, 53. captivated, 54. purple, 55. emotions, 56. poetry, 57. dull, 58. statue

59. She spoke with a _____ tone and made her point clear.

adj. having or showing great strength or energy

60. The cost for the trip _____ food and beverages.

v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity

61. Her skincare routine paid off, as her _____ was glowing and healthy-looking.

n. the natural color, texture, and appearance of a person's skin, especially their face

62. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.

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

63. He felt a deep _____ as he realized the project would not be completed on time.

n. the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something

64. She is a talented _____ who has been recognized for her work.

n. a person who writes poetry

65. Many civilians have suffered _____ as a result of the war.

n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

66. People have been exploring ways to _____ natural forces and resources since ancient times.

v. to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

ANSWERS: 59. forceful, 60. excludes, 61. complexion, 62. accused, 63. frustration, 64. poet, 65. trauma, 66. harness

67. The _____ arrival of the storm ruined their plans for a picnic.

adj. happening at an inappropriate or unfortunate time

68. She received special _____ training at the hospital.

adj. of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies

69. During debates in the legislature, the _____ of the law caused a lot of controversies.

n. a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form

70. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

71. She was filled with a burning _____ at the injustice she had witnessed.

n. a strong feeling of anger or violence

72. We had an excellent view of the surrounding landscape from the top of the granite _____.

n. a peak or rocky outcrop on a hill or mountain; a high, craggy hill or rocky mountain

73. There are _____ methods for dealing with stress.

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

74. I heard the _____ of his boots in the hallway.

n. a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.

ANSWERS: 67. untimely, 68. clinical, 69. draft, 70. survival, 71. rage, 72. tor, 73. countless, 74. clump

75. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.
- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
76. He's a _____ when it comes to music and only listens to classical.
- n.* a person who believes themselves to be socially superior or of a higher class than others, often looking down on or criticizing those perceived as inferior or less cultured
77. They had experienced the _____ of losing two children due to premature births.
- n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
78. The third _____ was far more successful.
- n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
79. This device is used to _____ brain cancer and other tumors.
- v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
80. A great _____ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.
- n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
81. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
- n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

ANSWERS: 75. novel, 76. snob, 77. heartbreak, 78. attempt, 79. diagnose, 80. poem, 81. distance

82. His wealth is a _____ to his success.

n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

83. The final result was nothing short of _____.

v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

84. He placed the coins in a ____ to save for a trip.

n. a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

85. The beauty of the sunset was so stunning that it brought _____ joy to my heart.

adj. not able to be expressed in words or language; too great or overwhelming to be adequately conveyed by any means of verbal or visual communication

86. The _____ for our company's success has always been our commitment to customer satisfaction.

n. a standard or criterion by which something is judged or evaluated; a fine-grained dark stone, such as jasper or basalt, used to test the purity of gold or silver in alloys by observing how much the color changes when rubbed against it

87. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

88. A culture of _____ in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.

n. the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles

ANSWERS: 82. testament, 83. astounding, 84. jar, 85. inexpressible, 86. touchstone, 87. shadow, 88. honesty

89. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.

- n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

90. I want to put that _____ of my life behind me.

- n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

91. The religious leaders wanted to _____ the heretic for his teachings.

- v.* to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die

92. 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

93. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

- adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

94. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

- v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

95. The _____ mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

- adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something

96. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.

- v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

ANSWERS: 89. tips, 90. episode, 91. crucify, 92. decide, 93. creative, 94. survive, 95. surrounding, 96. slide

97. Her resistance _____ under his persuasion.

- v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

98. The _____ of the argument was well-presented.

- n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

99. The warm sun and gentle breeze _____ us to spend the day outside.

- v.* to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable

100. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

- v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

101. The _____ businessman always knew the right moves to make to succeed.

- adj.* marked by sharp intelligence and keen awareness; having good judgment and practical know-how; characterized by a savvy or astute manner

102. The dark clouds in the sky created a sense of _____ and made everyone anxious.

- n.* a feeling that something bad or unpleasant is about to happen; a sense of impending danger or doom

103. Please hang your towel on a _____.

- n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

104. The example of a successful startup serves to _____ the potential of the industry.

- v.* to serve as a typical example of something

ANSWERS: 97. melted, 98. substance, 99. beckoned, 100. capture, 101. shrewd, 102. foreboding, 103. hook, 104. exemplify

105. The senator received _____ criticism from his opponent.

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

106. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

107. The brave _____ rescued the prince from the dragon's lair.

n. a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film

108. His _____ courage in the face of danger was impressive.

adj. not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute

109. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

110. The _____ thunders echoed across the plain.

adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening

111. Many _____ survivors still suffer from the trauma they experienced during that time.

n. the systematic killing of millions of Jews and other minority groups by the Nazis during World War II, or any similar act of mass destruction

112. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

ANSWERS: 105. severe, 106. branch, 107. heroine, 108. unflinching, 109. refer, 110. fierce, 111. holocaust, 112. silent

ANSWERS: