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Session 1: Word List

thrum

v. to produce a continuous, low, monotonous sound, often with a vibrating or humming quality; (noun) a continuous rhythmic humming or drumming sound

synonym: vibrate, pulse, buzz

(1) **thrum** nervously, (2) the **thrum** of the engine

The rain began to **thrum** on the roof, providing a steady rhythm that soothed me to sleep.

enrage

v. to make someone extremely angry

synonym: anger, incense, infuriate

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

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

exaggeration

n. an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is

synonym: hyperbole, overstatement, embellishment

(1) sensational **exaggeration**, (2) minimal **exaggeration**

His story was filled with obvious **exaggerations**.

misrepresent

v. to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone

synonym: distort, misinterpret, falsify

(1) **misrepresent** a company's policies, (2) **misrepresent** the situation

The article **misrepresents** the true intentions of the author's argument.

likable

adj. having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable

synonym : sympathetic, appealing, charming

(1) **likable** personality, (2) a **likable** character

He's a very **likable** person who makes friends easily.

unvoiced

adj. not spoken aloud or expressed verbally; tacit or silent in communication or expression

synonym : silent, unspoken, mute

(1) **unvoiced** whisper, (2) **unvoiced** speech

The **unvoiced** consonant in the word "knock" is the "k" sound.

veranda

n. a roofed platform along the outside of a building, typically furnished and used as a sitting area; a porch or balcony

synonym : porch, balcony, terrace

(1) **veranda** seating, (2) traditional **veranda** design

The couple enjoyed their coffee on the **veranda** while watching the sunset.

dumbfound

v. to surprise and confuse someone to the point of being unable to speak

synonym : perplex, confuse, bewilder

(1) **dumbfound** boxing fans, (2) **dumbfound** with its ability

The magician's tricks **dumbfounded** the audience.

humid

adj. having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy

synonym : damp, muggy, moist

(1) **humid** climate, (2) uncomfortably **humid**

The air was so **humid** that my clothes felt damp.

shatter

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

synonym : break, crash, destroy

(1) **shatter** the plate, (2) **shatter** a world record

Her husband's death **shattered** her life entirely.

cheerful

adj. happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism

synonym : happy, joyful, lively

(1) **cheerful** smile, (2) a **cheerful** disposition

Her **cheerful** personality brightened up the room.

frightening

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

synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

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

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

indignity

n. an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment

synonym : humiliation, insult, offense

(1) **indignity** of poverty, (2) suffer an **indignity**

Being demoted at work was a great **indignity** to him.

disdain

v. to look down on

synonym : scorn, despise, ridicule

(1) **disdain** the offer of a bribe, (2) **disdain** the policemen

Even in the Middle Ages, people **disdained** forced labor.

sever

v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

synonym : cut apart, separate, detach

(1) **sever** a rope, (2) **sever** a positive relationship

He **severed** a branch from a tree quickly.

masculinity

n. the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly

synonym : manliness, virility, machismo

(1) **masculinity** norms, (2) toxic **masculinity**

Research has shown that rigid ideas of **masculinity** can contribute to domestic violence and other forms of abuse.

renounce

v. to formally declare one's abandonment or rejection of something, especially a belief, claim, or right; to give up or relinquish a particular status, title, or position

synonym : abandon, reject, relinquish

(1) **renounce** a claim, (2) **renounce** citizenship

He **renounced** his title and lived a simpler life as a farmer.

deferential

adj. showing or expressing respect or obedience; yielding to someone else's opinions or judgment

synonym : respectful, submissive, obedient

(1) **deferential** attitude, (2) **deferential** language

The new employee was **deferential** and respectful towards his superiors.

deference

n. respectful or polite submission or yielding to the judgment, opinion, or wishes of another person or group; a show of respect or honor

synonym : respect, obedience, submission

(1) **deference** to authority, (2) pay **deference**

The student showed **deference** to their teacher by always being respectful in class.

tame

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

synonym : domesticate, soften, (adjective) harmless

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

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

bifurcate

v. to divide or split into two branches or parts

synonym: branch, fork, divide

(1) **bifurcate** at the top of the mountain, (2) **bifurcate** into two separate tracks

The river **bifurcates** ahead, so we must decide which branch to take.

spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

synonym: rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

shrill

adj. high-pitched and piercing in sound; loud, sharp, and harsh

synonym: piercing, screeching, high-pitched

(1) make a **shrill** noise, (2) **shrill** cry

The **shrill** sound of the whistle startled the entire crowd.

nag

v. to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse

synonym: hassle, bother, badger

(1) **nag** about the minor thing, (2) **nag** political leaders

She couldn't stop **nagging** her husband to take out the trash.

confound

v. to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical

synonym: confuse, mix up, perplex

(1) **confound** right and wrong, (2) **confound** the problem

The unexpected events **confounded** the scientists, who had to rethink their hypothesis.

harass

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

synonym : pester, annoy, bother

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

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

predatory

adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

synonym : raptorial, hunting, greedy

(1) a **predatory** bird, (2) **predatory** warfare

The domesticated cat still has its **predatory** instincts.

tangle

n. a confused mass of something twisted together

synonym : knot, snarl, entanglement

(1) in a **tangle**, (2) **tangle** wires

The cords behind my computer were a **tangled** mess.

retaliation

n. the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act

synonym : retribution, revenge, vengeance

(1) **retaliation** tactics, (2) **retaliation** against discrimination

The company faced heavy **retaliation** from its competitors after releasing a controversial product.

mockery

n. the act of ridiculing or making fun of someone or something, often in a contemptuous or mocking manner

synonym : ridicule, derision, taunt

(1) **mockery** of the situation, (2) public **mockery**

The comedian's **mockery** of the recent political scandal drew laughs from the crowd.

banal

adj. lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar

synonym : trite, mundane, dull

(1) **banal** conversation, (2) **banal** plot

The restaurant's menu had a **banal** selection of generic

dishes with no unique or exciting options.

glee

n. a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment

synonym : delight, happiness, joy

(1) jumping for **glee**, (2) **glee** club

The children's faces were filled with **glee** as they ran around the playground.

platitude

n. a trite or overused remark or statement that is lacking in originality or insight often used to express a general truth or sentiment; an empty or insincere remark that is meant to sound comforting or supportive

synonym : cliché, truism, banality

(1) clichéd **platitude**, (2) utter **platitude**

The philosopher's speech was filled with **platitudes** and lacked any real substance.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym : later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym : alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

preempt

v. to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else

synonym : forestall, head off, anticipate

(1) **preempt** a financial crisis, (2) **preempt** trouble

The government **preempted** the release of sensitive

information.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym: allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

rampant

adj. (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled

synonym: prevalent, dense, uncontrolled

(1) **rampant** growth of weeds, (2) **rampant** corruption

In an overly protective industry, violations of the ethics rules tend to be **rampant**.

microcosm

n. a miniature or small-scale version of something that represents the larger whole or system; a representation of society or culture on a smaller scale

synonym: miniature, tiny world, little universe

(1) soil **microcosm**, (2) environmental **microcosm**

The small town felt like a **microcosm** of the larger society.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym: amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

ruminate

v. to think deeply about something; to ponder

synonym: ponder, meditate, contemplate

(1) **ruminate** about the past, (2) **ruminate** over a problem

After a long work day, she likes to **ruminate** on her

accomplishments and plan for the next day.

mull

v. to think over carefully; to consider or ponder; to mix or stir thoroughly

synonym: ponder, contemplate, meditate

(1) **mull** ways to retaliate, (2) **mull** a decision

I need to **mull** over the job offer before making a decision.

palatable

adj. having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted

synonym: delicious, tasty, flavorful

(1) **palatable** food, (2) **palatable** solution

I'm usually a picky eater, but the seafood at this restaurant was surprisingly **palatable**.

precarity

n. the state of being uncertain or precarious, especially about work or income; a condition of existence characterized by the absence or constant threat of basic security, such as financial stability, physical safety, or access to healthcare

synonym: uncertainty, insecurity, instability

(1) **precarity** index, (2) global **precarity**

Low-paid workers in the hospitality industry often find themselves in a state of financial **precarity**.

objectify

v. to treat or represent someone or something as an object, without regard for their dignity or worth; to view or depict someone as a mere physical entity rather than as a complex person with feelings, thoughts, and desires

synonym: treat as an object, dehumanize, depersonalize

(1) **objectify** the individual, (2) sexually **objectify**

The media tends to **objectify** women by focusing on their physical appearance rather than accomplishments.

autoimmune

adj. relating to a condition in which the body's immune system attacks and destroys healthy body tissue, mistaking it for harmful foreign substances

(1) insulin **autoimmune** syndrome, (2) **autoimmune** disorder

The presence of certain substances triggered the **autoimmune** response.

buttress

n. an architectural structure that supports or reinforces a wall or other building feature; (verb) to support or reinforce something

synonym: support, prop, reinforcement

(1) reinforce with a **buttress**, (2) **buttress** your thesis

Massive **buttresses** supported the ancient castle.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym: status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

patriarchal

adj. relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated

synonym: male-dominated, paternalistic

(1) **patriarchal** society, (2) **patriarchal** government

The **patriarchal** system that many societies have is outdated and unfair to women.

xenophobia

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

(1) suffer from **xenophobia**, (2) linguistic **xenophobia**

The **xenophobia** in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.

purview

n. the range or scope of authority, responsibility, or influence of a particular person, group, or organization
synonym: scope, range, domain

(1) the **purview** of the committee, (2) beyond the **purview** of the law

The issue falls within the **purview** of the legal department.

apologetic

adj. feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

synonym: sorry, regretful, remorseful

(1) **apologetic** tone, (2) **apologetic** letter

He was **apologetic** for being late to the meeting.

intimacy

n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

synonym: closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of **intimacy**, (2) build **intimacy**

They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

solver

n. a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem

synonym: thinker

(1) puzzle- **solver**, (2) linear **solver**

The flow **solver** is validated against the experiment.

fury

n. intense and often violent anger

synonym: rage, wrath, ire

(1) market **fury**, (2) **fury** of the storm

The crowd's **fury** was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.

macho

adj. characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant or aggressive

synonym: masculine, aggressive, virile

(1) **macho** culture, (2) maintain a **macho** image

His **macho** posturing was just a cover for his insecurities and lack of confidence.

fascist

adj. relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties

synonym: authoritarian, dictatorial, totalitarian

(1) **fascist** propaganda, (2) **fascist** policies

The regime was accused of being **fascist** for their oppressive tactics.

antidote

n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

synonym: remedy, treatment, restorative

(1) the **antidote** to the poison, (2) the **antidote** for aging

Knowledge is the **antidote** to fear.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a ch____ul disposition *adj.* happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism
2. maintain a ma__o image *adj.* characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant or aggressive
3. sp__l the surprise *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
4. en____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
5. f__y of the storm *n.* intense and often violent anger
6. co____nd right and wrong *v.* to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical
7. ha____s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
8. ba__l plot *adj.* lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar
9. in____ty of poverty *n.* an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment

ANSWERS: 1. cheerful, 2. macho, 3. spoil, 4. entitle, 5. fury, 6. confound, 7. harass, 8. banal, 9. indignity

10. mo____y of the situation *n.* the act of ridiculing or making fun of someone or something, often in a contemptuous or mocking manner
11. pr____t trouble *v.* to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else
12. a t__e animal *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
13. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
14. def____al language *adj.* showing or expressing respect or obedience; yielding to someone else's opinions or judgment
15. di____n the policemen *v.* to look down on
16. on terms of in____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
17. fri____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
18. sh____r the plate *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
19. fa____t policies *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties

ANSWERS: 10. mockery, 11. preempt, 12. tame, 13. empathy, 14. deferential, 15. disdain, 16. intimacy, 17. frightening, 18. shatter, 19. fascist

20. bi_____te into two separate tracks *v.* to divide or split into two branches or parts
21. apo_____ic tone *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
22. in a ta____e *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
23. in_____fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
24. sound very te_____ng *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
25. public mo_____y *n.* the act of ridiculing or making fun of someone or something, often in a contemptuous or mocking manner
26. co_____nd the problem *v.* to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical
27. ch_____ul smile *adj.* happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism
28. def_____al attitude *adj.* showing or expressing respect or obedience; yielding to someone else's opinions or judgment
29. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
30. ra_____t corruption *adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled

ANSWERS: 20. bifurcate, 21. apologetic, 22. tangle, 23. intensify, 24. tempting, 25. mockery, 26. confound, 27. cheerful, 28. deferential, 29. afterward, 30. rampant

31. pr_____ty index *n.* the state of being uncertain or precarious, especially about work or income; a condition of existence characterized by the absence or constant threat of basic security, such as financial stability, physical safety, or access to healthcare
32. re_____ce citizenship *v.* to formally declare one's abandonment or rejection of something, especially a belief, claim, or right; to give up or relinquish a particular status, title, or position
33. in_____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
34. the an_____te to the poison *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
35. a li_____e character *adj.* having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable
36. status q_uo politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
37. t__e a wild beast *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
38. m__l a decision *v.* to think over carefully; to consider or ponder; to mix or stir thoroughly

ANSWERS: 31. precarity, 32. renounce, 33. intensify, 34. antidote, 35. likable, 36. quo, 37. tame, 38. mull

39. sh____r a world record *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
40. se__r a positive relationship *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
41. market f__y *n.* intense and often violent anger
42. insulin aut_____ne syndrome *adj.* relating to a condition in which the body's immune system attacks and destroys healthy body tissue, mistaking it for harmful foreign substances
43. re____ce a claim *v.* to formally declare one's abandonment or rejection of something, especially a belief, claim, or right; to give up or relinquish a particular status, title, or position
44. toxic mas_____ty *n.* the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly
45. puzzle-so____r *n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
46. a pr_____ry bird *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
47. pa_____le solution *adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted
48. ha____s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

ANSWERS: 39. shatter, 40. sever, 41. fury, 42. autoimmune, 43. renounce, 44. masculinity, 45. solver, 46. predatory, 47. palatable, 48. harass

49. ru____te about the past *v.* to think deeply about something; to ponder
50. n_g about the minor thing *v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
51. utter pl_____de *n.* a trite or overused remark or statement that is lacking in originality or insight often used to express a general truth or sentiment; an empty or insincere remark that is meant to sound comforting or supportive
52. en___e critics *v.* to make someone extremely angry
53. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
54. the pu_____w of the committee *n.* the range or scope of authority, responsibility, or influence of a particular person, group, or organization
55. de_____ce to authority *n.* respectful or polite submission or yielding to the judgment, opinion, or wishes of another person or group; a show of respect or honor
56. suffer from xen_____ia *n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
57. sp__l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
58. the th__m of the engine *v.* to produce a continuous, low, monotonous sound, often with a vibrating or humming quality; (noun) a continuous rhythmic humming or drumming sound

ANSWERS: 49. ruminare, 50. nag, 51. platitude, 52. enrage, 53. afterward, 54. purview, 55. deference, 56. xenophobia, 57. spoil, 58. thrum

59. pa_____le food *adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted
60. fa_____t propaganda *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
61. linguistic xen_____ia *n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
62. environmental mi_____sm *n.* a miniature or small-scale version of something that represents the larger whole or system; a representation of society or culture on a smaller scale
63. di_____n the offer of a bribe *v.* to look down on
64. pay de_____ce *n.* respectful or polite submission or yielding to the judgment, opinion, or wishes of another person or group; a show of respect or honor
65. uncomfortably hu__d *adj.* having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy
66. the an_____te for aging *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
67. mis_____ent the situation *v.* to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone
68. reinforce with a bu_____ss *n.* an architectural structure that supports or reinforces a wall or other building feature; (verb) to support or reinforce something

ANSWERS: 59. palatable, 60. fascist, 61. xenophobia, 62. microcosm, 63. disdain, 64. deference, 65. humid, 66. antidote, 67. misrepresent, 68. buttress

69. apo_____ic letter *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
70. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
71. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
72. hu__d climate *adj.* having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy
73. en___e the international community *v.* to make someone extremely angry
74. mas_____ty norms *n.* the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly
75. ba__l conversation *adj.* lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar
76. bu_____ss your thesis *n.* an architectural structure that supports or reinforces a wall or other building feature; (verb) to support or reinforce something
77. pr_____t a financial crisis *v.* to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else
78. bi_____te at the top of the mountain *v.* to divide or split into two branches or parts

ANSWERS: 69. apologetic, 70. empathy, 71. nurture, 72. humid, 73. enrage, 74. masculinity, 75. banal, 76. buttress, 77. preempt, 78. bifurcate

79. te_____ng offer *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
80. soil mi_____sm *n.* a miniature or small-scale version of something that represents the larger whole or system; a representation of society or culture on a smaller scale
81. build in_____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
82. ra_____t growth of weeds *adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
83. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
84. ta_____e wires *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
85. sensational exa_____ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
86. du_____nd boxing fans *v.* to surprise and confuse someone to the point of being unable to speak
87. mis_____ent a company's policies *v.* to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone

ANSWERS: 79. tempting, 80. microcosm, 81. intimacy, 82. rampant, 83. entitle, 84. tangle, 85. exaggeration, 86. dumbfound, 87. misrepresent

88. make a sh___l noise *adj.* high-pitched and piercing in sound; loud, sharp, and harsh
89. un____ed speech *adj.* not spoken aloud or expressed verbally; tacit or silent in communication or expression
90. sh___l cry *adj.* high-pitched and piercing in sound; loud, sharp, and harsh
91. suffer an in_____ty *n.* an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment
92. clichéd pl_____de *n.* a trite or overused remark or statement that is lacking in originality or insight often used to express a general truth or sentiment; an empty or insincere remark that is meant to sound comforting or supportive
93. ret_____on tactics *n.* the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act
94. global pr_____ty *n.* the state of being uncertain or precarious, especially about work or income; a condition of existence characterized by the absence or constant threat of basic security, such as financial stability, physical safety, or access to healthcare
95. aut_____ne disorder *adj.* relating to a condition in which the body's immune system attacks and destroys healthy body tissue, mistaking it for harmful foreign substances

ANSWERS: 88. shrill, 89. unvoiced, 90. shrill, 91. indignity, 92. platitude, 93. retaliation, 94. precarity, 95. autoimmune

96. minimal exa_____ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
97. m__l ways to retaliate *v.* to think over carefully; to consider or ponder; to mix or stir thoroughly
98. pat_____al government *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated
99. linear so____r *n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
100. beyond the pu_____w of the law *n.* the range or scope of authority, responsibility, or influence of a particular person, group, or organization
101. g__e club *n.* a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment
102. ru_____te over a problem *v.* to think deeply about something; to ponder
103. ret_____on against discrimination *n.* the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act
104. nu_____e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

ANSWERS: 96. exaggeration, 97. mull, 98. patriarchal, 99. solver, 100. purview, 101. glee, 102. ruminates, 103. retaliation, 104. nurture

105. du_____nd with its ability *v.* to surprise and confuse someone to the point of being unable to speak
106. se__r a rope *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
107. ma__o culture *adj.* characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant or aggressive
108. ve_____a seating *n.* a roofed platform along the outside of a building, typically furnished and used as a sitting area; a porch or balcony
109. li_____e personality *adj.* having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable
110. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
111. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
112. th__m nervously *v.* to produce a continuous, low, monotonous sound, often with a vibrating or humming quality; (noun) a continuous rhythmic humming or drumming sound
113. un_____ed whisper *adj.* not spoken aloud or expressed verbally; tacit or silent in communication or expression
114. sexually ob_____fy *v.* to treat or represent someone or something as an object, without regard for their dignity or worth; to view or depict someone as a mere physical entity rather than as a complex person with feelings, thoughts, and desires

ANSWERS: 105. dumbfound, 106. sever, 107. macho, 108. veranda, 109. likable, 110. quo, 111. frightening, 112. thrum, 113. unvoiced, 114. objectify

115. n_g political leaders *v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
116. traditional ve____a design *n.* a roofed platform along the outside of a building, typically furnished and used as a sitting area; a porch or balcony
117. pat_____al society *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated
118. jumping for g__e *n.* a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment
119. ob_____fy the individual *v.* to treat or represent someone or something as an object, without regard for their dignity or worth; to view or depict someone as a mere physical entity rather than as a complex person with feelings, thoughts, and desires
120. pr_____ry warfare *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

ANSWERS: 115. nag, 116. veranda, 117. patriarchal, 118. glee, 119. objectify, 120. predatory

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She couldn't stop _____ her husband to take out the trash.
 - v. to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
2. He _____ a branch from a tree quickly.
 - v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
3. Her husband's death _____ her life entirely.
 - v. to break suddenly into many pieces
4. The student showed _____ to their teacher by always being respectful in class.
 - n. respectful or polite submission or yielding to the judgment, opinion, or wishes of another person or group; a show of respect or honor
5. Even in the Middle Ages, people _____ forced labor.
 - v. to look down on
6. The couple enjoyed their coffee on the _____ while watching the sunset.
 - n. a roofed platform along the outside of a building, typically furnished and used as a sitting area; a porch or balcony
7. If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will _____.
 - v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
8. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.
 - v. to surprise and confuse someone to the point of being unable to speak

ANSWERS: 1. nagging, 2. severed, 3. shattered, 4. deference, 5. disdained, 6. veranda, 7. spoil, 8. dumbfounded

9. Massive _____ supported the ancient castle.
n. an architectural structure that supports or reinforces a wall or other building feature; (verb) to support or reinforce something
10. Her _____ personality brightened up the room.
adj. happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism
11. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
12. The air was so _____ that my clothes felt damp.
adj. having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy
13. He _____ his title and lived a simpler life as a farmer.
v. to formally declare one's abandonment or rejection of something, especially a belief, claim, or right; to give up or relinquish a particular status, title, or position
14. Knowledge is the _____ to fear.
n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
15. He's a very _____ person who makes friends easily.
adj. having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable
16. The presence of certain substances triggered the _____ response.
adj. relating to a condition in which the body's immune system attacks and destroys healthy body tissue, mistaking it for harmful foreign substances

ANSWERS: 9. buttresses, 10. cheerful, 11. Empathy, 12. humid, 13. renounced, 14. antidote, 15. likable, 16. autoimmune

17. The philosopher's speech was filled with _____ and lacked any real substance.

n. a trite or overused remark or statement that is lacking in originality or insight often used to express a general truth or sentiment; an empty or insincere remark that is meant to sound comforting or supportive

18. The _____ system that many societies have is outdated and unfair to women.

adj. relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated

19. They were looking for _____ in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

20. He was _____ for being late to the meeting.

adj. feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

21. The company faced heavy _____ from its competitors after releasing a controversial product.

n. the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act

22. The children's faces were filled with _____ as they ran around the playground.

n. a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment

ANSWERS: 17. platitudes, 18. patriarchal, 19. intimacy, 20. apologetic, 21. retaliation, 22. glee

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

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

24. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

25. The cords behind my computer were a _____ mess.

n. a confused mass of something twisted together

26. In an overly protective industry, violations of the ethics rules tend to be _____.

adj. (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled

27. The issue falls within the _____ of the legal department.

n. the range or scope of authority, responsibility, or influence of a particular person, group, or organization

28. We have to _____ substantial financial deficits at first.

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

29. The crowd's _____ was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.

n. intense and often violent anger

30. His _____ posturing was just a cover for his insecurities and lack of confidence.

adj. characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant or aggressive

ANSWERS: 23. frightening, 24. entitled, 25. tangled, 26. rampant, 27. purview, 28. tame, 29. fury, 30. macho

31. The _____ consonant in the word "knock" is the "k" sound.
adj. not spoken aloud or expressed verbally; tacit or silent in communication or expression
32. Low-paid workers in the hospitality industry often find themselves in a state of financial _____.
n. the state of being uncertain or precarious, especially about work or income; a condition of existence characterized by the absence or constant threat of basic security, such as financial stability, physical safety, or access to healthcare
33. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.
adv. after the time mentioned
34. The media tends to _____ women by focusing on their physical appearance rather than accomplishments.
v. to treat or represent someone or something as an object, without regard for their dignity or worth; to view or depict someone as a mere physical entity rather than as a complex person with feelings, thoughts, and desires
35. The government _____ the release of sensitive information.
v. to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else
36. Being demoted at work was a great _____ to him.
n. an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment
37. After a long work day, she likes to _____ on her accomplishments and plan for the next day.
v. to think deeply about something; to ponder
38. I need to _____ over the job offer before making a decision.
v. to think over carefully; to consider or ponder; to mix or stir thoroughly

ANSWERS: 31. unvoiced, 32. precarity, 33. afterward, 34. objectify, 35. preempted, 36. indignity, 37. ruminate, 38. mull

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

n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

40. I'm usually a picky eater, but the seafood at this restaurant was surprisingly _____.

adj. having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted

41. The domesticated cat still has its _____ instincts.

adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

42. The flow _____ is validated against the experiment.

n. a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem

43. The restaurant's menu had a _____ selection of generic dishes with no unique or exciting options.

adj. lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar

44. The river _____ ahead, so we must decide which branch to take.

v. to divide or split into two branches or parts

45. His story was filled with obvious _____.

n. an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is

46. The _____ sound of the whistle startled the entire crowd.

adj. high-pitched and piercing in sound; loud, sharp, and harsh

ANSWERS: 39. xenophobia, 40. palatable, 41. predatory, 42. solver, 43. banal, 44. bifurcates, 45. exaggerations, 46. shrill

47. The unexpected events _____ the scientists, who had to rethink their hypothesis.
- v. to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical
48. Rebels have pledged to _____ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.
- v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
49. The small town felt like a _____ of the larger society.
- n. a miniature or small-scale version of something that represents the larger whole or system; a representation of society or culture on a smaller scale
50. The regime was accused of being _____ for their oppressive tactics.
- adj. relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
51. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.
- v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
52. She was constantly _____ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.
- v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
53. The rain began to _____ on the roof, providing a steady rhythm that soothed me to sleep.
- v. to produce a continuous, low, monotonous sound, often with a vibrating or humming quality; (noun) a continuous rhythmic humming or drumming sound

ANSWERS: 47. confounded, 48. intensify, 49. microcosm, 50. fascist, 51. nurture, 52. harassed, 53. thrum

54. The news of the betrayal _____ him.
v. to make someone extremely angry
55. Research has shown that rigid ideas of _____ can contribute to domestic violence and other forms of abuse.
n. the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly
56. The comedian's _____ of the recent political scandal drew laughs from the crowd.
n. the act of ridiculing or making fun of someone or something, often in a contemptuous or mocking manner
57. The chocolate cake was too _____ for me to resist.
adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
58. The new employee was _____ and respectful towards his superiors.
adj. showing or expressing respect or obedience; yielding to someone else's opinions or judgment
59. The company has been successful in maintaining the status _____.
n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
60. The article _____ the true intentions of the author's argument.
v. to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone

ANSWERS: 54. enraged, 55. masculinity, 56. mockery, 57. tempting, 58. deferential, 59. quo, 60. misrepresents