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Session 1: Word List

garrulous

adj. excessively talkative, especially about trivial or irrelevant matters; verbose or long-winded

synonym: talkative, loquacious, chatty

(1) **garrulous** talker, (2) **garrulous** conversation

The **garrulous** salesman wouldn't stop talking about his product.

roam

v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

synonym: wander, ramble, meander

(1) **roam** freely, (2) **roam** the countryside

I love to **roam** around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

bandit

n. a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others

synonym: robber, thief, outlaw

(1) wilderness **bandit**, (2) notorious **bandit**

A group of armed **bandits** attacked the villagers during the night.

- dirt** *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
synonym : filth, grime, muck
(1) **dirt** road, (2) **dirt** track
The garden was filled with **dirt** and needed to be tilled before planting.
- 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**.
- salesperson** *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
synonym : dealer, seller, vendor
(1) a **salesperson** in a store, (2) a drapery **salesperson**
He received the title of the best **salesperson** in all our branches worldwide.
- lure** *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
synonym : tempt, entice, attract
(1) **lure** prey, (2) **lure** foreign investment
The salesperson used a special offer to **lure** customers into buying the product.
- philosophy** *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
synonym : doctrine, attitude, creed
(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**
Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.
- barn** *n.* a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock

synonym : shed, outbuilding, granary

(1) **barn** building, (2) a **barn** for cows

The old **barn** on the farm was used to store hay and other equipment.

handyman

n. a person who is skilled at a variety of tasks related to home repair, maintenance, and improvement, typically performed on a part-time or freelance basis

synonym : handyperson, jack-of-all-trades, DIYer

(1) professional **handyman**, (2) **handyman** tools

The experienced **handyman** fixed my leaky faucet and creaky door in no time.

deaf

adj. lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals

synonym : hearing-impaired, unresponsive, insensitive

(1) **deaf** in one ear, (2) **deaf** child

The **deaf** student needed an interpreter to understand the lecture.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym : agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym : encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

flock

n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds

synonym : herd, crowd, assembly

(1) **flock** of sheep, (2) **flock** of spectator

When a **flock** of birds flies in, the hunt begins.

pet *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

(1) a **pet** bird, (2) a teacher's **pet**

I have a parrot as a **pet**.

scribble *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
synonym: scabble, scrawl, jot

(1) **scribble** on paper, (2) **scribble** notes

The words were **scribbled** in pencil.

tale *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

synonym: canard, fiction, fable

(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror

Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.

outcast *adj.* excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group;
(*noun*) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home

synonym: fugitive, friendless, vagabond

(1) discrimination against **outcast** people, (2) social **outcast**

He was an **outcast** from the neighboring village.

intruder *n.* someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something

synonym: trespasser, intruder, interloper

(1) illegal **intruder**, (2) infrared **intruder** system

The homeowner called the police when they spotted an **intruder** in their backyard.

misfit *n.* a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual

synonym: outcast, nonconformist, oddball

(1) social **misfit**, (2) corporate **misfit**

He felt like a **misfit** in his new school.

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.

sting

v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

synonym: bite, prick, poke

(1) **sting** me on the arm, (2) **sting** his face

Bees **sting** as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.

offbeat

adj. unusual or unconventional in a way that is often humorous or amusing; not following the expected rhythm or tempo in music or speech

synonym: eccentric, unconventional, quirky

(1) **offbeat** design, (2) **offbeat** movie

She has an **offbeat** sense of humor that always keeps me laughing.

humor

n. the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

synonym: comedy, funniness, liquid substance

(1) sardonic **humor**, (2) vitreous **humor**

My wife seems to be in ill **humor**.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

savory

adj. pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet

synonym: delicious, tasty, appetizing

(1) **savory** dish, (2) a **savory** omelet

The **savory** aroma of roasted chicken filled the kitchen.

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future;
a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different

scenarios

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

spare

adj. additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb)
to give time, money, space, etc. to someone

synonym: extra, excess, (verb) afford

(1) **spare** parts, (2) **spare** cost

I made plans to spend my **spare** time beneficially.

cartoon

n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

synonym: illustration, drawing, caricature

(1) **cartoon** character, (2) **cartoon** industry

He spent his afternoon watching **cartoon** movies on TV.

brim

n. the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat

synonym: beak, edge, bound

(1) the **brim** of a hat, (2) the pelvic **brim**

The glass was filled to the **brim** with beer.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym: wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

innocent

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

synonym : blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people

My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

cab

n. a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven

synonym : taxi, hack, cabriolet

(1) taxi **cab**, (2) yellow **cab**

I hailed a **cab** to take me to the airport.

urn

n. a large, typically rounded container, often made of ceramic, metal, or glass, used for storing the ashes of a cremated person or pet or for decorative purposes

synonym : vase, container, jar

(1) memorial **urn**, (2) **urn** decoration

The athlete's remains were scattered at sea rather than placed in an **urn**.

sly

adj. having or showing a secretive or deceptive nature; cunning or crafty in achieving one's goals

synonym : crafty, sneaky, devious

(1) **sly** tactics, (2) **sly** fox

He had a **sly** smile on his face as he told his joke.

drift

v. to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction

synonym : float, wander, freewheel

(1) **drift** down the stream, (2) **drift** away on a raft

I **drifted** around for years in Europe before going to university.

wander

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

synonym : ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from home

I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

crater

n. a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

synonym : cavity, hole, pit

(1) **crater** lake, (2) lunar **crater**

An enormous **crater** marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.

mute

adj. silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated

synonym : silent, unspoken, voiceless

(1) **mute** button, (2) **mute** sound

The actor played a **mute** character and had to rely on facial expressions to portray his emotions.

assured

adj. confident and sure; having no doubts or worries

synonym : confident, secure, certain

(1) **assured** confidence, (2) an **assured** position

She was **assured** of a bright future after graduation.

isolate

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

synonym : separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient

You should not **isolate** them from the community.

suspicious

adj. making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence

synonym : fishy, questionable, doubtful

(1) report **suspicious** activity, (2) a person who is **suspicious**

We carefully examine each **suspicious** transaction report we receive.

motif

n. a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music

synonym: theme, pattern, design

(1) animal **motif**, (2) the **motif** of a music piece

The repeating floral **motif** in the wallpaper added a touch of elegance to the room.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

scheme

n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

synonym: strategy, blueprint, plan

(1) a pilot **scheme**, (2) draw out a **scheme**

They carefully executed the well-planned **scheme** they had prepared over the years.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

rattle

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

synonym: jolt, shake, babble

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

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

presumption

n. an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity

synonym : assumption, arrogance, audacity

(1) **presumption** against forfeiture, (2) **presumption** of guilt

It is a common **presumption** that doctors know best, but patients should always ask questions and be informed about their healthcare decisions.

devout

adj. deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety

synonym : pious, religious, faithful

(1) **devout** Buddhist, (2) act in a **devout** manner

The **devout** monk spent hours each day in prayer and contemplation.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym : chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

pious

adj. deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices

synonym : religious, devout, godly

(1) **pious** belief, (2) **pious** follower

The **pious** woman spent her days volunteering at the local church.

coexist

v. to live or exist together at the same time in the same place

synonym: cohabit, accompany, synchronize

(1) **coexist** with nature, (2) **coexist** with diversity

The different species can **coexist** in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

grapple

v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

synonym: brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym: engage, carry out, execute

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

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

reluctant

adj. unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears

synonym: hesitant, unwilling, unenthusiastic

(1) slowly becoming more **reluctant**, (2) **reluctant** readers

He was **reluctant** to share his thoughts on the matter.

prophet

n. a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.

synonym : oracle, visionary, seer

(1) false **prophet**, (2) words of the **prophet**

In this tribe, people believed the **prophet** would save them from many calamities.

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym : agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

grave

n. a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

synonym : tomb, crypt, sepulcher

(1) **grave** an image, (2) **grave** mistake

Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass **graves** outside the city during the war.

passerby

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

synonym : spectator, onlooker

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

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

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.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
synonym : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym : argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

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**.

attune

v. to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment

synonym : align, harmonize, acclimate

(1) **attune** to nature, (2) **attune** myself to the rhythm

It is important to **attune** yourself to your customers' needs to provide the best service possible.

racism

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

synonym : prejudice, discrimination, bias

(1) systemic **racism**, (2) research on anti- **racism**

The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the **racism** present in the community.

converge

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
synonym: congregate, assemble, concentrate

(1) **converge** of a series, (2) **converge** from different points

The two rivers **converge** into one near this area.

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.

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.

bigotry

n. intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
synonym: intolerance, prejudice, bias

(1) ethnic **bigotry**, (2) self-righteous **bigotry**

Bigotry and discrimination have no place in our society.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
synonym: dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

evil

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

synonym: malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**

Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

exempt

adj. free from or not subject to a particular requirement or restriction; (verb) to excuse someone or something from an obligation, payment, etc.

synonym: free, clear, released

(1) goods **exempt** from tax, (2) **exempt** from the law

Members of the military are **exempt** from paying taxes.

scrutiny

n. careful and detailed examination

synonym: examination, analysis, inspection

(1) additional **scrutiny**, (2) public **scrutiny**

All products produced by our factory undergo rigorous **scrutiny**.

probe

n. a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something

synonym: investigation, inquiry, examination

(1) a lunar **probe**, (2) **probe** for inside information

NASA sent a **probe** to study the atmosphere of Jupiter.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
synonym: characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

redemption

n. the act of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil, or the process of regaining or earning something of value

synonym: rescue, salvation, liberation

(1) **redemption** of a loan, (2) a **redemption** bill

He saw his time in prison as an opportunity for **redemption**.

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym: snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

redeem

v. to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation

synonym: rescue, save, recover

(1) **redeem** a coupon, (2) **redeem** a government bond

He tried to **redeem** himself by volunteering at the local charity after his mistakes.

insufferable

adj. intolerable or unbearable; causing excessive annoyance, irritation, or discontent

synonym: unbearable, intolerable, annoying

(1) **insufferable** heat, (2) **insufferable** traffic during rush hour

My **insufferable** neighbor plays loud music at all hours of the

night.

forgiveness

n. the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

synonym: pardon, amnesty, compassion

(1) **forgiveness** of liabilities, (2) beg for **forgiveness**

He gained debt **forgiveness**.

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime

synonym: offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

(1) wanted **criminal**, (2) **criminal** investigation

The police are searching for the **criminal** who stole the jewels.

balk

v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

synonym: hesitate, recoil, shy away

(1) **balk** at extra work, (2) **balk** in fear

After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't **balk** at trying again.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym: engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

nuance

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

synonym: shading, refinement, subtlety

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

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

purity

n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially

of a sexual nature

synonym: sinlessness, innocence, cleanliness

(1) the degree of **purity**, (2) high **purity**

Higher **purity** requires additional equipment and energy.

mastery

n. complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity

synonym: proficiency, aptitude, domination

(1) **mastery** of mathematics, (2) strive for **mastery**

The country finally gained **mastery** over the whole land of its neighbors.

grotesque

adj. bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre

synonym: bizarre, deformed, monstrous

(1) have **grotesque** design, (2) **grotesque** appearance

The **grotesque** sculpture made me feel uneasy.

insularity

n. the state of being isolated or separated from others, often due to cultural, geographical, or ideological differences; a narrow or parochial viewpoint or mentality

synonym: isolation, provincialism, narrow-mindedness

(1) the **insularity** of the town, (2) the **insularity** of the culture

The island's **insularity** made it difficult for outsiders to integrate into the community.

superstition

n. a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion

synonym: belief, folklore, myth

(1) **superstition** in religion, (2) believe in **superstition**

There is a surviving **superstition** that black cats are a symbol of bad luck.

Gothic

adj. of or relating to a style of architecture and art characterized by pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses, popular in Europe in the 12th-16th centuries

synonym : medieval, mysterious, eerie

(1) a **Gothic** cathedral, (2) **Gothic** novel

The **Gothic** architecture of the cathedral was awe-inspiring.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym : absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

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.

characteristic

n. a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

synonym : feature, quality, attribute

(1) stripes **characteristic** of the zebra, (2) my friend's **characteristic** laugh

Bananas have their **characteristic** taste and odor.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym : tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

- genre** *n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics
synonym: type, category, style
(1) **genre** of music, (2) a literary **genre**
He is known for creating **genre-busting** paintings.
- uncomfortable** *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
synonym: comfortless, discomfoting, painful
(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face
His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.
- acquire** *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
synonym: attain, earn, catch
(1) **acquire** knowledge, (2) **acquire** a new company
Children **acquire** language at a fantastic rate.
- lupus** *n.* an autoimmune disease that can affect various parts of the body, including the skin, joints, and internal organs, and is characterized by inflammation and tissue damage
(1) drug-induced **lupus**, (2) **lupus** treatment
Treatment for **lupus** depends on the severity of the disease and may include medication, lifestyle changes, and regular check-ups with a rheumatologist.
- disease** *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
synonym: illness, ailment, affliction
(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control
The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.
- confine** *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
synonym: restrict, limit, contain
(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

flit

v. to move quickly and lightly from place to place, often without purpose or direction; to flutter or dart quickly, like a bird or insect

synonym: flutter, dart, skim

(1) **flit** away into the darkness, (2) **flit** from place to place

The butterfly would **flit** from flower to flower, collecting nectar.

revulsion

n. a strong feeling of disgust, loathing, or aversion; an intense reaction that is often triggered by something unpleasant or offensive

synonym: disgust, repugnance, aversion

(1) sense of **revulsion**, (2) physical **revulsion**

His **revulsion** towards the cruel treatment of animals led him to become a vegan.

revelation

n. a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency

synonym: disclosure, telling, annunciation

(1) a divine **revelation**, (2) the **revelation** of a secret

The shocking **revelation** embarrassed the administration.

endlessly

adv. in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

synonym: ceaselessly, interminably, unceasingly

(1) repeat **endlessly**, (2) worry **endlessly** about our future

The procession of demonstrators was **endlessly** continuing.

fictional

adj. imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction

synonym : imaginary, invented, made-up

(1) **fictional** character, (2) non- **fictional** text

The names of the company are entirely **fictional**.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym : soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

automobile

n. a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods

synonym : car, vehicle, motorcar

(1) driverless **automobile**, (2) **automobile** insurance

The **automobile** industry is a major contributor to air pollution in cities.

Session 2: Spelling

1. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
2. a teacher's p_t *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
3. lu__s treatment *n.* an autoimmune disease that can affect various parts of the body, including the skin, joints, and internal organs, and is characterized by inflammation and tissue damage
4. 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
5. ca_____ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
6. of_____t design *adj.* unusual or unconventional in a way that is often humorous or amusing; not following the expected rhythm or tempo in music or speech
7. b__n building *n.* a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock
8. non-fi_____al text *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
9. the worst case sc_____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

ANSWERS: 1. uncomfortable, 2. pet, 3. lupus, 4. novel, 5. Catholic, 6. offbeat, 7. barn, 8. fictional, 9. scenario

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| 10. additional sc____ny | <i>n.</i> careful and detailed examination |
| 11. systemic ra___m | <i>n.</i> prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized |
| 12. a pilot sc___e | <i>n.</i> an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something |
| 13. co_____e the scope of use | <i>v.</i> to restrict the movement of someone or something |
| 14. ga_____us talker | <i>adj.</i> excessively talkative, especially about trivial or irrelevant matters; verbose or long-winded |
| 15. a red_____on bill | <i>n.</i> the act of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil, or the process of regaining or earning something of value |
| 16. a person who is sus_____us | <i>adj.</i> making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence |
| 17. capable of ima_____ve creation | <i>adj.</i> having or showing new and creative ideas |
| 18. d__g a chair over | <i>v.</i> to pull or haul with force |
| 19. victim of a vi_____t crime | <i>adj.</i> involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something |
| 20. corporate mi____t | <i>n.</i> a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual |

ANSWERS: 10. scrutiny, 11. racism, 12. scheme, 13. confine, 14. garrulous, 15. redemption, 16. suspicious, 17. imaginative, 18. drag, 19. violent, 20. misfit

21. re___m a coupon *v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
22. uncontrollable r__e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
23. pi__s follower *adj.* deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices
24. taxi c_b *n.* a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
25. co_____t with nature *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
26. l__e prey *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
27. ga_____us conversation *adj.* excessively talkative, especially about trivial or irrelevant matters; verbose or long-winded
28. worry en_____ly about our future *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
29. as_____d confidence *adj.* confident and sure; having no doubts or worries
30. fi_____al character *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
31. beg for for_____ss *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

ANSWERS: 21. redeem, 22. rage, 23. pious, 24. cab, 25. coexist, 26. lure, 27. garrulous, 28. endlessly, 29. assured, 30. fictional, 31. forgiveness

32. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
33. draw out a sc___e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
34. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
35. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
36. wanted cr____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime
37. social ou____t *adj.* excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home
38. 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
39. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
40. discrimination against ou____t people *adj.* excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home
41. b__k in fear *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

ANSWERS: 32. blind, 33. scheme, 34. blind, 35. possibility, 36. criminal, 37. outcast, 38. bible, 39. associate, 40. outcast, 41. balk

42. ethnic bi____y *n.* intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
43. sa____y dish *adj.* pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet
44. vi____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
45. false pr____t *n.* a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.
46. sc____le notes *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
47. infrared in____er system *n.* someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something
48. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
49. 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
50. the Ca____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

ANSWERS: 42. bigotry, 43. savory, 44. violent, 45. prophet, 46. scribble, 47. intruder, 48. rev, 49. fiction, 50. Catholic

51. sp___t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
52. gr__e mistake *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
53. sc_____le on paper *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
54. m__e sound *adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated
55. the ins_____ty of the town *n.* the state of being isolated or separated from others, often due to cultural, geographical, or ideological differences; a narrow or parochial viewpoint or mentality
56. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
57. r__m freely *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
58. lunar cr___r *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

ANSWERS: 51. spirit, 52. grave, 53. scribble, 54. mute, 55. insularity, 56. broad, 57. roam, 58. crater

59. pre_____on against forfeiture *n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
60. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
61. cannot com_____se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
62. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
63. de___t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
64. a p_t bird *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
65. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
66. have gr_____ue design *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
67. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
68. rich in nu___e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

ANSWERS: 59. presumption, 60. unexpected, 61. compromise, 62. rev, 63. depict, 64. pet, 65. spot, 66. grotesque, 67. ridiculous, 68. nuance

69. pa____by in the street *n.* a person who is walking by or happens to be in the vicinity of a particular place or event, often without necessarily being involved in it in any way
70. ma_____y of mathematics *n.* complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity
71. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
72. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
73. com_____se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
74. d__f child *adj.* lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals
75. report sus_____us activity *adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
76. public sc_____ny *n.* careful and detailed examination
77. a charm against e__l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
78. at___e to nature *v.* to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
79. of_____t movie *adj.* unusual or unconventional in a way that is often humorous or amusing; not following the expected rhythm or tempo in music or speech

ANSWERS: 69. passerby, 70. mastery, 71. surround, 72. isolate, 73. compromise, 74. deaf, 75. suspicious, 76. scrutiny, 77. evil, 78. attune, 79. offbeat

80. a literary ge__e *n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics
81. vitreous hu__r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
82. memorial u_n *n.* a large, typically rounded container, often made of ceramic, metal, or glass, used for storing the ashes of a cremated person or pet or for decorative purposes
83. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
84. ins_____ble traffic during rush hour *adj.* intolerable or unbearable; causing excessive annoyance, irritation, or discontent
85. professional ha_____an *n.* a person who is skilled at a variety of tasks related to home repair, maintenance, and improvement, typically performed on a part-time or freelance basis
86. high pu___y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
87. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
88. a sal_____on in a store *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
89. an une_____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

ANSWERS: 80. genre, 81. humor, 82. urn, 83. broad, 84. insufferable, 85. handyman, 86. purity, 87. drag, 88. salesperson, 89. unexpected

90. the rev_____on of a secret *n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency
91. ac_____e a new company *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
92. u_n decoration *n.* a large, typically rounded container, often made of ceramic, metal, or glass, used for storing the ashes of a cremated person or pet or for decorative purposes
93. dr__t down the stream *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
94. re___m a government bond *v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
95. f__t away into the darkness *v.* to move quickly and lightly from place to place, often without purpose or direction; to flutter or dart quickly, like a bird or insect
96. nontechnical as___ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

ANSWERS: 90. revelation, 91. acquire, 92. urn, 93. drift, 94. redeem, 95. flit, 96. aspect

97. sp__e parts *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
98. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
99. subtle cultural nu___e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
100. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
101. co___t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
102. my friend's cha_____tic laugh *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
103. red_____on of a loan *n.* the act of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil, or the process of regaining or earning something of value
104. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
105. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
106. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
107. words of the pr_____t *n.* a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.

ANSWERS: 97. spare, 98. recognize, 99. nuance, 100. aspect, 101. commit, 102. characteristic, 103. redemption, 104. recognize, 105. uncomfortable, 106. confront, 107. prophet

108. f__t from place to place *v.* to move quickly and lightly from place to place, often without purpose or direction; to flutter or dart quickly, like a bird or insect
109. sardonic hu__r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
110. ins_____ble heat *adj.* intolerable or unbearable; causing excessive annoyance, irritation, or discontent
111. repeat en_____ly *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
112. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
113. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
114. slowly becoming more re_____nt *adj.* unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
115. wa___r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
116. sense of re_____on *n.* a strong feeling of disgust, loathing, or aversion; an intense reaction that is often triggered by something unpleasant or offensive
117. sup_____ion in religion *n.* a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion
118. gr__e an image *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

ANSWERS: 108. flit, 109. humor, 110. insufferable, 111. endlessly, 112. surround, 113. bury, 114. reluctant, 115. wander, 116. revulsion, 117. superstition, 118. grave

119. de___t Buddhist	<i>adj.</i> deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
120. t__e of horror	<i>n.</i> a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
121. pi__s belief	<i>adj.</i> deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices
122. st__g his face	<i>v.</i> to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
123. re_____nt readers	<i>adj.</i> unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
124. cr___r lake	<i>n.</i> a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
125. a rid_____us amount of money	<i>adj.</i> very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
126. ima_____ve as a child	<i>adj.</i> having or showing new and creative ideas
127. a b__n for cows	<i>n.</i> a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock
128. a divine rev_____on	<i>n.</i> a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency

ANSWERS: 119. devout, 120. tale, 121. pious, 122. sting, 123. reluctant, 124. crater, 125. ridiculous, 126. imaginative, 127. barn, 128. revelation

129. pre_____on of guilt *n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
130. ge__e of music *n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics
131. r__m the countryside *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
132. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
133. for_____ss of liabilities *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
134. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
135. animal mo__f *n.* a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music
136. a fairy t__e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
137. mu___r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally

ANSWERS: 129. presumption, 130. genre, 131. roam, 132. rural, 133. forgiveness, 134. philosophy, 135. motif, 136. tale, 137. murder

138. di____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
139. 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
140. believe in sup_____ion *n.* a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion
141. an as____d position *adj.* confident and sure; having no doubts or worries
142. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
143. a lunar pr__e *n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something
144. gr_____e with problem *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
145. co___t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
146. b__k at extra work *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

ANSWERS: 138. disease, 139. bible, 140. superstition, 141. assured, 142. philosophy, 143. probe, 144. grapple, 145. commit, 146. balk

147. the ins_____ty of the culture *n.* the state of being isolated or separated from others, often due to cultural, geographical, or ideological differences; a narrow or parochial viewpoint or mentality
148. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
149. research on anti-ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
150. a sa___y omelet *adj.* pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet
151. ex___t from the law *adj.* free from or not subject to a particular requirement or restriction; (verb) to excuse someone or something from an obligation, payment, etc.
152. the mo__f of a music piece *n.* a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music
153. the b__m of a hat *n.* the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat
154. physical re_____on *n.* a strong feeling of disgust, loathing, or aversion; an intense reaction that is often triggered by something unpleasant or offensive

ANSWERS: 147. insularity, 148. associate, 149. racism, 150. savory, 151. exempt, 152. motif, 153. brim, 154. revulsion

155. goods ex___t from tax *adj.* free from or not subject to a particular requirement or restriction; (verb) to excuse someone or something from an obligation, payment, etc.
156. number of different sc_____ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
157. s_y tactics *adj.* having or showing a secretive or deceptive nature; cunning or crafty in achieving one's goals
158. ra___e along a road *v.* to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds
159. co_____e themselves solely *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
160. gr_____e with each other *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
161. gr_____ue appearance *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
162. act in a de___t manner *adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
163. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 155. exempt, 156. scenario, 157. sly, 158. rattle, 159. confine, 160. grapple, 161. grotesque, 162. devout, 163. debate

164. a Go___c cathedral *adj.* of or relating to a style of architecture and art characterized by pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses, popular in Europe in the 12th-16th centuries
165. yellow c_b *n.* a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
166. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
167. an in_____nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
168. driverless aut_____le *n.* a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods
169. cr_____al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime
170. 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
171. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
172. ca_____n industry *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

ANSWERS: 164. Gothic, 165. cab, 166. confront, 167. innocent, 168. automobile, 169. criminal, 170. fiction, 171. debate, 172. cartoon

173. curious pa____by *n.* a person who is walking by or happens to be in the vicinity of a particular place or event, often without necessarily being involved in it in any way
174. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
175. social mi____t *n.* a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual
176. fall into a r__e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
177. di____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
178. s_y fox *adj.* having or showing a secretive or deceptive nature; cunning or crafty in achieving one's goals
179. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
180. wa____r far from home *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
181. sp__e cost *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
182. a drapery sal_____on *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

ANSWERS: 173. passerby, 174. crack, 175. misfit, 176. rage, 177. disease, 178. sly, 179. spot, 180. wander, 181. spare, 182. salesperson

183. with de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
184. co____t with diversity *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
185. aut_____le insurance *n.* a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods
186. d__t track *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
187. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
188. is_____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
189. 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
190. Go___c novel *adj.* of or relating to a style of architecture and art characterized by pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses, popular in Europe in the 12th-16th centuries
191. m__e button *adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated
192. strive for ma_____y *n.* complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity

ANSWERS: 183. delight, 184. coexist, 185. automobile, 186. dirt, 187. frightening, 188. isolate, 189. novel, 190. Gothic, 191. mute, 192. mastery

193. drug-induced lu__s *n.* an autoimmune disease that can affect various parts of the body, including the skin, joints, and internal organs, and is characterized by inflammation and tissue damage
194. d__f in one ear *adj.* lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals
195. l__e foreign investment *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
196. ca_____n character *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
197. ra___e and bang at the door *v.* to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds
198. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
199. notorious ba___t *n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others
200. the pelvic b__m *n.* the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat
201. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
202. ac_____e knowledge *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

ANSWERS: 193. lupus, 194. deaf, 195. lure, 196. cartoon, 197. rattle, 198. evil, 199. bandit, 200. brim, 201. possibility, 202. acquire

203. a tremor of de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
204. pr__e for inside information *n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something
205. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
206. co_____ge from different points *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
207. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
208. fl__k of spectator *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
209. illegal in_____er *n.* someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something
210. wilderness ba____t *n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others
211. self-righteous bi_____y *n.* intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
212. ha_____an tools *n.* a person who is skilled at a variety of tasks related to home repair, maintenance, and improvement, typically performed on a part-time or freelance basis

ANSWERS: 203. delight, 204. probe, 205. rural, 206. converge, 207. crack, 208. flock, 209. intruder, 210. bandit, 211. bigotry, 212. handyman

213. dr__t away on a raft v. to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
214. b__y emotion v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
215. attempted mu___r n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally
216. fl__k of sheep n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
217. st__g me on the arm v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
218. de___t a scene v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
219. an indomitable sp___t n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
220. stripes cha_____tic of the zebra n. a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
221. at___e myself to the rhythm v. to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
222. the degree of pu___y n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

ANSWERS: 213. drift, 214. bury, 215. murder, 216. flock, 217. sting, 218. depict, 219. spirit, 220. characteristic, 221. attune, 222. purity

223. co____ge of a series *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
224. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
225. thousands of in_____nt people *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
226. d__t road *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock

ANSWERS: 223. converge, 224. frightening, 225. innocent, 226. dirt

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.
adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
2. It is a common _____ that doctors know best, but patients should always ask questions and be informed about their healthcare decisions.
n. an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
3. Bees _____ as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.
v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
4. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.
adj. of or relating to the countryside
5. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.
v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
6. 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
7. The old _____ on the farm was used to store hay and other equipment.
n. a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock
8. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.
adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

ANSWERS: 1. unexpected, 2. presumption, 3. sting, 4. rural, 5. compromised, 6. bible, 7. barn, 8. frightening

9. He was an _____ from the neighboring village.

adj. excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home

10. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the _____ present in the community.

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

11. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

12. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

13. The _____ student needed an interpreter to understand the lecture.

adj. lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals

14. She was _____ of a bright future after graduation.

adj. confident and sure; having no doubts or worries

15. The actor played a _____ character and had to rely on facial expressions to portray his emotions.

adj. silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated

16. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

ANSWERS: 9. outcast, 10. racism, 11. disease, 12. violent, 13. deaf, 14. assured, 15. mute, 16. spot

17. The _____ salesman wouldn't stop talking about his product.
adj. excessively talkative, especially about trivial or irrelevant matters; verbose or long-winded
18. She was filled with a burning _____ at the injustice she had witnessed.
n. a strong feeling of anger or violence
19. I have a parrot as a _____.
n. an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
20. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
21. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.
n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
22. He needed to _____ with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.
v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
23. He spent his afternoon watching _____ movies on TV.
n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
24. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.
v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

ANSWERS: 17. garrulous, 18. rage, 19. pet, 20. rev, 21. spirit, 22. grapple, 23. cartoon, 24. confront

25. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.
v. to pull or haul with force
26. His abusive words made me _____.
adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
27. _____ and discrimination have no place in our society.
n. intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
28. The _____ sculpture made me feel uneasy.
adj. bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
29. Ghosts in folk _____ are almost always malicious.
n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
30. The words were _____ in pencil.
v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
31. The experienced _____ fixed my leaky faucet and creaky door in no time.
n. a person who is skilled at a variety of tasks related to home repair, maintenance, and improvement, typically performed on a part-time or freelance basis
32. The homeowner called the police when they spotted an _____ in their backyard.
n. someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something

ANSWERS: 25. dragged, 26. uncomfortable, 27. Bigotry, 28. grotesque, 29. tales, 30. scribbled, 31. handyman, 32. intruder

33. She has an _____ sense of humor that always keeps me laughing.
adj. unusual or unconventional in a way that is often humorous or amusing; not following the expected rhythm or tempo in music or speech
34. The _____ architecture of the cathedral was awe-inspiring.
adj. of or relating to a style of architecture and art characterized by pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses, popular in Europe in the 12th-16th centuries
35. The glass was filled to the _____ with beer.
n. the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat
36. I love to _____ around the city and discover new neighborhoods.
v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
37. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
38. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.
v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
39. An enormous _____ marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.
n. a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
40. The shocking _____ embarrassed the administration.
n. a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency

ANSWERS: 33. offbeat, 34. Gothic, 35. brim, 36. roam, 37. possibility, 38. crack, 39. crater, 40. revelation

41. He saw his time in prison as an opportunity for _____.
- n.* the act of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil, or the process of regaining or earning something of value
42. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.
- adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
43. 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
44. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.
- adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
45. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.
- n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
46. Members of the military are _____ from paying taxes.
- adj.* free from or not subject to a particular requirement or restriction; (verb) to excuse someone or something from an obligation, payment, etc.
47. You should not _____ them from the community.
- v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
48. My husband was found _____ of any crime.
- adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

ANSWERS: 41. redemption, 42. ridiculous, 43. novel, 44. evil, 45. scenarios, 46. exempt, 47. isolate, 48. innocent

49. It is important to _____ yourself to your customers' needs to provide the best service possible.
- v.* to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
50. He gained debt _____.
- n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
51. There is a surviving _____ that black cats are a symbol of bad luck.
- n.* a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion
52. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.
- n.* a person who has committed a crime
53. After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't _____ at trying again.
- v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
54. The garden was filled with _____ and needed to be tilled before planting.
- n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
55. He tried to _____ himself by volunteering at the local charity after his mistakes.
- v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
56. Ethics is a branch of _____.
- n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 49. attune, 50. forgiveness, 51. superstition, 52. criminal, 53. balk, 54. dirt, 55. redeem, 56. philosophy

57. Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass _____ outside the city during the war.
- n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
58. The vast earthquake caused the house to _____.
- v.* to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds
59. A group of armed _____ attacked the villagers during the night.
- n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others
60. He was _____ to share his thoughts on the matter.
- adj.* unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
61. She is a hard worker but not very _____.
- adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
62. The butterfly would _____ from flower to flower, collecting nectar.
- v.* to move quickly and lightly from place to place, often without purpose or direction; to flutter or dart quickly, like a bird or insect
63. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.
- adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
64. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
- n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 57. graves, 58. rattle, 59. bandits, 60. reluctant, 61. imaginative, 62. flit, 63. blind, 64. debate

65. He is known for creating _____ paintings.

n. a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics

66. My _____ neighbor plays loud music at all hours of the night.

adj. intolerable or unbearable; causing excessive annoyance, irritation, or discontent

67. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

68. All products produced by our factory undergo rigorous _____.

n. careful and detailed examination

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

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

70. His _____ towards the cruel treatment of animals led him to become a vegan.

n. a strong feeling of disgust, loathing, or aversion; an intense reaction that is often triggered by something unpleasant or offensive

71. I _____ around for years in Europe before going to university.

v. to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction

72. The animal was _____ in a small cage.

v. to restrict the movement of someone or something

ANSWERS: 65. genre-busting, 66. insufferable, 67. catholic, 68. scrutiny, 69. nuance, 70. revulsion, 71. drifted, 72. confined

73. Higher _____ requires additional equipment and energy.
n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
74. The island's _____ made it difficult for outsiders to integrate into the community.
n. the state of being isolated or separated from others, often due to cultural, geographical, or ideological differences; a narrow or parochial viewpoint or mentality
75. The country finally gained _____ over the whole land of its neighbors.
n. complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity
76. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.
v. to do something illegal or wrong
77. Bananas have their _____ taste and odor.
n. a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
78. In this tribe, people believed the _____ would save them from many calamities.
n. a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.
79. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
80. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.
adj. very wide; general

ANSWERS: 73. purity, 74. insularity, 75. mastery, 76. committed, 77. characteristic, 78. prophet, 79. associate, 80. broad

81. My wife seems to be in ill _____.

- n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

82. Children _____ language at a fantastic rate.

- v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

83. He felt like a _____ in his new school.

- n.* a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual

84. He received the title of the best _____ in all our branches worldwide.

- n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

85. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

- v.* to be all around something or somebody

86. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.

- v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

87. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.

- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

88. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.

- n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

89. 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

ANSWERS: 81. humor, 82. acquire, 83. misfit, 84. salesperson, 85. surround, 86. depicted, 87. recognize, 88. aspects, 89. fiction

90. The police officer questioned the _____ for any information they had about the suspect
- n.* a person who is walking by or happens to be in the vicinity of a particular place or event, often without necessarily being involved in it in any way
91. The athlete's remains were scattered at sea rather than placed in an ____.
- n.* a large, typically rounded container, often made of ceramic, metal, or glass, used for storing the ashes of a cremated person or pet or for decorative purposes
92. We carefully examine each _____ transaction report we receive.
- adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
93. When a _____ of birds flies in, the hunt begins.
- n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
94. The _____ aroma of roasted chicken filled the kitchen.
- adj.* pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet
95. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.
- n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
96. The _____ industry is a major contributor to air pollution in cities.
- n.* a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods
97. The names of the company are entirely _____.
- adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction

ANSWERS: 90. passerby, 91. urn, 92. suspicious, 93. flock, 94. savory, 95. murder, 96. automobile, 97. fictional

98. They carefully executed the well-planned _____ they had prepared over the years.
- n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
99. The _____ monk spent hours each day in prayer and contemplation.
- adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
100. The two rivers _____ into one near this area.
- v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
101. NASA sent a _____ to study the atmosphere of Jupiter.
- n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something
102. The _____ woman spent her days volunteering at the local church.
- adj.* deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices
103. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.
- n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
104. The salesperson used a special offer to _____ customers into buying the product.
- v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
105. The different species can _____ in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.
- v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place

ANSWERS: 98. scheme, 99. devout, 100. converge, 101. probe, 102. pious, 103. delight, 104. lure, 105. coexist

106. I made plans to spend my _____ time beneficially.

adj. additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone

107. The repeating floral _____ in the wallpaper added a touch of elegance to the room.

n. a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music

108. He had a ___ smile on his face as he told his joke.

adj. having or showing a secretive or deceptive nature; cunning or crafty in achieving one's goals

109. The procession of demonstrators was _____ continuing.

adv. in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

110. Treatment for _____ depends on the severity of the disease and may include medication, lifestyle changes, and regular check-ups with a rheumatologist.

n. an autoimmune disease that can affect various parts of the body, including the skin, joints, and internal organs, and is characterized by inflammation and tissue damage

111. I often _____ around the park for half an hour.

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

112. I hailed a ___ to take me to the airport.

n. a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven

113. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

ANSWERS: 106. spare, 107. motif, 108. sly, 109. endlessly, 110. lupus, 111. wander, 112. cab, 113. bury

ANSWERS: