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Session 1: Word List

pimple

n. a small, inflamed spot or swelling on the surface of the skin, typically caused by clogged pores or sebaceous glands; a colloquial term for an acne blemish

synonym : blemish, zit, spot

(1) **pimple** treatment, (2) get rid of a **pimple**

The **pimple** outbreak on his face made him feel self-conscious.

lord

n. a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

synonym : master, noble, peer

(1) a young **lord**, (2) **lord** of castle

The feudal **lord** had ruled the land for many years.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

jaguar

n. a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America

synonym : cat, feline, panther

(1) a wild **jaguar**, (2) a female **jaguar**

Humans have developed the **jaguar's** habitat over several decades.

flood

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

synonym : deluge, downpour, overflow

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

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

serpent

n. a large snake

synonym : snake, viper, reptile

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

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

underworld

n. the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies

synonym : hell, netherworld, underworld

(1) god of the **underworld**, (2) criminal **underworld**

The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the **underworld**, where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.

nourishing

adj. providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth

synonym : nutritious, healthy, sustaining

(1) **nourishing** broth, (2) **nourishing** ingredients

My mother always made sure she had a **nourishing** breakfast before school.

leap

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

synonym : jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

bonfire

n. an outdoor fire, typically on a beach or in a park, used for warmth or for burning rubbish

synonym: campfire, fire, pyre

(1) **bonfire** party, (2) victory **bonfire**

We gathered around the **bonfire**, roasting marshmallows and telling stories.

sustenance

n. food and drink that living things need to nourish their body

synonym: nourishment, livelihood, nutrition

(1) scanty **sustenance**, (2) **sustenance** allowance

A regular job is often a spiritual **sustenance**.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym: fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

bloodletting

n. the act of intentionally cutting a person's skin or vein to remove blood once thought to cure various illnesses; indiscriminate slaughter

synonym: bleeding, phlebotomy, blood donation

(1) **bloodletting** device, (2) ethnic **bloodletting**

The doctor used leeches for **bloodletting**, as they were thought to be more effective than cutting the skin.

ritual

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

synonym: tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

cactus

n. a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers

synonym : desert plant, succulent, thornbush

(1) small **cactus**, (2) potted **cactus**

The hiker got pricked by a **cactus** needle while walking.

thorn

n. a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation

synonym : spike, prickle, spine

(1) **thorn** bush, (2) **thorn** injury

The **thorn** in her finger caused her much pain until she could remove it.

fir

n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

synonym : pine, spruce, cedar

(1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest

The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

branch

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

synonym : limb, twig, bough

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

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

resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

synonym : decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error

This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

flaunt

v. to display or show off ostentatiously or without shame; to parade or exhibit in a conspicuous or boastful manner

synonym : show off, display, parade

(1) **flaunt** my athletic abilities, (2) **flaunt** success
She liked to **flaunt** her wealth by wearing expensive clothing and driving luxurious cars.

magnificent

adj. extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

synonym: splendid, brilliant, exquisite

(1) a **magnificent** plan, (2) a **magnificent** mountain
The **magnificent** scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.

jade

n. a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse

synonym: gemstone, stone, mineral

(1) a **jade** accessory, (2) decorated with **jade**
The **jade** sculpture was worth a fortune.

spine

n. the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column

synonym: backbone, vertebra, column

(1) the **spine** of a book, (2) a cervical **spine** injury
She has a minor curved **spine** due to desk work for many years.

adorn

v. to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful

synonym: decorate, beautify, embellish

(1) **adorn** a bride, (2) **adorn** the table with flowers
The architect **adorned** the interior with great artworks and frescoes.

iridescent

adj. varying in color when seen in different lights or from different angles

synonym: pearlescent, rainbowy, opaline

(1) an **iridescent** oil slick, (2) **iridescent** color

Her most recent fashion collection incorporates sparkling **iridescent** materials.

quetzal

n. a strikingly beautiful bird found in Central and South America, known for its bright green, red, and blue coloration and long, iridescent tail feathers; the monetary unit of Guatemala

(1) **quetzal** bird, (2) **quetzal** habitat

The vibrant green and crimson feathers on the **quetzal** were a sight.

roar

v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
synonym: bellow, yell, shout

(1) **roar** with laughter, (2) **roar** for more

The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

flame

n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

synonym: blaze, inferno, fire

(1) **flame** of passion, (2) simmering **flame**

The **flame** of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.

humble

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

synonym: modest, unpretentious, abject

(1) a **humble** cottage, (2) **humble** opinion

The nobler, the more **humble**.

chalk

n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

synonym: white rock, limestone, gypsum

(1) a piece of **chalk**, (2) **chalk** on a blackboard

The kids used colored **chalk** to create a mural on the pavement.

glue

n. a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials

synonym : adhesive, paste, gum

(1) **glue** stick, (2) epoxy **glue**

The carpenter applied **glue** to the cabinet joints before nailing them together.

hesitation

n. the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous

synonym : unwillingness, indecision, uncertainty

(1) perform without **hesitation**, (2) after some **hesitation**

There was a **hesitation** in her speech.

blacken

v. to make something dark or black; to tarnish or damage someone's reputation or character

synonym : darken, taint, discolor

(1) **blacken** reputation, (2) **blacken** the skillet

The fire has **blackened** the once-pristine forest.

eagle

n. a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures

synonym : bird of prey, raptor

(1) **eagle** feathers, (2) **eagle** eyes

The bald **eagle** symbolizes freedom and strength in the United States.

swoop

v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

synonym : dart, pounce

(1) **swoop** down the water slide, (2) **swoop** up the escalator

The eagle **swooped** down from the sky to catch its prey.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

throne

n. a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen

synonym : seat, throne, chair

(1) abdicate the **throne**, (2) imperial **throne**

The king sat on his **throne**, surveying his kingdom.

wrap

v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

synonym : surround, cover, bandage

(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting

Wrap the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym : boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

ash

n. the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation

synonym : cinder, soot, dust

(1) **ash** tree, (2) soda **ash**

The volcanic **ash** covered the island after the eruption.

pit

n. a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit

synonym : hole, depression, indentation

(1) the bottomless **pit**, (2) the **pit** of the stomach

The **pit** of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.

horizon

n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

synonym: skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**

As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

goddess

n. a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored

synonym: deity, divinity, idol

(1) a **goddess** of beauty, (2) winged **goddess** of victory

The festival was held in honor of the harvest **goddess**.

rag

n. a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

synonym: cloth, fragment

(1) a **rag** of cloud, (2) **rag** doll

He used an old **rag** to clean the grease off the car's engine.

bravery

n. courage in the face of danger

synonym: courage, valor, heroism

(1) **bravery** against the enemy, (2) **bravery** under fire

His **bravery** in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

pride

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

synonym: vanity, conceit, egotism

(1) **pride** of a company, (2) hide his **pride**

She took great **pride** in her work, always striving for perfection.

toss

v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion

synonym : throw, sway

(1) **toss** a coin, (2) **toss** the bottle into a trash can

It would be best if you **tossed** out all those old magazines.

dim

adj. poorly lit; not bright

synonym : dull, faint, weak

(1) **dim** and distant past, (2) **dim** memory

The **dim** light made it difficult to read the book.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

obsidian

n. a natural, hard, black volcanic glass that is formed from lava cooled very rapidly, used traditionally by Native Americans for cutting tools and weapons due to its sharp edges and extreme durability

synonym : volcanic glass, apache tear, black glass

(1) **obsidian** arrowhead, (2) **obsidian** rock

The archaeologist discovered an **obsidian** knife, which would have been a valuable tool in ancient times.

hawk

n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

synonym : militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

sacrifice

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

synonym : forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead

You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of your time or money.

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.

dawn

n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

synonym: daybreak, sunrise, advent

(1) the wan light of **dawn**, (2) crack of **dawn**

Missile assaults on the capital continued around **dawn**.

arrow

n. a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow

synonym: shaft, dart, projectile

(1) **arrow** pointing, (2) **arrow** diagram

The archer aimed his **arrow** carefully at the target.

strike

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

synonym: hit, impact, influence

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

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

frost

n. a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing

synonym: freeze, ice, blight

(1) five degrees of **frost**, (2) **frost** line

The **frost** on the ground made it slippery and difficult to walk.

rash

n. any red spot of the skin, caused by a disease or reaction to something; (adjective) marked by defiance and not caring about risk or consequences

synonym : hives, inflammation, roseola

(1) develop a **rash**, (2) prevent diaper **rash**

The strong sunlight brought her out in an itchy **rash**.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym : talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

bargain

n. an agreement between two parties regarding the terms of a purchase or a transaction; a deal or a negotiation that results in a product or a service being acquired for a lower price than usual or expected

synonym : deal, agreement, pact

(1) **bargain** deal, (2) **bargain** hunting

The price for the used car was a **bargain** compared to the market value.

nourish

v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

synonym : feed, sustain, nurture

(1) **nourish** damaged skin, (2) **nourish** hope

The mother used her breast milk to **nourish** the baby.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym : turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed
The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

emulate

v. to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else

synonym : impersonate, mimic, imitate

(1) **emulate** a successful business model, (2) **emulate** his watercolors

They intend to **emulate** the footsteps of successful software companies.

stab

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

synonym : poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest
He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

ember

n. a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed

synonym : spark, glow, cinder

(1) smoldering **ember**, (2) red-hot **ember**

The warm **ember** from the fireplace glowed brightly.

usher

n. a person who shows people to their seats in a theater or church or who guides them through a building

synonym : guide, escort, conductor

(1) act as **usher**, (2) **usher** theater

The uniformed **usher** showed the guests to their seats.

weakling

n. a person or animal that is physically weak or frail; someone who is easily overcome, defeated, or intimidated in situations requiring strength or resilience

synonym : wimp, wuss, doormat

(1) skinny **weakling**, (2) timid **weakling**

Despite his early days as a classroom **weakling**, he became a respected scholar.

fortitude

n. mental or emotional strength in facing difficulty, adversity, or danger; the ability to endure hardship or pain with courage and resilience

synonym: courage, bravery, endurance

(1) **fortitude** in adversity, (2) mental **fortitude**

She showed great **fortitude** in facing her illness with grace and strength.

Session 2: Spelling

1. perform without hes_____on *n.* the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous
2. ba_____n hunting *n.* an agreement between two parties regarding the terms of a purchase or a transaction; a deal or a negotiation that results in a product or a service being acquired for a lower price than usual or expected
3. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
4. fl__e of passion *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
5. a mag_____nt mountain *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
6. act as us__r *n.* a person who shows people to their seats in a theater or church or who guides them through a building
7. f_r branch *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
8. g__e stick *n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials

ANSWERS: 1. hesitation, 2. bargain, 3. refuse, 4. flame, 5. magnificent, 6. usher, 7. fir, 8. glue

9. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
10. iri_____nt color *adj.* varying in color when seen in different lights or from different angles
11. ba_____n deal *n.* an agreement between two parties regarding the terms of a purchase or a transaction; a deal or a negotiation that results in a product or a service being acquired for a lower price than usual or expected
12. re_____e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
13. l__d of castle *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
14. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
15. business ho_____n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
16. the bottomless p_t *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
17. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 9. grab, 10. iridescent, 11. bargain, 12. resolve, 13. lord, 14. destroy, 15. horizon, 16. pit, 17. inspire

18. st____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
19. ch__k on a blackboard *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
20. w__p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
21. qu____l habitat *n.* a strikingly beautiful bird found in Central and South America, known for its bright green, red, and blue coloration and long, iridescent tail feathers; the monetary unit of Guatemala
22. timid we____ng *n.* a person or animal that is physically weak or frail; someone who is easily overcome, defeated, or intimidated in situations requiring strength or resilience
23. criminal und____ld *n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
24. ethnic blo____ing *n.* the act of intentionally cutting a person's skin or vein to remove blood once thought to cure various illnesses; indiscriminate slaughter
25. a qu____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
26. ad__n a bride *v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful

ANSWERS: 18. straight, 19. chalk, 20. wrap, 21. quetzal, 22. weakling, 23. underworld, 24. bloodletting, 25. quarter, 26. adorn

27. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
28. a ri___l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
29. us___r theater *n.* a person who shows people to their seats in a theater or church or who guides them through a building
30. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
31. pi___e treatment *n.* a small, inflamed spot or swelling on the surface of the skin, typically caused by clogged pores or sebaceous glands; a colloquial term for an acne blemish
32. ar___w diagram *n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow
33. fr___t line *n.* a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing
34. s___b at the enemy with a knife *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
35. morning ri___l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
36. a go____s of beauty *n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored

ANSWERS: 27. strike, 28. ritual, 29. usher, 30. refuse, 31. pimple, 32. arrow, 33. frost, 34. stab, 35. ritual, 36. goddess

37. di____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
38. after some hes_____on *n.* the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous
39. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
40. victory bo_____e *n.* an outdoor fire, typically on a beach or in a park, used for warmth or for burning rubbish
41. end of the first qu_____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
42. di____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
43. d_m and distant past *adj.* poorly lit; not bright
44. no_____h hope *v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
45. cast off a h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
46. sw__p down the water slide *v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

ANSWERS: 37. discuss, 38. hesitation, 39. eventually, 40. bonfire, 41. quarter, 42. discuss, 43. dim, 44. nourish, 45. hawk, 46. swoop

47. bo____e party *n.* an outdoor fire, typically on a beach or in a park, used for warmth or for burning rubbish
48. w__p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
49. l__p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
50. blo____ing device *n.* the act of intentionally cutting a person's skin or vein to remove blood once thought to cure various illnesses; indiscriminate slaughter
51. smoldering em__r *n.* a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed
52. ar__w pointing *n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow
53. bl____n reputation *v.* to make something dark or black; to tarnish or damage someone's reputation or character
54. sw__p up the escalator *v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
55. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

ANSWERS: 47. bonfire, 48. wrap, 49. leap, 50. bloodletting, 51. ember, 52. arrow, 53. blacken, 54. swoop, 55. flood

56. nou_____ng ingredients *adj.* providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth
57. the sp__e of a book *n.* the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column
58. br_____y against the enemy *n.* courage in the face of danger
59. small ca____s *n.* a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers
60. ea__e feathers *n.* a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures
61. fl____t success *v.* to display or show off ostentatiously or without shame; to parade or exhibit in a conspicuous or boastful manner
62. s__b in the chest *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
63. br____h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
64. a hu____e cottage *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
65. re_____e the computer error *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

ANSWERS: 56. nourishing, 57. spine, 58. bravery, 59. cactus, 60. eagle, 61. flaunt, 62. stab, 63. branch, 64. humble, 65. resolve

66. f_r forest *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
67. en___e the international community *v.* to make someone extremely angry
68. no____h damaged skin *v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
69. the wan light of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
70. simmering fl__e *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
71. bl____n the skillet *v.* to make something dark or black; to tarnish or damage someone's reputation or character
72. hu___e opinion *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
73. a wild ja___r *n.* a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America
74. a piece of ch__k *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
75. l__p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

ANSWERS: 66. fir, 67. enrage, 68. nourish, 69. dawn, 70. flame, 71. blacken, 72. humble, 73. jaguar, 74. chalk, 75. leap

76. prevent diaper r__h *n.* any red spot of the skin, caused by a disease or reaction to something; (adjective) marked by defiance and not caring about risk or consequences
77. br____y under fire *n.* courage in the face of danger
78. sus_____ce allowance *n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body
79. get rid of a pi___e *n.* a small, inflamed spot or swelling on the surface of the skin, typically caused by clogged pores or sebaceous glands; a colloquial term for an acne blemish
80. th__n bush *n.* a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation
81. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
82. god of the und_____ld *n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
83. hide his pr__e *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
84. d_m memory *adj.* poorly lit; not bright
85. a_h tree *n.* the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation

ANSWERS: 76. rash, 77. bravery, 78. sustenance, 79. pimple, 80. thorn, 81. inspire, 82. underworld, 83. pride, 84. dim, 85. ash

86. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
87. an iri_____nt oil slick *adj.* varying in color when seen in different lights or from different angles
88. r__r for more *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
89. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
90. potted ca____s *n.* a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers
91. nou_____ng broth *adj.* providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth
92. a r_g of cloud *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
93. develop a r__h *n.* any red spot of the skin, caused by a disease or reaction to something; (adjective) marked by defiance and not caring about risk or consequences
94. red-hot em__r *n.* a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed
95. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

ANSWERS: 86. eventually, 87. iridescent, 88. roar, 89. destroy, 90. cactus, 91. nourishing, 92. rag, 93. rash, 94. ember, 95. flood

96. t__s the bottle into a trash can *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
97. skinny we_____ng *n.* a person or animal that is physically weak or frail; someone who is easily overcome, defeated, or intimidated in situations requiring strength or resilience
98. em_____e a successful business model *v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
99. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
100. decorated with j__e *n.* a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse
101. ea__e eyes *n.* a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures
102. small sa_____ce for a great cause *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
103. scanty sus_____ce *n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body

ANSWERS: 96. toss, 97. weakling, 98. emulate, 99. straight, 100. jade, 101. eagle, 102. sacrifice, 103. sustenance

104. en___e critics *v.* to make someone extremely angry
105. the feathered se_____t god *n.* a large snake
106. the event ho_____n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
107. mental fo_____de *n.* mental or emotional strength in facing difficulty, adversity, or danger; the ability to endure hardship or pain with courage and resilience
108. a young l__d *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
109. pr__e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
110. congressional h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
111. imperial th___e *n.* a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen
112. a j__e accessory *n.* a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse
113. the p_t of the stomach *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit

ANSWERS: 104. enrage, 105. serpent, 106. horizon, 107. fortitude, 108. lord, 109. pride, 110. hawk, 111. throne, 112. jade, 113. pit

114. r__r with laughter *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
115. fl__t my athletic abilities *v.* to display or show off ostentatiously or without shame; to parade or exhibit in a conspicuous or boastful manner
116. ad__n the table with flowers *v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
117. epoxy g__e *n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials
118. fo_____de in adversity *n.* mental or emotional strength in facing difficulty, adversity, or danger; the ability to endure hardship or pain with courage and resilience
119. abdicate the th___e *n.* a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen
120. ob_____an rock *n.* a natural, hard, black volcanic glass that is formed from lava cooled very rapidly, used traditionally by Native Americans for cutting tools and weapons due to its sharp edges and extreme durability
121. Se_____t Bearer *n.* a large snake
122. crack of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
123. a cervical sp__e injury *n.* the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column

ANSWERS: 114. roar, 115. flaunt, 116. adorn, 117. glue, 118. fortitude, 119. throne, 120. obsidian, 121. serpent, 122. dawn, 123. spine

124. t__s a coin *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
125. qu_____l bird *n.* a strikingly beautiful bird found in Central and South America, known for its bright green, red, and blue coloration and long, iridescent tail feathers; the monetary unit of Guatemala
126. th__n injury *n.* a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation
127. em_____e his watercolors *v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
128. a mag_____nt plan *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
129. a female ja____r *n.* a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America
130. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
131. five degrees of fr__t *n.* a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing
132. soda a_h *n.* the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation

ANSWERS: 124. toss, 125. quetzal, 126. thorn, 127. emulate, 128. magnificent, 129. jaguar, 130. strike, 131. frost, 132. ash

133. sa_____ce anything to get ahead *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
134. ob_____an arrowhead *n.* a natural, hard, black volcanic glass that is formed from lava cooled very rapidly, used traditionally by Native Americans for cutting tools and weapons due to its sharp edges and extreme durability
135. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
136. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
137. r_g doll *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
138. winged go_____s of victory *n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored

ANSWERS: 133. sacrifice, 134. obsidian, 135. grab, 136. branch, 137. rag, 138. goddess

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her most recent fashion collection incorporates sparkling _____ materials.
adj. varying in color when seen in different lights or from different angles
2. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.
n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
3. The doctor used leeches for _____ as they were thought to be more effective than cutting the skin.
n. the act of intentionally cutting a person's skin or vein to remove blood once thought to cure various illnesses; indiscriminate slaughter
4. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
5. It would be best if you _____ out all those old magazines.
v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion
6. That team signed a center forward who was a ball-_____.
n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
7. The smell of fresh ____ trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.
n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
8. There was a _____ in her speech.
n. the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous

ANSWERS: 1. iridescent, 2. dawn, 3. bloodletting, 4. destroyed, 5. tossed, 6. hawk, 7. fir, 8. hesitation

9. He was _____ many times with scissors.

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

10. The uniformed _____ showed the guests to their seats.

n. a person who shows people to their seats in a theater or church or who guides them through a building

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

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

12. A regular job is often a spiritual _____.

n. food and drink that living things need to nourish their body

13. The ___ light made it difficult to read the book.

adj. poorly lit; not bright

14. The hiker got pricked by a _____ needle while walking.

n. a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers

15. Despite his early days as a classroom _____ he became a respected scholar.

n. a person or animal that is physically weak or frail; someone who is easily overcome, defeated, or intimidated in situations requiring strength or resilience

16. My mother always made sure she had a _____ breakfast before school.

adj. providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth

ANSWERS: 9. stabbed, 10. usher, 11. floods, 12. sustenance, 13. dim, 14. cactus, 15. weakling, 16. nourishing

17. The _____ scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.

adj. extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

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

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

19. The feudal _____ had ruled the land for many years.

n. a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

20. His _____ in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

n. courage in the face of danger

21. The festival was held in honor of the harvest _____.

n. a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored

22. The warm _____ from the fireplace glowed brightly.

n. a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed

23. The archer aimed his _____ carefully at the target.

n. a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow

24. The archaeologist discovered an _____ knife, which would have been a valuable tool in ancient times.

n. a natural, hard, black volcanic glass that is formed from lava cooled very rapidly, used traditionally by Native Americans for cutting tools and weapons due to its sharp edges and extreme durability

ANSWERS: 17. magnificent, 18. branch, 19. lord, 20. bravery, 21. goddess, 22. ember, 23. arrow, 24. obsidian

25. The king sat on his _____ surveying his kingdom.
n. a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen
26. The _____ outbreak on his face made him feel self-conscious.
n. a small, inflamed spot or swelling on the surface of the skin, typically caused by clogged pores or sebaceous glands; a colloquial term for an acne blemish
27. That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a _____ tail.
n. a large snake
28. The _____ of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.
n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
29. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.
n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
30. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
31. The carpenter applied _____ to the cabinet joints before nailing them together.
n. a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials
32. My initial reaction was to _____.
v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

ANSWERS: 25. throne, 26. pimple, 27. serpent's, 28. flame, 29. sacrifice, 30. grab, 31. glue, 32. refuse

33. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the _____ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.
- n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
34. She showed great _____ in facing her illness with grace and strength.
- n.* mental or emotional strength in facing difficulty, adversity, or danger; the ability to endure hardship or pain with courage and resilience
35. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
36. The vibrant green and crimson feathers on the _____ were a sight.
- n.* a strikingly beautiful bird found in Central and South America, known for its bright green, red, and blue coloration and long, iridescent tail feathers; the monetary unit of Guatemala
37. They intend to _____ the footsteps of successful software companies.
- v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
38. The fire has _____ the once-pristine forest.
- v.* to make something dark or black; to tarnish or damage someone's reputation or character
39. She has a minor curved _____ due to desk work for many years.
- n.* the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column

ANSWERS: 33. horizon, 34. fortitude, 35. discuss, 36. quetzal, 37. emulate, 38. blackened, 39. spine

40. The strong sunlight brought her out in an itchy _____.
n. any red spot of the skin, caused by a disease or reaction to something; (adjective) marked by defiance and not caring about risk or consequences
41. We gathered around the _____ roasting marshmallows and telling stories.
n. an outdoor fire, typically on a beach or in a park, used for warmth or for burning rubbish
42. The kids used colored _____ to create a mural on the pavement.
n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
43. The _____ sculpture was worth a fortune.
n. a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse
44. The _____ of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.
n. a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
45. The bald _____ symbolizes freedom and strength in the United States.
n. a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures
46. Humans have developed the _____ habitat over several decades.
n. a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America
47. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

ANSWERS: 40. rash, 41. bonfire, 42. chalk, 43. jade, 44. pit, 45. eagle, 46. jaguar's, 47. strike

48. The volcanic ____ covered the island after the eruption.
- n.* the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation
49. The architect _____ the interior with great artworks and frescoes.
- v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
50. The news of the betrayal _____ him.
- v.* to make someone extremely angry
51. The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the _____ where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.
- n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
52. The nobler, the more _____.
- adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
53. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
- v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
54. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.
- n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
55. He was sick for five _____ days.
- adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

ANSWERS: 48. ash, 49. adorned, 50. enraged, 51. underworld, 52. humble, 53. inspired, 54. ritual, 55. straight

56. The price for the used car was a _____ compared to the market value.
- n.* an agreement between two parties regarding the terms of a purchase or a transaction; a deal or a negotiation that results in a product or a service being acquired for a lower price than usual or expected
57. This company _____ its battery problem completely.
- v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
58. The _____ in her finger caused her much pain until she could remove it.
- n.* a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation
59. The mother used her breast milk to _____ the baby.
- v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
60. He used an old _____ to clean the grease off the car's engine.
- n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
61. The _____ on the ground made it slippery and difficult to walk.
- n.* a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing
62. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
- v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
63. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
- adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 56. bargain, 57. resolves, 58. thorn, 59. nourish, 60. rag, 61. frost, 62. Wrap, 63. eventually

64. The eagle _____ down from the sky to catch its prey.
- v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
65. The lion _____ loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.
- v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
66. She liked to _____ her wealth by wearing expensive clothing and driving luxurious cars.
- v. to display or show off ostentatiously or without shame; to parade or exhibit in a conspicuous or boastful manner
67. The athlete was able to _____ over the hurdle with ease.
- v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
68. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.
- n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
69. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.
- n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

ANSWERS: 64. swooped, 65. roared, 66. flaunt, 67. leap, 68. pride, 69. quarter