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Session 1: Word List

beatbox

n. a style of vocal percussion or vocal mimicry in which a person creates rhythmic sounds and beats using their mouth, lips, tongue, and voice; (verb) to create percussive sounds, rhythms, and beats using the mouth, lips, tongue, and voice

synonym : mouth drum, lip-smack percussion

(1) **beatbox** rhythm, (2) **beatbox** battle

His **beatbox** performance at the concert was mind-blowing.

stoke

v. to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict

synonym : stir up, fuel, ignite

(1) **stoke** a fire, (2) **stoke** passions

The artist used bright colors and bold brushstrokes to **stoke** a sense of vibrancy in their painting.

inflated

adj. swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high

synonym : enlarged, swollen, distended

(1) **inflated** prices, (2) an **inflated** balloon

The athlete's ego became **inflated** by their success.

batter

v. to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting

synonym : beat, pound, strike

(1) **batter** the eggs, (2) the **batter's** box

He got so angry that he **battered** the door down.

vomit

v. to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth

synonym : puke, throw up, spew

(1) **vomit** abuse, (2) **vomit** after ingesting

She felt sick and had to run to the bathroom to **vomit**.

distill

v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements

synonym : extract, condense, purify

(1) **distill** a liquid, (2) **distill** information

She decided to **distill** her thoughts into a more manageable list.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

reliant

adj. needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed

synonym : dependent, subservient

(1) heavily **reliant** on oil, (2) export- **reliant** economy

The company is heavily **reliant** on its overseas operations for revenue.

dictate

v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

synonym : read out, prescribe, order

(1) **dictate** a letter to secretary, (2) **dictate** to the associate

The allies **dictated** the terms of surrender to the country.

dangle

v. to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

synonym : swing, hang, drape

(1) **dangle** a carrot, (2) **dangle** a pendant

The earring on her earlobe would **dangle** as she moved her head.

captivity

n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

synonym : confinement, detention, imprisonment

(1) escape from **captivity**, (2) animals in **captivity** in the zoo

Pandas rarely breed in **captivity**.

larynx

n. an organ in the top of the throat involved in breathing, producing sound

(1) irritate the **larynx**, (2) narrowing of the **larynx**

Smoking significantly increases the risk of **larynx** cancer.

humanly

adv. in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish

synonym : physically, mundanely, practically

(1) **humanly** possible, (2) **humanly** acceptable

It is **humanly** difficult to understand why some people choose to harm others for no reason

squeamish

adj. easily nauseated or disgusted; readily affected by or sensitive to unpleasant or shocking things; excessively fastidious or scrupulous about one's actions or behavior

synonym : delicate, queasy

(1) **squeamish** reaction, (2) avoid **squeamish** topics

She's a bit **squeamish** when it comes to handling raw meat.

churning

n. the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy

synonym: agitation, turmoil, commotion

(1) butter **churning**, (2) **churning** emotions

The **churning** of the waves on the beach made it difficult to swim.

vibrate

v. to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

synonym: oscillate, convulse, jerk

(1) **vibrate** at a regular frequency, (2) **vibrate** with anger

During the flight, the wings of the plane **vibrate**.

mouthpiece

n. the part of a wind instrument that the player blows into; a device or object that is used for communication or expression

synonym: nozzle, outlet, conduit

(1) the **mouthpiece** of the government, (2) the **mouthpiece** of a saxophone

He spoke into the **mouthpiece** of the microphone.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

torso

n. the human trunk from the neck to the abdomen

synonym: trunk, body, frame

(1) **torso** injury, (2) a **torso** in bronze

He was hit in the **torso** and was rushed to the hospital.

flatulence

n. the presence of excessive gas in the gastrointestinal tract, resulting in the release of gas through the anus
synonym : gas, wind, bloating

(1) **flatulence** problem, (2) **flatulence** causes

The awkward silence was broken by a sudden burst of **flatulence** from one of the dinner guests.

laryngoscope

n. a medical instrument used to examine the throat or larynx; a tool used to help visualize the vocal cords during a medical procedure

synonym : throat mirror, larynx inspector

(1) **laryngoscope** examination, (2) **laryngoscope** technique

The doctor inserts a flexible **laryngoscope** to examine the patient's throat and vocal cords.

stroboscope

n. an instrument used for studying motion, particularly for observing rapid or periodic motion, by illuminating the object with intermittent flashes of light that allows it to appear still or move in slow motion

synonym : disco light, strobe, flashlamp

(1) **stroboscope** light, (2) LED **stroboscope**

The party's DJ used a laser **stroboscope** to add energy to the dance floor.

flickering

adj. shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame

synonym : shining, flashing, twinkling

(1) **flickering** flames, (2) **flickering** hope

The **flickering** candlelight added a cozy ambiance to the room.

hertz

n. the unit of frequency, equal to one cycle per second, often used to describe the frequency of electromagnetic waves or electronic signals

synonym : frequency, cycles per second

(1) audio **hertz**, (2) tera- **hertz** radiation

The human ear can detect sounds with frequencies ranging from 20 to 20,000 **hertz**.

strobe

n. a device that produces a rapid series of intense flashes of light, often used in photography or entertainment; an instrument for studying the motion of a rapidly moving object by flashing a light on it at regular intervals

synonym : flash, flicker

(1) **strobe** flash, (2) **strobe** effect

A **strobe** light lit up the party, creating a pulsing and energetic atmosphere.

synchronize

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

synonym : coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym : sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

penetrate

v. to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance

synonym : pierce, stab, go through

(1) **penetrate** a cell, (2) **penetrate** quickly into the skin

Western ideology slowly **penetrates** through the eastern countries.

gasp

v. to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

synonym : breathe, pant, heave

(1) **gasp** for air, (2) **gasp** in shock

The audience **gasp**ed when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.

collide

v. to hit something violently when moving

synonym: clash, slam, contradict

(1) **collide** head-on, (2) **collide** in midair

The interests of the two countries **collide**.

whistle

v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

synonym: sound, honk, tweet

(1) **whistle** a tune, (2) **whistle** for help

The employee decided to **whistle-blow** on the company's illegal activities.

secondhand

adj. having been previously owned or used by someone else

synonym: used, pre-owned, recycled

(1) **secondhand** car, (2) **secondhand** information

He was excited to find a vintage suit at the **secondhand** shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.

anesthetic

n. a substance that is administered to a person or an animal to produce a loss of sensation or consciousness so that medical or surgical procedures can be performed without causing pain

synonym: sedative, anesthesia, painkiller

(1) **anesthetic** injection, (2) local **anesthetic**

The dentist administered an **anesthetic** to numb the patient's mouth before the procedure.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

palate

n. the roof of the mouth, including the hard and soft tissues used in speech and the sense of taste; a person's ability to taste or appreciate different flavors and tastes

synonym : mouth, flavor, sense

(1) **palate** cleanser, (2) refined **palate**

The restaurant's menu offered various dishes to satisfy everyone's **palate**.

cacophony

n. a harsh, discordant mixture of sounds; a jarring or unpleasant noise or combination of sounds

synonym : discord, noise, dissonance

(1) **cacophony** of sound, (2) emotional **cacophony**

The construction next door has created a constant **cacophony** of drilling and hammering.

cackle

v. to laugh in a harsh, loud, and often unpleasant way, especially as a sign of amusement or derision; (noun) a loud, shrill, and often unpleasant laughter that is usually associated with witches, hyenas, or other such stereotypical characters

synonym : chuckle, giggle, snicker

(1) **cackle** loudly, (2) witch **cackle**

The older woman **cackled** with delight as she told us her stories of days gone by.

cockatoo

n. a type of tropical bird with a distinctive crest and a hooked bill

synonym : parrot, macaw, lorikeet

(1) **cockatoo** feather, (2) palm **cockatoo**

The colorful **cockatoo** screeched loudly when it saw its reflection in the mirror.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym : coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

ketamine

n. a medication primarily used as an anesthetic and analgesic, known for its rapid onset and short duration of action, also used in recreational settings as a dissociative and hallucinogenic drug

(1) **ketamine** infusion, (2) **ketamine** therapy

Studies have suggested that low doses of **ketamine** may help reduce chronic pain.

pharyngeal

adj. relating to the pharynx, the muscular tube that connects the mouth and nasal passages to the esophagus and larynx

synonym: throat, laryngeal, guttural

(1) **pharyngeal** cavity, (2) **pharyngeal** flap

The **pharyngeal** muscles are necessary for swallowing food and drink.

creepy

adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

synonym: eerie, unsettling, spooky

(1) feel **creepy**, (2) **creepy** atmosphere

The old, abandoned house was **creepy** and gave me the chills.

anatomical

adj. of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts

synonym: physical, bodily, structural

(1) **anatomical** structure, (2) **anatomical** elements

The **anatomical** model of the human body was used to teach medical students.

dissect

v. to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail

synonym: analyze, examine, study

(1) **dissect** the data, (2) **dissect** a personality

The scientist **dissected** the frog to study its internal organs.

hoot

v. to make the sound of a hoot or loud, raucous laugh; to express disapproval or scorn; (noun) the sound made by an owl or a similar bird, usually a low-pitched, repetitive "hoo" or "whoo" sound

synonym : jeer, taunt

(1) **hoot** the actor off the stage, (2) **hoot** a horn

The audience **hooted** with laughter at the comedian's jokes.

rhythmic

adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

synonym : measured, metrical, cadenced

(1) a **rhythmic** stroking, (2) in a **rhythmic** pace

The **rhythmic** sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

contraction

n. the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount

synonym : shrinking, compression, reduction

(1) **contraction** of a disease, (2) **contraction** in the industry

The **contraction** of the economy has led to job losses.

arytenoid

adj. relating to or located near the small cartilages in the larynx that control the opening and closing of the vocal cords

synonym : arytenoid cartilage, vocal fold muscle, laryngeal joint

(1) **arytenoid** muscle, (2) **arytenoid** dislocation

I had to undergo surgery to remove a polyp on my **arytenoid** cartilage.

cartilage

n. a tough, elastic connective tissue that is found in various parts of the body, such as the joints, the outer ear, and the tip of the nose

synonym : connective tissue, gristle, fibrocartilage

(1) **cartilage** damage, (2) nasal **cartilage**

The knee joint is supported by **cartilage**, which helps absorb shock and prevent bone damage.

sphincter

n. a circular muscle that regulates the flow of material through a passage or opening, such as the anus or a valve in the digestive system

synonym : valve, muscle ring

(1) urinary **sphincter**, (2) anal **sphincter**

The digestive system's **sphincter** muscle helps regulate the food and waste flow.

sliver

n. a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

synonym : splinter, shard, fragment

(1) **sliver** of wood, (2) **sliver** of metal

I had to be careful not to step on a **sliver** of glass on the floor.

repertoire

n. the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something

synonym : collection, range, reservoir

(1) musical **repertoire**, (2) cooking **repertoire**

The chef's **repertoire** of dishes includes both classic and innovative recipes.

smidgen

n. a very small amount or quantity; a tiny bit

synonym : iota, tad, bit

(1) a tiny **smidgen**, (2) **smidgen** of evidence

I need a **smidgen** of salt to finish this dish.

peep

v. to take a quick and often furtive or cautious look at something; to emit a small sound or noise, typically a high-pitched chirp or squeak; (noun) a small, high-pitched sound

synonym : glance, peek, spy

(1) make a **peep**, (2) **peep** into the room

I could only **peep** through the keyhole to see what was happening in the room.

abyss

n. a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void
synonym: chasm, cavity, gulf

(1) the **abyss** of time, (2) an **abyss** of hopelessness

The deep sea is an **abyss** of mystery and discovery.

Session 2: Spelling

1. narrowing of the la___x
n. an organ in the top of the throat involved in breathing, producing sound
2. syn_____ze movements
v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
3. ke_____ne therapy
n. a medication primarily used as an anesthetic and analgesic, known for its rapid onset and short duration of action, also used in recreational settings as a dissociative and hallucinogenic drug
4. st___e flash
n. a device that produces a rapid series of intense flashes of light, often used in photography or entertainment; an instrument for studying the motion of a rapidly moving object by flashing a light on it at regular intervals
5. musical rep_____re
n. the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something
6. lar_____ope examination
n. a medical instrument used to examine the throat or larynx; a tool used to help visualize the vocal cords during a medical procedure
7. a rh_____ic stroking
adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

ANSWERS: 1. larynx, 2. synchronize, 3. ketamine, 4. strobe, 5. repertoire, 6. laryngoscope, 7. rhythmic

8. the ab__s of time *n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void
9. nasal ca_____ge *n.* a tough, elastic connective tissue that is found in various parts of the body, such as the joints, the outer ear, and the tip of the nose
10. ke_____ne infusion *n.* a medication primarily used as an anesthetic and analgesic, known for its rapid onset and short duration of action, also used in recreational settings as a dissociative and hallucinogenic drug
11. ar_____id muscle *adj.* relating to or located near the small cartilages in the larynx that control the opening and closing of the vocal cords
12. tera-he__z radiation *n.* the unit of frequency, equal to one cycle per second, often used to describe the frequency of electromagnetic waves or electronic signals
13. h__t the actor off the stage *v.* to make the sound of a hoot or loud, raucous laugh; to express disapproval or scorn; (noun) the sound made by an owl or a similar bird, usually a low-pitched, repetitive "hoo" or "whoo" sound
14. pha_____al flap *adj.* relating to the pharynx, the muscular tube that connects the mouth and nasal passages to the esophagus and larynx
15. animals in ca_____ty in the zoo *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

ANSWERS: 8. abyss, 9. cartilage, 10. ketamine, 11. arytenoid, 12. hertz, 13. hoot, 14. pharyngeal, 15. captivity

16. to__o injury *n.* the human trunk from the neck to the abdomen
17. g__p in shock *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
18. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
19. di____l information *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
20. sq_____sh reaction *adj.* easily nauseated or disgusted; readily affected by or sensitive to unpleasant or shocking things; excessively fastidious or scrupulous about one's actions or behavior
21. sec_____nd car *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
22. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
23. fli_____ng hope *adj.* shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame
24. p__p into the room *v.* to take a quick and often furtive or cautious look at something; to emit a small sound or noise, typically a high-pitched chirp or squeak; (noun) a small, high-pitched sound

ANSWERS: 16. torso, 17. gasp, 18. sect, 19. distill, 20. squeamish, 21. secondhand, 22. singe, 23. flickering, 24. peep

25. ba___r the eggs *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
26. anal sp_____er *n.* a circular muscle that regulates the flow of material through a passage or opening, such as the anus or a valve in the digestive system
27. pha_____al cavity *adj.* relating to the pharynx, the muscular tube that connects the mouth and nasal passages to the esophagus and larynx
28. ca_____ny of sound *n.* a harsh, discordant mixture of sounds; a jarring or unpleasant noise or combination of sounds
29. the ba___r's box *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
30. pe_____te quickly into the skin *v.* to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance
31. fla_____ce problem *n.* the presence of excessive gas in the gastrointestinal tract, resulting in the release of gas through the anus
32. cooking rep_____re *n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something
33. co_____e in midair *v.* to hit something violently when moving

ANSWERS: 25. batter, 26. sphincter, 27. pharyngeal, 28. cacophony, 29. batter, 30. penetrate, 31. flatulence, 32. repertoire, 33. collide

34. ana_____al structure *adj.* of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts
35. ca___e loudly *v.* to laugh in a harsh, loud, and often unpleasant way, especially as a sign of amusement or derision; (noun) a loud, shrill, and often unpleasant laughter that is usually associated with witches, hyenas, or other such stereotypical characters
36. da___e a pendant *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
37. ane_____ic injection *n.* a substance that is administered to a person or an animal to produce a loss of sensation or consciousness so that medical or surgical procedures can be performed without causing pain
38. an ab__s of hopelessness *n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void
39. irritate the la___x *n.* an organ in the top of the throat involved in breathing, producing sound
40. LED str_____pe *n.* an instrument used for studying motion, particularly for observing rapid or periodic motion, by illuminating the object with intermittent flashes of light that allows it to appear still or move in slow motion
41. be___x rhythm *n.* a style of vocal percussion or vocal mimicry in which a person creates rhythmic sounds and beats using their mouth, lips, tongue, and voice; (verb) to create percussive sounds, rhythms, and beats using the mouth, lips, tongue, and voice

ANSWERS: 34. anatomical, 35. cackle, 36. dangle, 37. anesthetic, 38. abyss, 39. larynx, 40. stroboscope, 41. beatbox

42. refined pa___e *n.* the roof of the mouth, including the hard and soft tissues used in speech and the sense of taste; a person's ability to taste or appreciate different flavors and tastes
43. vi_____e with anger *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
44. ca_____ge damage *n.* a tough, elastic connective tissue that is found in various parts of the body, such as the joints, the outer ear, and the tip of the nose
45. escape from ca_____ty *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
46. ch_____ng emotions *n.* the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy
47. emotional ca_____ny *n.* a harsh, discordant mixture of sounds; a jarring or unpleasant noise or combination of sounds
48. export-re_____t economy *adj.* needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed
49. pe_____te a cell *v.* to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance
50. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 42. palate, 43. vibrate, 44. cartilage, 45. captivity, 46. churning, 47. cacophony, 48. reliant, 49. penetrate, 50. numb

51. di_____e a letter to secretary *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
52. str_____pe light *n.* an instrument used for studying motion, particularly for observing rapid or periodic motion, by illuminating the object with intermittent flashes of light that allows it to appear still or move in slow motion
53. di_____t the data *v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
54. st__e a fire *v.* to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict
55. fli_____ng flames *adj.* shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame
56. ar_____id dislocation *adj.* relating to or located near the small cartilages in the larynx that control the opening and closing of the vocal cords
57. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
58. make a p__p *v.* to take a quick and often furtive or cautious look at something; to emit a small sound or noise, typically a high-pitched chirp or squeak; (noun) a small, high-pitched sound
59. a tiny sm_____n *n.* a very small amount or quantity; a tiny bit

ANSWERS: 51. dictate, 52. stroboscope, 53. dissect, 54. stoke, 55. flickering, 56. arytenoid, 57. humming, 58. peep, 59. smidgen

60. g__p for air *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
61. syn_____ze our watches *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
62. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
63. butter ch_____ng *n.* the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy
64. palm co_____oo *n.* a type of tropical bird with a distinctive crest and a hooked bill
65. di_____t a personality *v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
66. in a rh_____ic pace *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
67. con_____on in the industry *n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount
68. wh_____e a tune *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
69. di_____e to the associate *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

ANSWERS: 60. gasp, 61. synchronize, 62. quitter, 63. churning, 64. cockatoo, 65. dissect, 66. rhythmic, 67. contraction, 68. whistle, 69. dictate

70. sl___r of wood *n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
71. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
72. st__e passions *v.* to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict
73. lar_____ope technique *n.* a medical instrument used to examine the throat or larynx; a tool used to help visualize the vocal cords during a medical procedure
74. heavily re____t on oil *adj.* needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed
75. a to__o in bronze *n.* the human trunk from the neck to the abdomen
76. hu____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
77. audio he__z *n.* the unit of frequency, equal to one cycle per second, often used to describe the frequency of electromagnetic waves or electronic signals
78. avoid sq_____sh topics *adj.* easily nauseated or disgusted; readily affected by or sensitive to unpleasant or shocking things; excessively fastidious or scrupulous about one's actions or behavior

ANSWERS: 70. sliver, 71. quitter, 72. stoke, 73. laryngoscope, 74. reliant, 75. torso, 76. humming, 77. hertz, 78. squeamish

79. the mou_____ce of the government *n.* the part of a wind instrument that the player blows into; a device or object that is used for communication or expression
80. be_____x battle *n.* a style of vocal percussion or vocal mimicry in which a person creates rhythmic sounds and beats using their mouth, lips, tongue, and voice; (verb) to create percussive sounds, rhythms, and beats using the mouth, lips, tongue, and voice
81. vo__t after ingesting *v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth
82. con_____on of a disease *n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount
83. local ane_____ic *n.* a substance that is administered to a person or an animal to produce a loss of sensation or consciousness so that medical or surgical procedures can be performed without causing pain
84. sec_____nd information *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
85. witch ca___e *v.* to laugh in a harsh, loud, and often unpleasant way, especially as a sign of amusement or derision; (noun) a loud, shrill, and often unpleasant laughter that is usually associated with witches, hyenas, or other such stereotypical characters

ANSWERS: 79. mouthpiece, 80. beatbox, 81. vomit, 82. contraction, 83. anesthetic, 84. secondhand, 85. cackle

86. urinary sp_____er *n.* a circular muscle that regulates the flow of material through a passage or opening, such as the anus or a valve in the digestive system
87. co_____oo feather *n.* a type of tropical bird with a distinctive crest and a hooked bill
88. the mou_____ce of a saxophone *n.* the part of a wind instrument that the player blows into; a device or object that is used for communication or expression
89. cr____y atmosphere *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
90. hu_____y acceptable *adv.* in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish
91. fla_____ce causes *n.* the presence of excessive gas in the gastrointestinal tract, resulting in the release of gas through the anus
92. vi_____e at a regular frequency *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
93. an in_____ed balloon *adj.* swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high
94. sl____r of metal *n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

ANSWERS: 86. sphincter, 87. cockatoo, 88. mouthpiece, 89. creepy, 90. humanly, 91. flatulence, 92. vibrate, 93. inflated, 94. sliver

95. in_____ed prices *adj.* swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high
96. ana_____al elements *adj.* of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts
97. feel cr____y *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
98. st____e effect *n.* a device that produces a rapid series of intense flashes of light, often used in photography or entertainment; an instrument for studying the motion of a rapidly moving object by flashing a light on it at regular intervals
99. vo__t abuse *v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth
100. wh_____e for help *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
101. da____e a carrot *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
102. pa____e cleanser *n.* the roof of the mouth, including the hard and soft tissues used in speech and the sense of taste; a person's ability to taste or appreciate different flavors and tastes

ANSWERS: 95. inflated, 96. anatomical, 97. creepy, 98. strobe, 99. vomit, 100. whistle, 101. dangle, 102. palate

103. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
104. di____l a liquid *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
105. hu____y possible *adv.* in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish
106. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
107. h__t a horn *v.* to make the sound of a hoot or loud, raucous laugh; to express disapproval or scorn; (noun) the sound made by an owl or a similar bird, usually a low-pitched, repetitive "hoo" or "who" sound
108. sm____n of evidence *n.* a very small amount or quantity; a tiny bit
109. co____e head-on *v.* to hit something violently when moving
110. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 103. singe, 104. distill, 105. humanly, 106. numb, 107. hoot, 108. smidgen, 109. collide, 110. sect

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She's a bit _____ when it comes to handling raw meat.
adj. easily nauseated or disgusted; readily affected by or sensitive to unpleasant or shocking things; excessively fastidious or scrupulous about one's actions or behavior
2. The scientist _____ the frog to study its internal organs.
v. to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
3. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
4. The knee joint is supported by _____ which helps absorb shock and prevent bone damage.
n. a tough, elastic connective tissue that is found in various parts of the body, such as the joints, the outer ear, and the tip of the nose
5. Smoking significantly increases the risk of _____ cancer.
n. an organ in the top of the throat involved in breathing, producing sound
6. The colorful _____ screeched loudly when it saw its reflection in the mirror.
n. a type of tropical bird with a distinctive crest and a hooked bill
7. I had to undergo surgery to remove a polyp on my _____ cartilage.
adj. relating to or located near the small cartilages in the larynx that control the opening and closing of the vocal cords

ANSWERS: 1. squeamish, 2. dissected, 3. quitter, 4. cartilage, 5. larynx, 6. cockatoo, 7. arytenoid

8. The party's DJ used a laser _____ to add energy to the dance floor.
- n.* an instrument used for studying motion, particularly for observing rapid or periodic motion, by illuminating the object with intermittent flashes of light that allows it to appear still or move in slow motion
9. He got so angry that he _____ the door down.
- v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
10. The _____ of the economy has led to job losses.
- n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount
11. Pandas rarely breed in _____.
- n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
12. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
- n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
13. The employee decided to _____ on the company's illegal activities.
- v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
14. The digestive system's _____ muscle helps regulate the food and waste flow.
- n.* a circular muscle that regulates the flow of material through a passage or opening, such as the anus or a valve in the digestive system

ANSWERS: 8. stroboscope, 9. battered, 10. contraction, 11. captivity, 12. sect, 13. whistle-blow, 14. sphincter

15. A _____ light lit up the party, creating a pulsing and energetic atmosphere.
n. a device that produces a rapid series of intense flashes of light, often used in photography or entertainment; an instrument for studying the motion of a rapidly moving object by flashing a light on it at regular intervals
16. The audience _____ with laughter at the comedian's jokes.
v. to make the sound of a hoot or loud, raucous laugh; to express disapproval or scorn; (noun) the sound made by an owl or a similar bird, usually a low-pitched, repetitive "hoo" or "whoo" sound
17. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly _____.
v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
18. She decided to _____ her thoughts into a more manageable list.
v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
19. It is _____ difficult to understand why some people choose to harm others for no reason
adv. in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish
20. The _____ sound of the drums was mesmerizing.
adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
21. I need a _____ of salt to finish this dish.
n. a very small amount or quantity; a tiny bit
22. Western ideology slowly _____ through the eastern countries.
v. to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance

ANSWERS: 15. strobe, 16. hooted, 17. synchronized, 18. distill, 19. humanly, 20. rhythmic, 21. smidgen, 22. penetrates

23. The doctor inserts a flexible _____ to examine the patient's throat and vocal cords.
- n.* a medical instrument used to examine the throat or larynx; a tool used to help visualize the vocal cords during a medical procedure
24. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.
- v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
25. During the flight, the wings of the plane _____.
- v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
26. The chef's _____ of dishes includes both classic and innovative recipes.
- n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something
27. He was hit in the _____ and was rushed to the hospital.
- n.* the human trunk from the neck to the abdomen
28. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
- adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
29. His _____ performance at the concert was mind-blowing.
- n.* a style of vocal percussion or vocal mimicry in which a person creates rhythmic sounds and beats using their mouth, lips, tongue, and voice; (verb) to create percussive sounds, rhythms, and beats using the mouth, lips, tongue, and voice

ANSWERS: 23. laryngoscope, 24. singed, 25. vibrate, 26. repertoire, 27. torso, 28. humming, 29. beatbox

30. The human ear can detect sounds with frequencies ranging from 20 to 20,000 _____.
- n.* the unit of frequency, equal to one cycle per second, often used to describe the frequency of electromagnetic waves or electronic signals
31. The earring on her earlobe would _____ as she moved her head.
- v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
32. My left arm became _____.
- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
33. He spoke into the _____ of the microphone.
- n.* the part of a wind instrument that the player blows into; a device or object that is used for communication or expression
34. Studies have suggested that low doses of _____ may help reduce chronic pain.
- n.* a medication primarily used as an anesthetic and analgesic, known for its rapid onset and short duration of action, also used in recreational settings as a dissociative and hallucinogenic drug
35. The awkward silence was broken by a sudden burst of _____ from one of the dinner guests.
- n.* the presence of excessive gas in the gastrointestinal tract, resulting in the release of gas through the anus
36. The deep sea is an _____ of mystery and discovery.
- n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void

ANSWERS: 30. hertz, 31. dangle, 32. numb, 33. mouthpiece, 34. ketamine, 35. flatulence, 36. abyss

37. The _____ candlelight added a cozy ambiance to the room.

adj. shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame

38. The dentist administered an _____ to numb the patient's mouth before the procedure.

n. a substance that is administered to a person or an animal to produce a loss of sensation or consciousness so that medical or surgical procedures can be performed without causing pain

39. I could only _____ through the keyhole to see what was happening in the room.

v. to take a quick and often furtive or cautious look at something; to emit a small sound or noise, typically a high-pitched chirp or squeak; (noun) a small, high-pitched sound

40. The audience _____ when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.

v. to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

41. The old, abandoned house was _____ and gave me the chills.

adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

42. The _____ muscles are necessary for swallowing food and drink.

adj. relating to the pharynx, the muscular tube that connects the mouth and nasal passages to the esophagus and larynx

43. The interests of the two countries _____.

v. to hit something violently when moving

ANSWERS: 37. flickering, 38. anesthetic, 39. peep, 40. gasped, 41. creepy, 42. pharyngeal, 43. collide

44. The _____ model of the human body was used to teach medical students.

adj. of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts

45. The construction next door has created a constant _____ of drilling and hammering.

n. a harsh, discordant mixture of sounds; a jarring or unpleasant noise or combination of sounds

46. He was excited to find a vintage suit at the _____ shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.

adj. having been previously owned or used by someone else

47. The athlete's ego became _____ by their success.

adj. swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high

48. I had to be careful not to step on a _____ of glass on the floor.

n. a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

49. She felt sick and had to run to the bathroom to _____.

v. to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth

50. The _____ of the waves on the beach made it difficult to swim.

n. the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy

ANSWERS: 44. anatomical, 45. cacophony, 46. secondhand, 47. inflated, 48. sliver, 49. vomit, 50. churning

51. The older woman _____ with delight as she told us her stories of days gone by.
- v. to laugh in a harsh, loud, and often unpleasant way, especially as a sign of amusement or derision; (noun) a loud, shrill, and often unpleasant laughter that is usually associated with witches, hyenas, or other such stereotypical characters
52. The company is heavily _____ on its overseas operations for revenue.
- adj. needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed
53. The restaurant's menu offered various dishes to satisfy everyone's _____.
- n. the roof of the mouth, including the hard and soft tissues used in speech and the sense of taste; a person's ability to taste or appreciate different flavors and tastes
54. The artist used bright colors and bold brushstrokes to _____ a sense of vibrancy in their painting.
- v. to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict
55. The allies _____ the terms of surrender to the country.
- v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

ANSWERS: 51. cackled, 52. reliant, 53. palate, 54. stoke, 55. dictated