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Session 1: Word List

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase
synonym: wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug
The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

millionaire

n. a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.

(1) **millionaire** capitalist, (2) become a **millionaire**
The Internet **millionaire** was captivated by the artist's paintings.

curator

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
synonym: conservator, custodian, administrator

(1) **curator** of a library, (2) interim **curator**
The museum **curator** conserved the ancient manuscripts.

seductive

adj. tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

synonym: alluring, tempting, enticing

(1) a **seductive** smile, (2) **seductive** behavior

The actor's **seductive** gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

atypical

adj. not conforming to the typical or expected pattern; unusual or abnormal or characteristic

synonym: unusual, abnormal, irregular

(1) **atypical** pneumonia, (2) **atypical** weather conditions

Her **atypical** behavior raised concerns among her friends.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym: assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

quotidian

adj. occurring or recurring daily; ordinary or commonplace, typically used to describe something boring, repetitive, or mundane

synonym: everyday, mundane, routine

(1) **quotidian** chores, (2) **quotidian** life

The artist was famous for capturing the beauty of **quotidian** scenes in her paintings.

panther

n. a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia

synonym: panthera, big cat, feline

(1) black **panther**, (2) **panther** habitat

The **panther's** sleek black coat and piercing yellow eyes make for a striking vision in the forest.

artifact

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

synonym: antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

trustworthy

adj. reliable and dependable

synonym: reliable, dependable, honest

(1) **trustworthy** ally, (2) **trustworthy** source

People tend to believe **trustworthy** friends with their secrets.

didactic

adj. intended to teach or instruct, often morally or ethically; tending to give instruction or advice in an overly preachy or pedantic manner

synonym: instructive, educational, pedagogical

(1) **didactic** approach, (2) **didactic** book

The teacher's **didactic** lesson on history was informative and engaging.

incite

v. to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive

synonym: provoke, stimulate, encourage

(1) **incite** violence, (2) **incite** rebellion

The politician's speech seemed designed to **incite** anger and unrest among the crowd.

misrepresent

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

synonym: distort, misinterpret, falsify

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

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

argument.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

bleak

adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

synonym : miserable, pathetic, dim

(1) prospects were **bleak**, (2) **bleak** future

The political landscape looks **bleak** without a change of administration.

patriarchy

n. a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property

synonym : male-dominated society, male domination

(1) **patriarchy** system, (2) ancient **patriarchy**

The feminist movement aims to challenge and dismantle **patriarchy** society and promote gender equality.

downplay

v. to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something

synonym : minimize, downsize, play down

(1) **downplay** my ability, (2) **downplay** mistakes

The company tried to **downplay** the significance of the issue.

groundbreaking

adj. producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

synonym : innovative, revolutionary

(1) **groundbreaking** concept, (2) **groundbreaking** settlement

He has produced **groundbreaking** research on the subject.

anthology

n. a collection of selected writings, often by various authors or from various sources, on a particular topic or theme

synonym: compilation, collection, selection

(1) **anthology** series, (2) short story **anthology**

A renowned literary critic edited the poetry **anthology**.

entitle

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

synonym: allow, permit, enable

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

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

undocumented

adj. not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission

(1) **undocumented** worker, (2) **undocumented** command

The border patrol has recently been focusing on cracking down on **undocumented** non-citizens.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

synonym: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

inextricable

adj. unable to be separated or escaped from

synonym: inescapable, inseparable, entangled

(1) an **inextricable** part of life, (2) form an **inextricable** bond

The knot was **inextricable**, and she had to use scissors to cut it.

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.

audible

adj. able to be heard; loud enough to be heard clearly

synonym: hearable, perceptible, loud enough

(1) **audible** sound, (2) **audible** words

An **audible** sigh from the back of the room broke the silence.

brainstorming

n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

(1) **brainstorming** session, (2) do a **brainstorming** about a new product

Many companies employ **brainstorming** as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

riff

v. to play a short, repeated, tuneful phrase, often used in jazz and rock; to improvise or go off on a humorous tangent; (noun) a short, repeated, tuneful phrase

(1) rock 'n' roll **riff**, (2) **riff** off the audience's reactions

She began to **riff** on the theme of love lost in her poetry.

hoop

n. a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration

synonym: ring, circle, band

(1) **hoop** earring, (2) basketball **hoop**

The circus clown jumped through a fiery **hoop** as the audience gasped in amazement.

straighten

v. to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

synonym: even up, align, untangle

(1) **straighten** out a problem, (2) **straighten** a crooked picture

I need to **straighten** my hair before I go to the party.

curate

n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in

a collection, exhibition, or presentation

synonym: minister, caretaker, (verb) arrange

(1) perpetual **curate**, (2) **curate** an art website

The art museum has hired a **curate** to select and display pieces from its collection.

skew

v. to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

synonym: slant, tilt, distort

(1) **skew** the message, (2) **skew** social values

The results of the poll are **skewed** because it only surveyed a small group of people.

marginalize

v. to treat a person or group as insignificant or unimportant; to push to the edge or margin of society or a group; to exclude from power or influence

synonym: exclude, isolate, sideline

(1) **marginalize** minorities, (2) **marginalize** dissenting voices

It's important not to **marginalize** certain groups of people based on their race, religion, or ethnicity.

underrepresented

adj. not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized

synonym: belittled, marginalized, disadvantaged

(1) feel **underrepresented**, (2) **underrepresented** data

Underrepresented communities need more support and resources to achieve equity.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

salsa

n. a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions

synonym: sauce, dip, condiment

(1) **salsa** music, (2) homemade **salsa** dip

We brought chips and **salsa** to the party as a tasty appetizer.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym: re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym: respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

glamorous

adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

synonym: alluring, bewitching, enchanting

(1) **glamorous** movie stars, (2) cast **glamorous** eyes

The south coast is less **glamorous** yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

oversize

adj. larger than the normal or standard size

synonym: large, big, excessive

(1) **oversize** tire, (2) **oversize** bag

The **oversize** jacket was too big for her, but she still wore it because she liked the style.

chunky

adj. characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build

synonym: chubby, stocky, bulky

(1) **chunky** sweater, (2) a **chunky** necklace

I prefer **chunky** peanut butter over smooth peanut butter.

incomparable

adj. beyond comparison or unrivaled; impossible to compare to anything else due to its uniqueness, excellence, or superiority

synonym: inimitable, unmatched, unparalleled

(1) **incomparable** beauty, (2) **incomparable** talent

The school's music program was **incomparable** to any other in the region.

sisterhood

n. a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women

synonym: sisterliness, sisterly relationship, sorority

(1) **sisterhood** bond, (2) **sisterhood** solidarity

Playing on the same sports team has created a **sisterhood** between the athletes.

omit

v. to leave out or exclude something; to fail to do something that is expected or required

synonym: exclude, leave out, disregard

(1) **omit** a dividend, (2) carefully **omit**

I accidentally **omitted** an important detail from my report.

maroon

adj. a deep reddish-brown color that is similar to the color of dried blood

synonym: red, dark red, brown

(1) **maroon** color, (2) deep **maroon**

She wore a **maroon** dress to the formal event.

rainforest

n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

(1) **rainforest** destruction, (2) tropical **rainforest**

The destruction of the **rainforest** is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

colonize

v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

synonym: settle, occupy, inhabit

(1) **colonize** planets, (2) **colonize** for cultivation

European powers **colonized** much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

canoe

n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

(1) **canoe** race, (2) make a **canoe** trip

After the accident, the police found an empty **canoe**.

folklore

n. traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally

synonym: myths, legends, traditions

(1) **folklore** tradition, (2) **folklore** myth

The area's **folklore** tells of a ghost that haunts the old mill.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

intangible

n. not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp

synonym: abstract, immaterial

(1) **intangible** asset, (2) **intangible** property rights

The **intangible** qualities of love and kindness are immeasurable.

intergenerational

adj. relating to, involving, or affecting different generations

(1) **intergenerational** conflict, (2) promote

intergenerational ties

The results of that survey clearly show **intergenerational** differences in attitudes toward LGBTQ.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

diaspora

n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

synonym: scattering, dispersion, migration

(1) **diaspora** migration, (2) **diaspora** community

The **diaspora** of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.

encase

v. to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer

synonym: encircle, enclose, enclasp

(1) **encase** in glass, (2) **encase** his feet

They **encased** the fragile vase in bubble wrap to protect it during shipping.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. di____ra community | <i>n.</i> the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland |
| 2. ind____us worker | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 3. en____e the company to use the logo | <i>v.</i> to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something |
| 4. di____ra migration | <i>n.</i> the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland |
| 5. re____ne the future | <i>v.</i> to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way |
| 6. asp____on into the lungs | <i>n.</i> a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath |
| 7. feel und____ted | <i>adj.</i> not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized |
| 8. und____ted command | <i>adj.</i> not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission |
| 9. ca__e race | <i>n.</i> a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle |
| 10. en____p her in a bear hug | <i>v.</i> to surround and cover completely; to encase |
| 11. au____e words | <i>adj.</i> able to be heard; loud enough to be heard clearly |

ANSWERS: 1. diaspora, 2. industrious, 3. entitle, 4. diaspora, 5. reimagine, 6. aspiration, 7. underrepresented, 8. undocumented, 9. canoe, 10. envelop, 11. audible

12. ancient pat_____hy *n.* a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property
13. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
14. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
15. am_____y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
16. di_____ic approach *adj.* intended to teach or instruct, often morally or ethically; tending to give instruction or advice in an overly preachy or pedantic manner
17. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
18. do_____ay my ability *v.* to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something
19. a se_____ve smile *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
20. s__w social values *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
21. sis_____od solidarity *n.* a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women

ANSWERS: 12. patriarchy, 13. industrious, 14. empower, 15. amplify, 16. didactic, 17. aspiration, 18. downplay, 19. seductive, 20. skew, 21. sisterhood

22. courtroom sto_____ing
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
23. und_____ted data
adj. not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized
24. en___e his feet
v. to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer
25. basketball h__p
n. a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
26. qu_____an life
adj. occurring or recurring daily; ordinary or commonplace, typically used to describe something boring, repetitive, or mundane
27. deep ma___n
adj. a deep reddish-brown color that is similar to the color of dried blood
28. become a mil_____re
n. a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.
29. Peruvian ar_____cts
n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
30. mil_____re capitalist
n. a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.
31. gro_____ing settlement
adj. producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
32. au___e sound
adj. able to be heard; loud enough to be heard clearly

ANSWERS: 22. storytelling, 23. underrepresented, 24. encase, 25. hoop, 26. quotidian, 27. maroon, 28. millionaire, 29. artifact, 30. millionaire, 31. groundbreaking, 32. audible

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| 33. int_____le property rights | <i>n.</i> not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp |
| 34. gro_____ing concept | <i>adj.</i> producing fresh findings; using novel techniques |
| 35. tropical rai_____st | <i>n.</i> a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall |
| 36. co_____ze planets | <i>v.</i> to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers |
| 37. str_____en out a problem | <i>v.</i> to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned |
| 38. fo_____re myth | <i>n.</i> traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally |
| 39. inc_____ble talent | <i>adj.</i> beyond comparison or unrivaled; impossible to compare to anything else due to its uniqueness, excellence, or superiority |
| 40. inc_____ble beauty | <i>adj.</i> beyond comparison or unrivaled; impossible to compare to anything else due to its uniqueness, excellence, or superiority |
| 41. br_____y against the enemy | <i>n.</i> courage in the face of danger |
| 42. gra_____ld development | <i>n.</i> a child of someone's son or daughter |
| 43. paleolithic ar_____cts | <i>n.</i> a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest |

ANSWERS: 33. intangible, 34. groundbreaking, 35. rainforest, 36. colonize, 37. straighten, 38. folklore, 39. incomparable, 40. incomparable, 41. bravery, 42. grandchild, 43. artifact

44. prospects were bl__k *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
45. ch___y sweater *adj.* characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build
46. bra_____ing session *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
47. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
48. an ine_____ble part of life *adj.* unable to be separated or escaped from
49. ov_____ze bag *adj.* larger than the normal or standard size
50. co_____ze for cultivation *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
51. und_____ted worker *adj.* not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission
52. int_____nal conflict *adj.* relating to, involving, or affecting different generations
53. bl__k future *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
54. int_____le asset *n.* not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp
55. homemade sa__a dip *n.* a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions

ANSWERS: 44. bleak, 45. chunky, 46. brainstorming, 47. nod, 48. inextricable, 49. oversize, 50. colonize, 51. undocumented, 52. intergenerational, 53. bleak, 54. intangible, 55. salsa

56. mar_____ze minorities *v.* to treat a person or group as insignificant or unimportant; to push to the edge or margin of society or a group; to exclude from power or influence
57. in___e rebellion *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
58. carefully o__t *v.* to leave out or exclude something; to fail to do something that is expected or required
59. interim cu_____r *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
60. sis_____od bond *n.* a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women
61. a ch___y necklace *adj.* characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build
62. sa__a music *n.* a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions
63. se_____ve behavior *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

ANSWERS: 56. marginalize, 57. incite, 58. omit, 59. curator, 60. sisterhood, 61. chunky, 62. salsa, 63. seductive

64. form an ine_____ble bond *adj.* unable to be separated or escaped from
65. short story an_____gy *n.* a collection of selected writings, often by various authors or from various sources, on a particular topic or theme
66. r__f off the audience's reactions *v.* to play a short, repeated, tuneful phrase, often used in jazz and rock; to improvise or go off on a humorous tangent; (noun) a short, repeated, tuneful phrase
67. qu_____an chores *adj.* occurring or recurring daily; ordinary or commonplace, typically used to describe something boring, repetitive, or mundane
68. ov_____ze tire *adj.* larger than the normal or standard size
69. po__t the existence of life after death *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
70. en_____p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
71. gl_____us movie stars *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
72. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
73. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
74. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

ANSWERS: 64. inextricable, 65. anthology, 66. riff, 67. quotidian, 68. oversize, 69. posit, 70. envelop, 71. glamorous, 72. storytelling, 73. nod, 74. grandchild

75. perpetual cu___e *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
76. rock 'n' roll r__f *v.* to play a short, repeated, tuneful phrase, often used in jazz and rock; to improvise or go off on a humorous tangent; (noun) a short, repeated, tuneful phrase
77. h__p earring *n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
78. mis_____ent a company's policies *v.* to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone
79. br_____y under fire *n.* courage in the face of danger
80. at_____al weather conditions *adj.* not conforming to the typical or expected pattern; unusual or abnormal or characteristic
81. rai_____st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
82. tru_____hy source *adj.* reliable and dependable
83. re_____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
84. do a bra_____ing about a new product *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

ANSWERS: 75. curate, 76. riff, 77. hoop, 78. misrepresent, 79. bravery, 80. atypical, 81. rainforest, 82. trustworthy, 83. reimagine, 84. brainstorming

85. en___e in glass *v.* to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer
86. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
87. fo_____re tradition *n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally
88. mis_____ent the situation *v.* to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone
89. at_____al pneumonia *adj.* not conforming to the typical or expected pattern; unusual or abnormal or characteristic
90. tru_____hy ally *adj.* reliable and dependable
91. an_____gy series *n.* a collection of selected writings, often by various authors or from various sources, on a particular topic or theme
92. str_____en a crooked picture *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
93. di_____ic book *adj.* intended to teach or instruct, often morally or ethically; tending to give instruction or advice in an overly preachy or pedantic manner
94. pa_____r habitat *n.* a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia

ANSWERS: 85. encase, 86. empower, 87. folklore, 88. misrepresent, 89. atypical, 90. trustworthy, 91. anthology, 92. straighten, 93. didactic, 94. panther

95. cast gl_____us eyes *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
96. black pa_____r *n.* a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia
97. make a ca__e trip *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
98. pat_____hy system *n.* a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property
99. cu_____r of a library *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
100. o__t a dividend *v.* to leave out or exclude something; to fail to do something that is expected or required
101. do_____ay mistakes *v.* to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something
102. mar_____ze dissenting voices *v.* to treat a person or group as insignificant or unimportant; to push to the edge or margin of society or a group; to exclude from power or influence
103. s__w the message *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

ANSWERS: 95. glamorous, 96. panther, 97. canoe, 98. patriarchy, 99. curator, 100. omit, 101. downplay, 102. marginalize, 103. skew

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ qualities of love and kindness are immeasurable.
n. not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp
2. The _____ of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.
n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
3. The museum has a vast collection of Greek _____.
n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
4. The museum _____ conserved the ancient manuscripts.
n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
5. His _____ in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.
n. courage in the face of danger
6. The south coast is less _____ yet has many clean and appealing hotels.
adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
7. The politician's speech seemed designed to _____ anger and unrest among the crowd.
v. to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
8. The art museum has hired a _____ to select and display pieces from its collection.
n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

ANSWERS: 1. intangible, 2. diaspora, 3. artifacts, 4. curator, 5. bravery, 6. glamorous, 7. incite, 8. curate

9. Playing on the same sports team has created a _____ between the athletes.
- n.* a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women
10. Her _____ behavior raised concerns among her friends.
- adj.* not conforming to the typical or expected pattern; unusual or abnormal or characteristic
11. The _____ jacket was too big for her, but she still wore it because she liked the style.
- adj.* larger than the normal or standard size
12. The border patrol has recently been focusing on cracking down on _____ non-citizens.
- adj.* not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission
13. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.
- v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
14. A renowned literary critic edited the poetry _____.
- n.* a collection of selected writings, often by various authors or from various sources, on a particular topic or theme
15. The Internet _____ was captivated by the artist's paintings.
- n.* a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.
16. She _____ quietly in response to the question.
- v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

ANSWERS: 9. sisterhood, 10. atypical, 11. oversize, 12. undocumented, 13. entitled, 14. anthology, 15. millionaire, 16. nodded

17. After the accident, the police found an empty _____.
- n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
18. She began to _____ on the theme of love lost in her poetry.
- v.* to play a short, repeated, tuneful phrase, often used in jazz and rock; to improvise or go off on a humorous tangent; (noun) a short, repeated, tuneful phrase
19. You might need to _____ this point.
- v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
20. We brought chips and _____ to the party as a tasty appetizer.
- n.* a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions
21. _____ communities need more support and resources to achieve equity.
- adj.* not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized
22. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.
- v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
23. They _____ the fragile vase in bubble wrap to protect it during shipping.
- v.* to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer
24. People tend to believe _____ friends with their secrets.
- adj.* reliable and dependable

ANSWERS: 17. canoe, 18. riff, 19. amplify, 20. salsa, 21. Underrepresented, 22. reimagine, 23. encased, 24. trustworthy

25. She wore a _____ dress to the formal event.

adj. a deep reddish-brown color that is similar to the color of dried blood

26. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

27. It's important not to _____ certain groups of people based on their race, religion, or ethnicity.

v. to treat a person or group as insignificant or unimportant; to push to the edge or margin of society or a group; to exclude from power or influence

28. The artist was famous for capturing the beauty of _____ scenes in her paintings.

adj. occurring or recurring daily; ordinary or commonplace, typically used to describe something boring, repetitive, or mundane

29. An _____ sigh from the back of the room broke the silence.

adj. able to be heard; loud enough to be heard clearly

30. The knot was _____ and she had to use scissors to cut it.

adj. unable to be separated or escaped from

31. The teacher's _____ lesson on history was informative and engaging.

adj. intended to teach or instruct, often morally or ethically; tending to give instruction or advice in an overly preachy or pedantic manner

32. I prefer _____ peanut butter over smooth peanut butter.

adj. characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build

ANSWERS: 25. maroon, 26. industrious, 27. marginalize, 28. quotidian, 29. audible, 30. inextricable, 31. didactic, 32. chunky

33. The results of that survey clearly show _____ differences in attitudes toward LGBTQ.

adj. relating to, involving, or affecting different generations

34. I need to _____ my hair before I go to the party.

v. to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

35. He has produced _____ research on the subject.

adj. producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

36. Many companies employ _____ as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

37. The circus clown jumped through a fiery _____ as the audience gasped in amazement.

n. a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration

38. The results of the poll are _____ because it only surveyed a small group of people.

v. to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

39. The company tried to _____ the significance of the issue.

v. to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something

ANSWERS: 33. intergenerational, 34. straighten, 35. groundbreaking, 36. brainstorming, 37. hoop, 38. skewed, 39. downplay

40. The area's _____ tells of a ghost that haunts the old mill.
n. traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally
41. The political landscape looks _____ without a change of administration.
adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
42. We should _____ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.
v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
43. European powers _____ much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.
v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
44. The _____ sleek black coat and piercing yellow eyes make for a striking vision in the forest.
n. a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia
45. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
46. The fog _____ the city, making it difficult to see.
v. to surround and cover completely; to encase
47. The article _____ the true intentions of the author's argument.
v. to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone

ANSWERS: 40. folklore, 41. bleak, 42. posit, 43. colonized, 44. panther's, 45. aspiration, 46. enveloped, 47. misrepresents

48. The school's music program was _____ to any other in the region.
adj. beyond comparison or unrivaled; impossible to compare to anything else due to its uniqueness, excellence, or superiority
49. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
50. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
51. The destruction of the _____ is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.
n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
52. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
n. a child of someone's son or daughter
53. I accidentally _____ an important detail from my report.
v. to leave out or exclude something; to fail to do something that is expected or required
54. The feminist movement aims to challenge and dismantle _____ society and promote gender equality.
n. a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property
55. The actor's _____ gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.
adj. tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

ANSWERS: 48. incomparable, 49. storytelling, 50. empowered, 51. rainforest, 52. grandchild, 53. omitted, 54. patriarchy, 55. seductive

ANSWERS: