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Session 1: Word List

indiscriminately

adv. done without any distinction or selection; randomly or without careful consideration

synonym: haphazardly, randomly, willy-nilly

(1) act **indiscriminately**, (2) lay off employees

indiscriminately

The soldiers fired their weapons **indiscriminately** during the battle.

clueless

adj. lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation

synonym: uninformed, unaware, ignorant

(1) **clueless** in many ways, (2) **clueless** about the situation

She was completely **clueless** as to how to solve the problem.

headquarter

n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

synonym: base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency

headquarter

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

mural

adj. a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface

synonym : wall painting, fresco, wall art

(1) **mural** painting, (2) a **mural** decoration

The **mural** on the wall depicted the history of the city.

wane

v. to decrease in size, strength, or intensity

synonym : decrease, diminish, fade

(1) **wane** over time, (2) **wane** in popularity

The fragrance of this material **wanes** over weeks to months.

bunker

n. a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel

synonym : shelter, fortification, defense

(1) coal **bunker**, (2) **bunker** facility

The soldiers took cover in the dug-out **bunker** during the bombing.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym : illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

amiable

adj. having a friendly, pleasant, and likable disposition; characterized by warmth, goodwill, and kindness toward others

synonym : friendly, good-natured, cordial

(1) **amiable** personality, (2) **amiable** smile

The **amiable** host welcomed us to their home with open arms.

callous

adj. insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation

synonym : cold, heartless, unfeeling

(1) **callous** person, (2) **callous** remark

The supervisor's **callous** behavior towards his employees resulted in high turnover rates.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

disrespect

n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

synonym : impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer

His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

mourn

v. to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone

synonym : grieve, lament, weep

(1) **mourn** with deep grief, (2) **mourn** death

We **mourned** the loss of our dear friend at the memorial service.

fury

n. intense and often violent anger

synonym : rage, wrath, ire

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

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

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the

beginning of each hand.

hillbilly

n. someone who is from a rural or mountainous region, especially in the southern United States; a person who is considered unsophisticated or lacking in refinement

synonym: mountain person, rustic, hill person

(1) **hillbilly** music, (2) **hillbilly** community

The **hillbilly** family lived off the land in their rustic cabin.

flyover

n. a region or area of a country that is often flown over by planes and not typically visited or considered by travelers; a flight that passes over a specific area without stopping

synonym: overpass, bridge, flypast

(1) **flyover** zone, (2) **flyover** construction

The city's new **flyover** allows traffic to bypass the busy intersection below.

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.

edgy

adj. being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality

synonym: tense, nervous, anxious

(1) **edgy** haircut, (2) **edgy** fashion

I always feel **edgy** when I have to give a speech in front of a large crowd.

ethic

n. a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

synonym: moral code, code of conduct, principles

(1) moral **ethic**, (2) professional **ethic**

Having a strong work **ethic** is important for success in any field.

haste

n. a sense of urgency or need for rapid action; excessive speed in movement or action

synonym: rush, hurry, urgency

(1) emergency **haste**, (2) with great **haste**

He made many mistakes due to his **haste** in completing the project.

originality

n. the quality of being new or unique; the ability to create or invent something new or distinctive

synonym: creativity, ingenuity, inventiveness

(1) artistic **originality**, (2) lack of **originality**

The chef's culinary creations were admired for their **originality** and creative use of ingredients.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

unicorn

n. a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion

synonym: mythical creature, fantasy animal, legendary horse

(1) **unicorn** beetle, (2) **unicorn** investors

In medieval times, people believed that the **unicorn** horn had magical powers that could cure diseases.

hard-won

adj. achieved with great effort, perseverance, or sacrifice; earned or gained only after overcoming significant obstacles or challenges

synonym: challenging, hard-fought, difficult

(1) **hard-won** victory, (2) **hard-won** peace

After years of hard work, she finally achieved her **hard-won** success.

cherish

v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

synonym: treasure, value, hold dear

(1) **cherish** a stuffed animal, (2) **cherish** relationships

She **cherished** the memories of her childhood.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

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.

sophistication

n. the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined

synonym: refinement, culture, elegance

(1) cultural **sophistication**, (2) linguistic **sophistication**

The new technology added a level of **sophistication** to the manufacturing process.

divisive

adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

synonym: polarizing, contentious, disagreeable

(1) **divisive** question, (2) suppress **divisive** arguments

The proposed policy has been met with **divisive** reactions

from the public.

elope

v. to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends

synonym: run away, abscond, escape

(1) **elope** secretly, (2) **elope** together

The young couple decided to **elope** instead of having a traditional wedding ceremony.

rabbi

n. a Jewish religious leader or a Jewish scholar or teacher

synonym: clergyman, priest, teacher

(1) son of a **rabbi**, (2) the city's communal **rabbi**

The chief **rabbi** chanted a prayer.

jeopardize

v. to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone

synonym: endanger, imperil, risk

(1) **jeopardize** safety, (2) **jeopardize** reputation

His reckless behavior could **jeopardize** his chances of getting hired for the job.

unhealthy

adj. not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being

synonym: unwholesome, detrimental, insalubrious

(1) **unhealthy** diet, (2) **unhealthy** habit

Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered **unhealthy**.

demise

n. death or the end of something

synonym: death, passing, end

(1) **demise** of bureaucracy, (2) meet their **demise**

The sudden **demise** of the king was a shock to everyone and threw the kingdom into chaos.

scramble

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

synonym:

jumble, disarrange

(1) **scramble** my mind, (2) **scramble** for support

Local business owners **scrambled** to find skilled workers.

breadwinner

n. the member of a family who earns money to support the others

(1) family **breadwinner**, (2) two- **breadwinner** couple

Many women are now their families' primary **breadwinners**.

homemaking

n. the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker

synonym: housekeeping, domestic management

(1) traditional **homemaking** skills, (2) **homemaking** tools

Homemaking duties can include anything from cooking and cleaning to managing household finances.

nostalgia

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

synonym: longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

mindless

adj. lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed

synonym: senseless, thoughtless, irresponsible

(1) **mindless** task, (2) **mindless** entertainment

Mindless scrolling on social media can be a time waster.

misogyny

n. a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women

synonym: sexism, chauvinism

(1) **misogyny** issue, (2) the **misogyny** of medieval Christianity

His speech was filled with **misogyny** and caused widespread outrage.

visceral

adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

synonym : instinctive, intuitive, gut

(1) **visceral** organ, (2) **visceral** fear

After watching the horror movie, she had a **visceral** reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

womanhood

n. the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman

synonym : femininity, womanliness, womanly nature

(1) **womanhood** experience, (2) embrace **womanhood**

The celebration of **womanhood** is often disregarded in male-dominated industries.

endanger

v. to put someone or something in a risky situation

synonym : threaten, imperil, jeopardize

(1) **endanger** my health, (2) **endanger** a close relationship

Their actions **endangered** the lives of innocent people.

intertwine

v. to twist together or become twisted together

synonym : interweave, interlace, entwine

(1) **intertwine** thread, (2) **intertwine** story

The vines **intertwine** to form a thick canopy overhead.

masculinity

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

synonym : manliness, virility, machismo

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

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

masculine

adj. having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

synonym : male, mannish, manly

(1) wear **masculine** attire, (2) **masculine** beauty

Her allure lies in her **masculine** rather than feminine beauty.

pervade

v. to spread throughout something; to permeate

synonym : permeate, penetrate, suffuse

(1) **pervade** society, (2) **pervade** an atmosphere

The smell of baking bread **pervaded** the kitchen.

harass

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

synonym : pester, annoy, bother

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

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

parochial

adj. related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings

synonym : narrow-minded, insular, provincial

(1) **parochial** views, (2) **parochial** community

The **parochial** attitude of the small town made it difficult for outsiders to feel welcome.

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.

- slur**
- v.* to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements
- synonym*: defame, slander, denigrate
- (1) **slur** a drink, (2) **slur** his reputation
- He shouldn't be allowed to **slur** people based on race or sexuality.
- stigmatize**
- v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
- synonym*: brand, mark, denounce
- (1) **stigmatize** the deviant as criminal, (2) **stigmatize** him as a swindler
- She was **stigmatized** by society because she had a child out of wedlock.
- absolutism**
- n.* a political system in which the ruler has complete and unlimited power, often without any checks or balances from other institutions
- synonym*: dictatorship, tyranny, authoritarianism
- (1) religious **absolutism**, (2) advocate for **absolutism**
- The king's **absolutism** meant he had complete and total control over the government and the people.
- peaceable**
- adj.* inclined towards peace and non-violence; characterized by a desire for harmony, cooperation, and understanding in interpersonal relationships
- synonym*: calm, placid, tranquil
- (1) **peaceable** resolution, (2) **peaceable** coexistence
- The **peaceable** protest remained peaceful despite some tension from law enforcement.
- brink**
- n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
- synonym*: edge, verge, threshold
- (1) **brink** of war, (2) on the **brink**

We were on the **brink** of a financial crisis.

Session 2: Spelling

1. am____e personality *adj.* having a friendly, pleasant, and likable disposition; characterized by warmth, goodwill, and kindness toward others
2. the mi____ny of medieval Christianity *n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
3. mi____ss entertainment *adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
4. pe_____le coexistence *adj.* inclined towards peace and non-violence; characterized by a desire for harmony, cooperation, and understanding in interpersonal relationships
5. emergency ha__e *n.* a sense of urgency or need for rapid action; excessive speed in movement or action
6. el__e together *v.* to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends
7. en____er my health *v.* to put someone or something in a risky situation
8. cl____ss about the situation *adj.* lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation
9. religious abs_____sm *n.* a political system in which the ruler has complete and unlimited power, often without any checks or balances from other institutions

ANSWERS: 1. amiable, 2. misogyny, 3. mindless, 4. peaceable, 5. haste, 6. elope, 7. endanger, 8. clueless, 9. absolutism

10. fl____r zone *n.* a region or area of a country that is often flown over by planes and not typically visited or considered by travelers; a flight that passes over a specific area without stopping
11. vi____al organ *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
12. suppress di____ve arguments *adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
13. toxic mas______ty *n.* the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly
14. el__e secretly *v.* to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends
15. mi____ny issue *n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
16. ha____s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
17. with great ha__e *n.* a sense of urgency or need for rapid action; excessive speed in movement or action
18. mo__n death *v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone

ANSWERS: 10. flyover, 11. visceral, 12. divisive, 13. masculinity, 14. elope, 15. misogyny, 16. harass, 17. haste, 18. mourn

19. jeo_____ze safety *v.* to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone
20. mean no dis_____ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
21. no_____ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
22. sti_____ze him as a swindler *v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
23. s__r a drink *v.* to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements
24. cl_____ss in many ways *adj.* lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation
25. int_____ne story *v.* to twist together or become twisted together
26. pe_____le resolution *adj.* inclined towards peace and non-violence; characterized by a desire for harmony, cooperation, and understanding in interpersonal relationships
27. en_____er a close relationship *v.* to put someone or something in a risky situation
28. de___t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

ANSWERS: 19. jeopardize, 20. disrespect, 21. nostalgia, 22. stigmatize, 23. slur, 24. clueless, 25. intertwine, 26. peaceable, 27. endanger, 28. depict

29. pa_____al community *adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings
30. ha___s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
31. 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
32. int_____ne thread *v.* to twist together or become twisted together
33. on the br__k *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
34. ma_____ne beauty *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
35. son of a ra__i *n.* a Jewish religious leader or a Jewish scholar or teacher
36. moral et__c *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
37. mo__n with deep grief *v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone

ANSWERS: 29. parochial, 30. harass, 31. riff, 32. intertwine, 33. brink, 34. masculine, 35. rabbi, 36. ethic, 37. mourn

38. sc_____le for support *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
39. wear ma_____ne attire *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
40. de____t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
41. a mu__l decoration *adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface
42. sm_____n of evidence *n.* a very small amount or quantity; a tiny bit
43. ch_____h a stuffed animal *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
44. am_____e smile *adj.* having a friendly, pleasant, and likable disposition; characterized by warmth, goodwill, and kindness toward others
45. cultural sop_____ion *n.* the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined
46. ha_____on victory *adj.* achieved with great effort, perseverance, or sacrifice; earned or gained only after overcoming significant obstacles or challenges
47. pa_____al views *adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings

ANSWERS: 38. scramble, 39. masculine, 40. depict, 41. mural, 42. smidgen, 43. cherish, 44. amiable, 45. sophistication, 46. hard-won, 47. parochial

48. pe____e an atmosphere *v.* to spread throughout something; to permeate
49. administrative hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
50. ca____s person *adj.* insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation
51. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
52. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
53. mi____ss task *adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
54. de___e of bureaucracy *n.* death or the end of something
55. w__e over time *v.* to decrease in size, strength, or intensity
56. mas_____ty norms *n.* the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly
57. br__k of war *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place

ANSWERS: 48. pervade, 49. headquarter, 50. callous, 51. institutionalize, 52. trump, 53. mindless, 54. demise, 55. wane, 56. masculinity, 57. brink

58. two-bre_____er couple *n.* the member of a family who earns money to support the others
59. sti_____ze the deviant as criminal *v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
60. embrace wo_____od *n.* the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman
61. wo_____od experience *n.* the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman
62. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
63. linguistic sop_____ion *n.* the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined
64. s__r his reputation *v.* to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements
65. un_____hy diet *adj.* not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
66. 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

ANSWERS: 58. breadwinner, 59. stigmatize, 60. womanhood, 61. womanhood, 62. trump, 63. sophistication, 64. slur, 65. unhealthy, 66. riff

67. un____n investors *n.* a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion
68. lack of ori____ty *n.* the quality of being new or unique; the ability to create or invent something new or distinctive
69. un____hy habit *adj.* not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
70. the city's communal ra__i *n.* a Jewish religious leader or a Jewish scholar or teacher
71. di____ve question *adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
72. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
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74. hi____ly community *n.* someone who is from a rural or mountainous region, especially in the southern United States; a person who is considered unsophisticated or lacking in refinement
75. un____n beetle *n.* a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion

ANSWERS: 67. unicorn, 68. originality, 69. unhealthy, 70. rabbi, 71. divisive, 72. sham, 73. sham, 74. hillbilly, 75. unicorn

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78. coal bu____r *n.* a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel
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ANSWERS: 83. homemaking, 84. jeopardize, 85. wane, 86. edgy, 87. hard-won, 88. breadwinner, 89. nostalgia, 90. visceral, 91. headquarter

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93. f__y of the storm *n.* intense and often violent anger
94. mu__l painting *adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface
95. lay off employees
ind_____ely *adv.* done without any distinction or selection; randomly or without careful consideration
96. act ind_____ely *adv.* done without any distinction or selection; randomly or without careful consideration
97. market f__y *n.* intense and often violent anger
98. artistic ori_____ty *n.* the quality of being new or unique; the ability to create or invent something new or distinctive
99. sc_____le my mind *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
100. pe_____e society *v.* to spread throughout something; to permeate
101. hi_____ly music *n.* someone who is from a rural or mountainous region, especially in the southern United States; a person who is considered unsophisticated or lacking in refinement

ANSWERS: 92. absolutism, 93. fury, 94. mural, 95. indiscriminately, 96. indiscriminately, 97. fury, 98. originality, 99. scramble, 100. pervade, 101. hillbilly

102. bu___r facility *n.* a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel
103. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
104. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
105. hom_____ng tools *n.* the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker
106. dis_____ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
107. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
108. a tiny sm_____n *n.* a very small amount or quantity; a tiny bit
109. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
110. meet their de___e *n.* death or the end of something

ANSWERS: 102. bunker, 103. institutionalize, 104. entitle, 105. homemaking, 106. disrespect, 107. disrupt, 108. smidgen, 109. disrupt, 110. demise

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The data he prepared was completely _____.
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
2. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.
v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
3. The crowd's _____ was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.
n. intense and often violent anger
4. The _____ family lived off the land in their rustic cabin.
n. someone who is from a rural or mountainous region, especially in the southern United States; a person who is considered unsophisticated or lacking in refinement
5. After years of hard work, she finally achieved her _____ success.
adj. achieved with great effort, perseverance, or sacrifice; earned or gained only after overcoming significant obstacles or challenges
6. The chief _____ chanted a prayer.
n. a Jewish religious leader or a Jewish scholar or teacher
7. The _____ protest remained peaceful despite some tension from law enforcement.
adj. inclined towards peace and non-violence; characterized by a desire for harmony, cooperation, and understanding in interpersonal relationships

ANSWERS: 1. sham, 2. depicted, 3. fury, 4. hillbilly, 5. hard-won, 6. rabbi, 7. peaceable

8. His _____ behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.
- n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
9. We were on the _____ of a financial crisis.
- n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
10. The city's new _____ allows traffic to bypass the busy intersection below.
- n.* a region or area of a country that is often flown over by planes and not typically visited or considered by travelers; a flight that passes over a specific area without stopping
11. The _____ attitude of the small town made it difficult for outsiders to feel welcome.
- adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings
12. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
- v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
13. The _____ on the wall depicted the history of the city.
- adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface
14. The new technology added a level of _____ to the manufacturing process.
- n.* the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined

ANSWERS: 8. disrespectful, 9. brink, 10. flyover, 11. parochial, 12. institutionalize, 13. mural, 14. sophistication

15. We _____ the loss of our dear friend at the memorial service.
- v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone
16. Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered _____.
- adj.* not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
17. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
- n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
18. He shouldn't be allowed to _____ people based on race or sexuality.
- v.* to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements
19. The chef's culinary creations were admired for their _____ and creative use of ingredients.
- n.* the quality of being new or unique; the ability to create or invent something new or distinctive
20. The company decided to move its _____ to New York City.
- n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
21. His reckless behavior could _____ his chances of getting hired for the job.
- v.* to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone
22. Her allure lies in her _____ rather than feminine beauty.
- adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

ANSWERS: 15. mourned, 16. unhealthy, 17. trump, 18. slur, 19. originality, 20. headquarters, 21. jeopardize, 22. masculine

23. The supervisor's _____ behavior towards his employees resulted in high turnover rates.

adj. insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation

24. The soldiers fired their weapons _____ during the battle.

adv. done without any distinction or selection; randomly or without careful consideration

25. In medieval times, people believed that the _____ horn had magical powers that could cure diseases.

n. a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion

26. _____ duties can include anything from cooking and cleaning to managing household finances.

n. the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker

27. The smell of baking bread _____ the kitchen.

v. to spread throughout something; to permeate

28. She was completely _____ as to how to solve the problem.

adj. lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation

29. Local business owners _____ to find skilled workers.

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

ANSWERS: 23. callous, 24. indiscriminately, 25. unicorn, 26. Homemaking, 27. pervaded, 28. clueless, 29. scrambled

30. The ice cream truck's sound brought back _____ for my childhood.
n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
31. She was constantly _____ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.
v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
32. The vines _____ to form a thick canopy overhead.
v. to twist together or become twisted together
33. The _____ host welcomed us to their home with open arms.
adj. having a friendly, pleasant, and likable disposition; characterized by warmth, goodwill, and kindness toward others
34. The soldiers took cover in the dug-out _____ during the bombing.
n. a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel
35. His speech was filled with _____ and caused widespread outrage.
n. a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
36. The fragrance of this material _____ over weeks to months.
v. to decrease in size, strength, or intensity
37. I always feel _____ when I have to give a speech in front of a large crowd.
adj. being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality

ANSWERS: 30. nostalgia, 31. harassed, 32. intertwine, 33. amiable, 34. bunker, 35. misogyny, 36. wanes, 37. edgy

38. The king's _____ meant he had complete and total control over the government and the people.
- n.* a political system in which the ruler has complete and unlimited power, often without any checks or balances from other institutions
39. Their actions _____ the lives of innocent people.
- v.* to put someone or something in a risky situation
40. I need a _____ of salt to finish this dish.
- n.* a very small amount or quantity; a tiny bit
41. 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
42. 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
43. She _____ the memories of her childhood.
- v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
44. Research has shown that rigid ideas of _____ can contribute to domestic violence and other forms of abuse.
- n.* the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly
45. He made many mistakes due to his _____ in completing the project.
- n.* a sense of urgency or need for rapid action; excessive speed in movement or action

ANSWERS: 38. absolutism, 39. endangered, 40. smidgen, 41. entitled, 42. riff, 43. cherished, 44. masculinity, 45. haste

46. The sudden _____ of the king was a shock to everyone and threw the kingdom into chaos.
- n.* death or the end of something
47. The celebration of _____ is often disregarded in male-dominated industries.
- n.* the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman
48. _____ scrolling on social media can be a time waster.
- adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
49. Having a strong work _____ is important for success in any field.
- n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
50. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
51. After watching the horror movie, she had a _____ reaction and couldn't sleep all night.
- adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
52. The young couple decided to _____ instead of having a traditional wedding ceremony.
- v.* to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends

ANSWERS: 46. demise, 47. womanhood, 48. Mindless, 49. ethic, 50. disrupt, 51. visceral, 52. elope

53. She was _____ by society because she had a child out of wedlock.

v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect

54. The proposed policy has been met with _____ reactions from the public.

adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

55. Many women are now their families' primary _____.

n. the member of a family who earns money to support the others

ANSWERS: 53. stigmatized, 54. divisive, 55. breadwinners