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Session 1: Word List

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym: client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

nest

n. a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young

synonym: roost, perch, burrow

(1) bird's **nest**, (2) a **nest** of thieves

The female birds build a **nest** and lay their eggs in May.

hatch

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

synonym : incubate, breed, produce

(1) **hatch** a plan, (2) **hatch** a baby chick

The eggs began to **hatch**, and the small chicks emerged.

beneath

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

synonym : down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt

A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

crack

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

synonym : snap, burst, break

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

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

absorb

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

synonym : consume, soak, ingest

(1) **absorb** energy, (2) **absorb** a shock

The sponge **absorbs** water well.

mystical

adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

synonym : occult, esoteric, enigmatic

(1) **mystical** intuition, (2) **mystical** belief

While meditating, he had a **mystical** experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym : empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

fantasy

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

synonym : fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality
Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

beastie

n. a small or insignificant animal often used to describe insects, rodents, or other vermin

synonym: critter, creature, animal

(1) cute little **beastie**, (2) monster **beastie**

Scientists discovered a new species of **beastie** in the rainforest.

scruffy

adj. unkempt or shabby in appearance; scrappy or disreputable in behavior or attitude

synonym: unkempt, messy, shabby

(1) **scruffy** hair, (2) **scruffy** clothes

The old building had a **scruffy** exterior with chipped paint and broken windows.

swan

n. a large waterbird with a long neck, bill, and webbed feet; known for their elegant and graceful appearance

synonym: cygnet, waterfowl, bird

(1) **swan** song, (2) black **swan**

The **swan's** feathers glistened in the sunlight.

bang

v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

synonym: crash, hit, smash

(1) **bang** his fist on a desk, (2) **bang** a phone down

My father tried to **bang** mathematics into my head since childhood.

mum

n. a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so

synonym: mother, silent, soundless

(1) **mum's** cooking, (2) keep **mum**

My **mum** always knew how to comfort me when I was feeling down.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym: haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym: disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

tease

v. to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

synonym: bully, annoy, provoke

(1) **tease** the children, (2) **tease** wool

This ad is intended to **tease** a competing product.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

messy

adj. disorganized and untidy

synonym: cluttered, disorganized, untidy

(1) **messy** data, (2) **messy** handling

His **messy** bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

noisy

adj. making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound

synonym: loud, cacophonous, clamorous

(1) **noisy** neighbor, (2) **noisy** party

The construction outside was creating a **noisy** distraction from my work.

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**.

isolation

n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

synonym: aloneness, seclusion, separateness

(1) **isolation** booth, (2) the country's **isolation**

That incident led to his **isolation**.

divorce

n. the legal dissolution of a marriage

synonym: separation, dissolution, breakup

(1) **divorce** settlement, (2) a consensual **divorce**

The couple decided to get a **divorce** after many years of marriage.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

unintended

adj. not planned or meant

synonym: accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding
Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym: prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

imprison

v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

synonym: incarcerate, detain, confine

(1) **imprison** illegal immigrant, (2) **imprison** myself within the room

He was **imprisoned** for embezzlement.

fraud

n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

synonym: trickery, deceit, blackmail

(1) get money by **fraud**, (2) victim of **fraud**

The police arrested them for committing insurance **fraud**.

dishonest

adj. capable of being corrupted, not honest

synonym: fraudulent, deceitful, untrustworthy

(1) **dishonest** politicians, (2) promote **dishonest** behavior

Often in drama, **dishonest** personalities gain popularity.

penalty

n. a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract
synonym : punishment, sentence, fine

(1) death **penalty**, (2) corner of the **penalty** area

The lawyer was reinstated after paying the **penalty**.

solicitor

n. a legal professional who provides advice and prepares legal documents, typically working in private practice on behalf of clients; a person who promotes business

synonym : suppliant, pleader, advocate

(1) advertising **solicitor**, (2) official **solicitor**

The property dispute was resolved amicably between the two parties with the help of a **solicitor**.

stable

adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

synonym : sturdy, unmoving, durable

(1) in **stable** condition, (2) have a **stable** job

Relations between the two countries have been relatively **stable** due to the summit meeting.

upbringing

n. the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development

synonym : childhood, background, nurturing

(1) Catholic **upbringing**, (2) family **upbringing**

His strict **upbringing** instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.

burglar

n. a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime

synonym : thief, robber, intruder

(1) ex-convict **burglar**, (2) caught the **burglar**

The skilled **burglar** bypassed the alarm system and entered the house without making a sound.

apparent

adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly

synonym : obvious, clear, conspicuous

(1) heir **apparent**, (2) **apparent** contradiction

This star is **apparent** to the naked eye.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

decent

adj. satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

synonym: respectable, honorable, good

(1) yearn for the **decent** living, (2) a **decent** education

He earned a **decent** salary at his job.

associate

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

synonym: tie in, link, consociate

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

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

humiliation

n. the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish

synonym: mortification, degradation, embarrassment

(1) an intolerable **humiliation**, (2) a taste of **humiliation**

His public **humiliation** resulted from a cruel prank played by his colleagues.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

humanize

v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

synonym : civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room

The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

devastating

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

synonym : destructive, annihilative, disastrous

(1) have **devastating** effects, (2) treat this **devastating** disease

This typhoon was the most **devastating** in years.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym : preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

pat

v. to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively

synonym : tap, stroke, caress

(1) **pat** on the back, (2) **pat** a dog

She **patted** the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.

detect

v. to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

synonym : catch, observe, notice

(1) **detect** a bad event, (2) **detect** smuggling across borders
The security camera has **detected** four intruders.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy
The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

sniff

v. to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
synonym: smell, inhale, scent

(1) **sniff** the air, (2) **sniff** the perfume
The dog stopped to **sniff** around the tree, looking for something interesting.

unwitting

adj. without purpose or intent
synonym: unknowledgeable, inadvertent, unintended

(1) **unwitting** victims, (2) an **unwitting** mistake
His rudeness was **unwitting**, not intentional.

shyness

n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
synonym: bashfulness, timidity, modesty

(1) lose some of my **shyness**, (2) **shyness** barrier
He finally overcame his **shyness**.

tongue

n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
synonym: lingo, language, vocabulary

(1) native **tongue**, (2) **tongue** cancer
The **tongue** is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

charity

n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

synonym : philanthropy, benevolence, generosity

(1) **charity** work, (2) ask **charity**

She volunteers at a local **charity** every weekend to help those in need.

instant

adj. happening immediately, with no delay

synonym : immediate, urgent, moment

(1) get **instant** access, (2) an **instant** reply

His pleasant face turned cold in an **instant**.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym : comfortless, discomfoting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

regret

v. to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do

synonym : apologize, deplore, lament

(1) **regret** a decision, (2) **regret** being so careless

I **regret** to say that you did not gain admission to the university.

ashamed

adj. feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done

synonym : regretful, repentant, mortified

(1) feel **ashamed** of him, (2) cast **ashamed** eyes

You don't have to be **ashamed**.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym : resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

reputation

n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

synonym : fame, standing, esteem

(1) **reputation** risk, (2) cloud his **reputation**

She has a good **reputation** for being one of the best chefs in the city.

implacable

adj. incapable of being appeased or pacified; relentless, unstoppable, or unyielding

synonym : inflexible, relentless, unyielding

(1) **implacable** criticism, (2) **implacable** hatred

Despite multiple negotiations, the opposing sides remained **implacable** and unwilling to compromise.

facade

n. the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

synonym : front, camouflage, masquerade

(1) the outside **facade** of a castle, (2) **facade** of wealth

A gentle **facade** concealed his powerfulness.

crumble

v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

synonym: disintegrate, collapse, deteriorate

(1) **crumble** to dust, (2) began to **crumble** under financial pressure

The old building was starting to **crumble** due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

screwup

n. a person or thing that causes a mistake or error; a disorderly or confused situation resulting from mistakes or errors

synonym: blunder, mistake, error

(1) financial **screwup**, (2) career **screwup**

His latest **screwup** at work may cost him his job.

surprisingly

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

synonym: exceptionally, notably, unusually

(1) **surprisingly** advanced culture, (2) have **surprisingly** little effect

The exam was **surprisingly** tricky for everyone.

lullaby

n. a soft and gentle song, often sung to soothe a baby or young child and encourage sleep; any song or piece of music that has a calming or relaxing effect

synonym: cradle song, lilt, melody

(1) **lullaby** song, (2) soothing **lullaby**

The soft and gentle melody of the **lullaby** filled the room.

edit

v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

synonym: revise, modify, adjust

(1) **edit** a history book, (2) **edit** a video

I need to **edit** this document before submitting it to my boss.

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym : program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

editorial

adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

synonym : comment, opinion, critique

(1) gain **editorial** help, (2) an **editorial** article

The newspaper published an **editorial** on the current state of the economy.

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym : hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym : move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

bedtime

n. the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness

synonym : sleep time, night-time

(1) **bedtime** meditation, (2) regular **bedtime**

Reading **bedtime** stories can help children relax and fall asleep faster.

parcel

n. something wrapped in paper so that it can be carried or sent by post

synonym : box, packet, container

(1) a **parcel** of lies, (2) **parcel** of land

He runs a **parcel** delivery company.

comet

n. a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun

synonym: meteor, asteroid, meteoroid

(1) the surface of the **comet**, (2) **comet** Halley

The **comet's** bright tail could be seen in the night sky.

cupid

n. (of Roman mythology) the god of love and desire, typically depicted as a cherub or a winged boy with a bow and arrows that cause people to fall in love; a metaphor or symbol for love, romance, or matchmaking

synonym: cherub, angel

(1) **cupid** costume, (2) **cupid** love

Cupid's arrow is known to strike at unexpected moments and unite people.

reindeer

n. a large deer with branched antlers found in northern regions, often domesticated and used for transportation or as a source of food

synonym: caribou, elk, deer

(1) red-nosed **reindeer**, (2) domesticated **reindeer**

The Sami people have been herding **reindeer** in the Arctic for centuries, using them for food, transportation, and clothing.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

snowman

n. a figure like a person made of packed snow

(1) melting **snowman**, (2) a picture of a **snowman**

They built a **snowman** in the garden.

belly

n. the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft

synonym : stomach, abdomen, gut

(1) the **belly** of the ship, (2) with an empty **belly**

She had a tattoo just above her **belly** button.

blink

v. to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way

synonym : twinkle, flash, flicker

(1) **blink** his eyes, (2) **blink** in astonishment

He **blinked** in the dazzling sunlight.

char

v. to burn or scorch the surface of something with fire or heat, often intentionally; to cook or prepare food over an open flame; to blacken or discolor due to excessive heat or burning; (noun) a charred piece of wood or other material; (noun, of a computer) a character or symbol in a text or string of characters in computer programming

synonym : burn, scorch, singe

(1) **char** a wall, (2) **char** layer

She decided to **char** the vegetables on the grill for added flavor.

chimpanzee

n. a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur

synonym : ape, chimp, pan troglodytes

(1) **chimpanzee** behavior, (2) **chimpanzee** society

Many zoos have **chimpanzee** exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

lifeline

n. a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help

synonym: savior, support, safety net

(1) **lifeline** support, (2) emotional **lifeline**

My best friend has been my **lifeline** throughout all of my hardships.

inspire

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

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

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

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

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

ugly

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
synonym : unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building

The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

duckling

n. a young duck, typically one that is not yet fully grown

(1) cute **duckling**, (2) abandoned **duckling**

The mother duck led her **ducklings** across the pond to safety.

encapsulate

v. to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form

synonym : enclose, contain, capsulize

(1) **encapsulate** the message, (2) **encapsulate** the essence

The movie can **encapsulate** the book's spirit, bringing it to life on screen.

mentor

n. a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school

synonym : adviser, coach, tutor

(1) **mentor** for life, (2) fashion **mentor**

As a **mentor**, he helped me realize my career.

extract

n. a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

synonym : excerpt, quote, distillation

(1) a brief **extract** from the book, (2) botanical **extract**

Anesthetize the gum before **extracting** the teeth.

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym : expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**
I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

marsh

n. a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil;
swamp or bog

synonym: bog, swamp, fen

(1) **marsh** bird, (2) river-delta **marsh**

Environmentalists are concerned about the harm to the
marsh.

excerpt

v. to take a short piece of speech, book, film, etc. from a
longer whole; (noun) a short extract from a speech,
book, film, etc.

synonym: extract, take out, quote

(1) **excerpt** a passage from a book, (2) **excerpt** comments
from the news release

Here are **excerpts** from several recent books on quantum
computing.

quack

n. a person who pretends to have medical or other skills or
credentials that they do not possess; a charlatan or
fraud; (verb) to make the sound of a duck

synonym: charlatan, impostor, fraud

(1) **quack** doctor, (2) **quack** product

The healthcare industry is cracking down on **quack** remedies
and treatments that lack scientific evidence.

tiara

n. a jeweled ornamental crown typically worn by women on
formal occasions

synonym: diadem, crown, coronet

(1) **tiara** crown, (2) diamond **tiara**

The princess wore a **tiara** adorned with precious jewels to the
ball.

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude;
(in chemistry) a process in which one or more
substances are changed into others

synonym : response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the
groundwater.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything
else develops or is affected

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

medium

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or
intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for
storing or communicating information

synonym : average, intermediate, (noun) channel

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**

The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a pa___l of lies | <i>n.</i> something wrapped in paper so that it can be carried or sent by post |
| 2. have sur_____gly little effect | <i>adv.</i> in a way that causes amazement or wonder |
| 3. vi___m compensation | <i>n.</i> a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event |
| 4. native to___e | <i>n.</i> a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language |
| 5. ex_____t a passage from a book | <i>v.</i> to take a short piece of speech, book, film, etc. from a longer whole; (noun) a short extract from a speech, book, film, etc. |
| 6. melting sn_____n | <i>n.</i> a figure like a person made of packed snow |
| 7. began to cr_____e under financial pressure | <i>v.</i> to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support |
| 8. have a st___e job | <i>adj.</i> firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed |
| 9. uni_____ed misunderstanding | <i>adj.</i> not planned or meant |
| 10. Catholic upb_____ng | <i>n.</i> the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development |

ANSWERS: 1. parcel, 2. surprisingly, 3. victim, 4. tongue, 5. excerpt, 6. snowman, 7. crumble, 8. stable, 9. unintended, 10. upbringing

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| 11. su___r bad grades | <i>v.</i> to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant |
| 12. chi_____ee society | <i>n.</i> a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur |
| 13. heir ap_____nt | <i>adj.</i> able to see or understand easily or clearly |
| 14. im_____on myself within the room | <i>v.</i> to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement |
| 15. me___r for life | <i>n.</i> a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school |
| 16. the surface of the co__t | <i>n.</i> a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun |
| 17. su_____e a blizzard | <i>v.</i> to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period |
| 18. victim of fr__d | <i>n.</i> the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses |
| 19. co__t Halley | <i>n.</i> a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun |
| 20. chemical re_____on | <i>n.</i> a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others |

ANSWERS: 11. suffer, 12. chimpanzee, 13. apparent, 14. imprison, 15. mentor, 16. comet, 17. survive, 18. fraud, 19. comet, 20. reaction

21. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
22. imp_____le criticism *adj.* incapable of being appeased or pacified; relentless, unstoppable, or unyielding
23. s__n song *n.* a large waterbird with a long neck, bill, and webbed feet; known for their elegant and graceful appearance
24. the ground be_____h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
25. ha__h a baby chick *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
26. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
27. cu__d love *n.* (of Roman mythology) the god of love and desire, typically depicted as a cherub or a winged boy with a bow and arrows that cause people to fall in love; a metaphor or symbol for love, romance, or matchmaking
28. li_____ne support *n.* a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help
29. pa_____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

ANSWERS: 21. employ, 22. implacable, 23. swan, 24. beneath, 25. hatch, 26. vulnerable, 27. cupid, 28. lifeline, 29. patient

30. trigger a re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
31. in____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
32. ac____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
33. caught the bu____r *n.* a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime
34. no__y neighbor *adj.* making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound
35. cast as____d eyes *adj.* feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done
36. pa____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
37. an ed____al article *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
38. b__g his fist on a desk *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
39. my____al intuition *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

ANSWERS: 30. reaction, 31. inspire, 32. achieve, 33. burglar, 34. noisy, 35. ashamed, 36. patient, 37. editorial, 38. bang, 39. mystical

40. de___t smuggling across borders *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
41. te___e the children *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
42. tr_____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
43. a de___t education *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
44. bird's n___t *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
45. feel as _____d of him *adj.* feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done
46. un_____ng victims *adj.* without purpose or intent
47. hu_____ze a room *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
48. with an empty be___y *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
49. a picture of a sn_____n *n.* a figure like a person made of packed snow
50. ma___h bird *n.* a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog

ANSWERS: 40. detect, 41. tease, 42. transfer, 43. decent, 44. nest, 45. ashamed, 46. unwitting, 47. humanize, 48. belly, 49. snowman, 50. marsh

51. rep_____on risk *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
52. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
53. p_t a dog *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
54. uni_____ed bias *adj.* not planned or meant
55. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
56. gain ed_____al help *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
57. sc_____y hair *adj.* unkempt or shabby in appearance; scrappy or disreputable in behavior or attitude
58. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
59. regular be_____e *n.* the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness
60. yearn for the de____t living *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

ANSWERS: 51. reputation, 52. maintain, 53. pat, 54. unintended, 55. drag, 56. editorial, 57. scruffy, 58. strength, 59. bedtime, 60. decent

61. bl__k in astonishment *v.* to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
62. ab___b energy *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
63. ov_____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
64. noun ph___e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
65. cute little be_____e *n.* a small or insignificant animal often used to describe insects, rodents, or other vermin
66. cute du_____ng *n.* a young duck, typically one that is not yet fully grown
67. a taste of hum_____on *n.* the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
68. c__r layer *v.* to burn or scorch the surface of something with fire or heat, often intentionally; to cook or prepare food over an open flame; to blacken or discolor due to excessive heat or burning; (noun) a charred piece of wood or other material; (noun, of a computer) a character or symbol in a text or string of characters in computer programming
69. be_____e meditation *n.* the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness

ANSWERS: 61. blink, 62. absorb, 63. overlook, 64. phrase, 65. beastie, 66. duckling, 67. humiliation, 68. char, 69. bedtime

70. advertising so_____or
- n.* a legal professional who provides advice and prepares legal documents, typically working in private practice on behalf of clients; a person who promotes business
71. ch_____y work
- n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
72. jazz imp_____ion
- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
73. tr_____er power
- v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
74. ready-made ph_____es
- n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
75. pr_____s improvement
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
76. enc_____te the essence
- v.* to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form
77. c__r a wall
- v.* to burn or scorch the surface of something with fire or heat, often intentionally; to cook or prepare food over an open flame; to blacken or discolor due to excessive heat or burning; (noun) a charred piece of wood or other material; (noun, of a computer) a character or symbol in a text or string of characters in computer programming

ANSWERS: 70. solicitor, 71. charity, 72. improvisation, 73. transfer, 74. phrase, 75.

process, 76. encapsulate, 77. char

78. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
79. an in_____t reply *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
80. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
81. cloud his rep_____on *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
82. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
83. ask ch_____y *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
84. af____d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
85. ma_____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
86. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
87. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

ANSWERS: 78. vulnerable, 79. instant, 80. process, 81. reputation, 82. relation, 83. charity, 84. afford, 85. magical, 86. improvisation, 87. storytelling

88. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
89. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
90. a subordinate ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
91. fa____e of wealth *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
92. ex_____t comments from the news release *v.* to take a short piece of speech, book, film, etc. from a longer whole; (noun) a short extract from a speech, book, film, etc.
93. sn__f the air *v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
94. be_____h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
95. abandoned du_____ng *n.* a young duck, typically one that is not yet fully grown
96. hu_____ze my pet *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

ANSWERS: 88. maintain, 89. pretension, 90. kingdom, 91. facade, 92. excerpt, 93. sniff, 94. beneath, 95. duckling, 96. humanize

97. a consensual di_____e *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
98. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
99. in st___e condition *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
100. m_m's cooking *n.* a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so
101. u__y building *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
102. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
103. re____t a decision *v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
104. ap_____nt contradiction *adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly
105. qu__k product *n.* a person who pretends to have medical or other skills or credentials that they do not possess; a charlatan or fraud; (verb) to make the sound of a duck
106. river-delta ma__h *n.* a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog
107. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

ANSWERS: 97. divorce, 98. achieve, 99. stable, 100. mum, 101. ugly, 102. crack, 103. regret, 104. apparent, 105. quack, 106. marsh, 107. associate

108. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
109. di_____st politicians *adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest
110. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
111. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
112. the country's is_____on *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
113. te___e wool *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
114. have an up__t stomach *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
115. turn out to be all s__m *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

ANSWERS: 108. crack, 109. dishonest, 110. victim, 111. background, 112. isolation, 113. tease, 114. upset, 115. sham

116. b__g a phone down *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
117. get money by fr__d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
118. me__y data *adj.* disorganized and untidy
119. re___t being so careless *v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
120. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
121. a brief ex_____t from the book *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
122. 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
123. sc_____y clothes *adj.* unkempt or shabby in appearance; scrappy or disreputable in behavior or attitude
124. e__t a video *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
125. no_____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

ANSWERS: 116. bang, 117. fraud, 118. messy, 119. regret, 120. suffer, 121. extract, 122. sham, 123. scruffy, 124. edit, 125. nowhere

126. sur_____gly advanced culture *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
127. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
128. promote di_____st behavior *adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest
129. death pe_____y *n.* a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract
130. get in_____t access *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
131. lu_____y song *n.* a soft and gentle song, often sung to soothe a baby or young child and encourage sleep; any song or piece of music that has a calming or relaxing effect
132. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
133. ex-convict bu_____r *n.* a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime
134. emotional li_____ne *n.* a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help
135. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
136. treat this dev_____ng disease *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
137. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

ANSWERS: 126. surprisingly, 127. fundamental, 128. dishonest, 129. penalty, 130. instant, 131. lullaby, 132. survive, 133. burglar, 134. lifeline, 135. uncomfortable, 136. devastating, 137. software

138. d__g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
139. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
140. is_____on booth *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
141. cr_____e to dust *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
142. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
143. the be__y of the ship *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
144. my_____al belief *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
145. em___y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
146. corner of the pe_____y area *n.* a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract
147. establish his ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
148. monster be_____e *n.* a small or insignificant animal often used to describe insects, rodents, or other vermin
149. family upb_____ng *n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development

ANSWERS: 138. drag, 139. storytelling, 140. isolation, 141. crumble, 142. associate, 143. belly, 144. mystical, 145. employ, 146. penalty, 147. kingdom, 148. beastie, 149. upbringing

150. the outside fa___e of a castle *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
151. an intolerable hum_____on *n.* the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
152. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
153. imp_____le hatred *adj.* incapable of being appeased or pacified; relentless, unstoppable, or unyielding
154. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
155. pa___l of land *n.* something wrapped in paper so that it can be carried or sent by post
156. chi_____ee behavior *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
157. botanical ex_____t *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
158. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
159. im_____on illegal immigrant *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

ANSWERS: 150. facade, 151. humiliation, 152. improve, 153. implacable, 154. firsthand, 155. parcel, 156. chimpanzee, 157. extract, 158. inspire, 159. imprison

160. sh____s barrier *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
161. ti__a crown *n.* a jeweled ornamental crown typically worn by women on formal occasions
162. domesticated re____er *n.* a large deer with branched antlers found in northern regions, often domesticated and used for transportation or as a source of food
163. ov____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
164. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
165. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
166. official so____or *n.* a legal professional who provides advice and prepares legal documents, typically working in private practice on behalf of clients; a person who promotes business
167. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
168. cu__d costume *n.* (of Roman mythology) the god of love and desire, typically depicted as a cherub or a winged boy with a bow and arrows that cause people to fall in love; a metaphor or symbol for love, romance, or matchmaking

ANSWERS: 160. shyness, 161. tiara, 162. reindeer, 163. overlook, 164. frame, 165. frame, 166. solicitor, 167. upset, 168. cupid

169. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
170. an advertising me___m *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
171. sn__f the perfume *v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
172. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
173. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
174. bl__k his eyes *v.* to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
175. fa_____y novel *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
176. keep m_m *n.* a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so
177. di_____e settlement *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
178. qu__k doctor *n.* a person who pretends to have medical or other skills or credentials that they do not possess; a charlatan or fraud; (verb) to make the sound of a duck

ANSWERS: 169. settle, 170. medium, 171. sniff, 172. pretension, 173. relation, 174. blink, 175. fantasy, 176. mum, 177. divorce, 178. quack

179. an u__y sound	<i>adj.</i> unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
180. fun_____al rights	<i>adj.</i> forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
181. career sc_____p	<i>n.</i> a person or thing that causes a mistake or error; a disorderly or confused situation resulting from mistakes or errors
182. black s__n	<i>n.</i> a large waterbird with a long neck, bill, and webbed feet; known for their elegant and graceful appearance
183. a n__t of thieves	<i>n.</i> a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
184. p_t on the back	<i>v.</i> to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
185. ma_____l powers	<i>adj.</i> produced by or containing supernatural powers
186. muscular st_____th	<i>n.</i> the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
187. e__t a history book	<i>v.</i> to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
188. to___e cancer	<i>n.</i> a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
189. me__y handling	<i>adj.</i> disorganized and untidy

ANSWERS: 179. ugly, 180. fundamental, 181. screwup, 182. swan, 183. nest, 184. pat, 185. magical, 186. strength, 187. edit, 188. tongue, 189. messy

190. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
191. ha__h a plan *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
192. have dev_____ng effects *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
193. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
194. ab___b a shock *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
195. lose some of my sh_____s *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
196. fashion me___r *n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
197. financial sc_____p *n.* a person or thing that causes a mistake or error; a disorderly or confused situation resulting from mistakes or errors
198. an un_____ng mistake *adj.* without purpose or intent
199. confuse fa_____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
200. af___d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

ANSWERS: 190. firsthand, 191. hatch, 192. devastating, 193. improve, 194. absorb, 195. shyness, 196. mentor, 197. screwup, 198. unwitting, 199. fantasy, 200. afford

201. me___m color *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
202. red-nosed re_____er *n.* a large deer with branched antlers found in northern regions, often domesticated and used for transportation or as a source of food
203. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
204. de___t a bad event *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
205. come out of no_____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
206. soothing lu_____y *n.* a soft and gentle song, often sung to soothe a baby or young child and encourage sleep; any song or piece of music that has a calming or relaxing effect
207. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
208. copyrighted so_____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
209. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
210. diamond ti__a *n.* a jeweled ornamental crown typically worn by women on formal occasions

ANSWERS: 201. medium, 202. reindeer, 203. background, 204. detect, 205. nowhere, 206. lullaby, 207. uncomfortable, 208. software, 209. settle, 210. tiara

211. no__y party

adj. making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound

212. enc_____te the message

v. to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form

ANSWERS: 211. noisy, 212. encapsulate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He runs a _____ delivery company.
n. something wrapped in paper so that it can be carried or sent by post
2. A great stretch of the lake lay _____ them.
adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something
3. She has a good _____ for being one of the best chefs in the city.
n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
4. The newspaper published an _____ on the current state of the economy.
adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
5. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.
n. the country ruled by a king or queen
6. The police arrested them for committing insurance _____.
n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
7. The skilled _____ bypassed the alarm system and entered the house without making a sound.
n. a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime
8. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 1. parcel, 2. beneath, 3. reputation, 4. editorial, 5. kingdom, 6. fraud, 7. burglar, 8. achieve

9. Anesthetize the gum before _____ the teeth.
- n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
10. Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring _____ consequences.
- adj.* not planned or meant
11. My ____ always knew how to comfort me when I was feeling down.
- n.* a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so
12. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
- n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
13. He _____ in the dazzling sunlight.
- v.* to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
14. His pleasant face turned cold in an _____.
- adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
15. The healthcare industry is cracking down on _____ remedies and treatments that lack scientific evidence.
- n.* a person who pretends to have medical or other skills or credentials that they do not possess; a charlatan or fraud; (verb) to make the sound of a duck
16. The old building had a _____ exterior with chipped paint and broken windows.
- adj.* unkempt or shabby in appearance; scrappy or disreputable in behavior or attitude

ANSWERS: 9. extracting, 10. unintended, 11. mum, 12. storytelling, 13. blinked, 14. instant, 15. quack, 16. scruffy

17. Despite multiple negotiations, the opposing sides remained _____ and unwilling to compromise.
adj. incapable of being appeased or pacified; relentless, unstoppable, or unyielding
18. _____ arrow is known to strike at unexpected moments and unite people.
n. (of Roman mythology) the god of love and desire, typically depicted as a cherub or a winged boy with a bow and arrows that cause people to fall in love; a metaphor or symbol for love, romance, or matchmaking
19. While meditating, he had a _____ experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.
adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
20. He was awfully _____ by the news.
adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
21. The Sami people have been herding _____ in the Arctic for centuries, using them for food, transportation, and clothing.
n. a large deer with branched antlers found in northern regions, often domesticated and used for transportation or as a source of food
22. The soft and gentle melody of the _____ filled the room.
n. a soft and gentle song, often sung to soothe a baby or young child and encourage sleep; any song or piece of music that has a calming or relaxing effect
23. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 17. implacable, 18. Cupid's, 19. mystical, 20. upset, 21. reindeer, 22. lullaby, 23. pretensions

24. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
- v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
25. His latest _____ at work may cost him his job.
- n.* a person or thing that causes a mistake or error; a disorderly or confused situation resulting from mistakes or errors
26. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.
- n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
27. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.
- n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
28. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.
- n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
29. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
- adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
30. The mother duck led her _____ across the pond to safety.
- n.* a young duck, typically one that is not yet fully grown
31. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.
- v.* to pull or haul with force

ANSWERS: 24. maintain, 25. screwup, 26. software, 27. fantasy, 28. reaction, 29. fundamental, 30. ducklings, 31. dragged

32. He finally overcame his _____.

- n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

33. She _____ the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.

- v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively

34. The princess wore a _____ adorned with precious jewels to the ball.

- n.* a jeweled ornamental crown typically worn by women on formal occasions

35. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

36. Here are _____ from several recent books on quantum computing.

- v.* to take a short piece of speech, book, film, etc. from a longer whole; (noun) a short extract from a speech, book, film, etc.

37. Many zoos have _____ exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.

- n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur

38. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.

- v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

39. The sponge _____ water well.

- v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

ANSWERS: 32. shyness, 33. patted, 34. tiara, 35. suffers, 36. excerpts, 37. chimpanzee, 38. transferred, 39. absorbs

40. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

41. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

42. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

43. The old building was starting to _____ due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

44. Reading _____ stories can help children relax and fall asleep faster.

n. the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness

45. The _____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

46. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

47. I don't want to _____ for second best.

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

ANSWERS: 40. relations, 41. firsthand, 42. employ, 43. crumble, 44. bedtime, 45. ugly, 46. background, 47. settle

48. My father tried to _____ mathematics into my head since childhood.

v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

49. He cannot _____ a holiday.

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

50. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

51. The _____ size shirt fits him perfectly.

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

52. Environmentalists are concerned about the harm to the _____.

n. a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog

53. As a _____ he helped me realize my career.

n. a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school

54. This ad is intended to _____ a competing product.

v. to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

55. 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

ANSWERS: 48. bang, 49. afford, 50. vulnerable, 51. medium, 52. marsh, 53. mentor, 54. tease, 55. sham

56. The _____ bright tail could be seen in the night sky.

- n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun

57. Relations between the two countries have been relatively _____ due to the summit meeting.

- adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

58. Scientists discovered a new species of _____ in the rainforest.

- n.* a small or insignificant animal often used to describe insects, rodents, or other vermin

59. His strict _____ instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.

- n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development

60. The movie can _____ the book's spirit, bringing it to life on screen.

- v.* to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form

61. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.

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

62. The eggs began to _____ and the small chicks emerged.

- v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

63. That incident led to his _____.

- n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

ANSWERS: 56. comet's, 57. stable, 58. beastie, 59. upbringing, 60. encapsulate, 61. associate, 62. hatch, 63. isolation

64. I _____ to say that you did not gain admission to the university.
- v. to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
65. The dog stopped to _____ around the tree, looking for something interesting.
- v. to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
66. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.
- n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
67. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.
- v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
68. His public _____ resulted from a cruel prank played by his colleagues.
- n. the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
69. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
- n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
70. The _____ is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.
- n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
71. This typhoon was the most _____ in years.
- adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

ANSWERS: 64. regret, 65. sniff, 66. patient's, 67. overlook, 68. humiliation, 69. victim, 70. tongue, 71. devastating

72. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.

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

73. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.

- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

74. A gentle _____ concealed his powerfulness.

- n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

75. You don't have to be _____.

- adj.* feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done

76. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

- v.* to make or become better

77. I need to _____ this document before submitting it to my boss.

- v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

78. His abusive words made me _____.

- adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

79. The lawyer was reinstated after paying the _____.

- n.* a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract

ANSWERS: 72. crack, 73. improvisation, 74. facade, 75. ashamed, 76. improve, 77. edit, 78. uncomfortable, 79. penalty

80. We bought a Spanish _____ book.

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

81. Often in drama, _____ personalities gain popularity.

adj. capable of being corrupted, not honest

82. She volunteers at a local _____ every weekend to help those in need.

n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

83. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

84. She had a tattoo just above her _____ button.

n. the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft

85. The female birds build a _____ and lay their eggs in May.

n. a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young

86. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

87. The exam was _____ tricky for everyone.

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

88. They built a _____ in the garden.

n. a figure like a person made of packed snow

ANSWERS: 80. phrase, 81. dishonest, 82. charity, 83. survive, 84. belly, 85. nest, 86. frame, 87. surprisingly, 88. snowman

89. His rudeness was _____ not intentional.

adj. without purpose or intent

90. She decided to _____ the vegetables on the grill for added flavor.

v. to burn or scorch the surface of something with fire or heat, often intentionally; to cook or prepare food over an open flame; to blacken or discolor due to excessive heat or burning; (noun) a charred piece of wood or other material; (noun, of a computer) a character or symbol in a text or string of characters in computer programming

91. He was _____ for embezzlement.

v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

92. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.

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

93. The _____ feathers glistened in the sunlight.

n. a large waterbird with a long neck, bill, and webbed feet; known for their elegant and graceful appearance

94. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

95. His _____ bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

adj. disorganized and untidy

96. The property dispute was resolved amicably between the two parties with the help of a _____.

n. a legal professional who provides advice and prepares legal documents, typically working in private practice on behalf of clients; a person who promotes business

ANSWERS: 89. unwitting, 90. char, 91. imprisoned, 92. inspired, 93. swan's, 94. nowhere, 95. messy, 96. solicitor

97. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

98. He earned a _____ salary at his job.

- adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

99. My best friend has been my _____ throughout all of my hardships.

- n.* a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help

100. The construction outside was creating a _____ distraction from my work.

- adj.* making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound

101. The couple decided to get a _____ after many years of marriage.

- n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage

102. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.

- n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

103. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

- adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

104. The charity event aims to _____ the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

- v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

ANSWERS: 97. process, 98. decent, 99. lifeline, 100. noisy, 101. divorce, 102. strength, 103. magical, 104. humanize

105. This star is _____ to the naked eye.

adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly

106. The security camera has _____ four intruders.

v. to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

ANSWERS: 105. apparent, 106. detected