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Session 1: Word List

herculean

adj. requiring great strength, effort, or endurance; of or relating to the legendary strength of the ancient Greek hero Hercules

synonym: challenging, formidable, strenuous

(1) **herculean** effort, (2) make **herculean** progress

Completing this project in such a short amount of time will be a **herculean** task.

Zeus

n. the king of the gods in ancient Greek mythology, who was the god of the sky and thunder, and was the most powerful of the Olympian gods, who resided on Mount Olympus

synonym: king of gods, god of thunder, ruler of olympus

(1) **Zeus** statue, (2) greek mythology **Zeus**

The temple of **Zeus** at Olympia was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

unspeakable

adj. too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about

synonym: unspeakably horrible, indescribable, unutterable

(1) **unspeakable** crime, (2) **unspeakable** pain

The survivors of the plane crash could only describe the **unspeakable** horror of the experience.

imaginable

adj. capable of being imagined

synonym : conceivable, plausible, possible

(1) easily **imaginable**, (2) worst **imaginable** case

This is the only **imaginable** strategy.

adultery

n. voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse

synonym : infidelity, cheating, unfaithfulness

(1) commit **adultery**, (2) **adultery** scandal

She knew that having an affair with her neighbor would be considered **adultery** and could end her marriage.

casualty

n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

synonym : victim, injured, fatality

(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**

Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car accident.

atonement

n. the act or process of making amends for wrongdoing or mistake, often by making restitution or providing compensation; reconciliation or the restoration of harmony between individuals or groups who were previously in conflict

synonym : penance, redemption, expiation

(1) **atonement** process, (2) **atonement** for his deeds

He sought **atonement** for his past mistakes by volunteering at a homeless shelter.

humiliate

v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

synonym : shame, embarrass, degrade

(1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

invincible

adj. incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable

synonym : unassailable, unbeatable, indomitable

(1) **invincible** army, (2) **invincible** will

The team felt **invincible** after their winning streak.

fathomable

adj. able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth

synonym : understandable, comprehensible, intelligible

(1) **fathomable** explanation, (2) **fathomable** solution

The scientific theories presented in the book were **fathomable** even to non-experts.

slay

v. to kill violently, especially with a weapon

synonym : kill, murder, eliminate

(1) **slay** a dragon, (2) **slay** civilians

The singer **slayed** the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.

kidnapping

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

synonym : abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

devour

v. to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

synonym : consume, swallow, destroy

(1) **devour** a meal, (2) **devour** my way

She **devoured** the mystery novel in one sitting.

impervious

adj. unable to be affected by something; not allowing something to pass through, especially fluid; unresponsive or indifferent to criticism or persuasion

synonym : impregnable, invulnerable, indestructible

(1) **impervious** to criticism, (2) **impervious** material

The jacket is **impervious** to water and will keep you dry in the rain.

stun

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

synonym : shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

strangle

v. to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea

synonym : choke, suffocate, throttle

(1) **strangle** a cry, (2) **strangle** economic growth

The killer used his hands to **strangle** his victim.

claw

n. a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

synonym : paw, talon, nail

(1) **claw** marks, (2) **claw** hammer

The bear used its **claw** to catch a fish in the river.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

hydra

n. a freshwater polyp with a tubular body and several tentacles; (of mythology) a serpentine monster with many heads that regrow when cut off; a problem or a situation that is difficult to overcome because it multiplies or gets worse as soon as one aspect of it is solved or eliminated

synonym : monster, serpent

(1) **hydra-headed** problem, (2) antibacterial **hydra**

The new software system was a **hydra** of complications, with one problem leading to another.

serpent

n. a large snake

synonym : snake, viper, reptile

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

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

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym : despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

nephew

n. a son of your brother or sister

(1) three-year-old **nephew**, (2) nieces and **nephews**

My **nephew** is eight months old and still being breastfed.

cauterize

v. to burn or sear tissue, especially for medical purposes, to stop bleeding, or remove abnormal tissue

synonym : burn, sear, singe

(1) **cauterize** the skin with moxa, (2) **cauterize** a problem

The surgical team had to **cauterize** the bleeding vessels to save the patient's life.

regrow

v. to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation

synonym : regenerate

(1) **regrow** hair, (2) **regrow** vegetation

Lizards can **regrow** their tails if they are cut off.

constellation

n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

synonym : asterism, array, pattern

(1) the stars of the Scorpion **constellation**, (2) northern **constellation**

Navigators still use the Little Bear **constellation** at sea.

hind

adj. situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal

synonym : back, rear, posterior

(1) **hind** toe, (2) **hind** paw

The farmer noticed a **hind** leg injury on one of his cows and called the vet for help.

outrun

v. to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit

synonym : outpace, outrank, outdistance

(1) **outrun** competitors, (2) **outrun** the cops

I'll need to **outrun** the rainstorm to make it home without getting soaked.

boar

n. a wild pig, especially a male with tusks

synonym : wild pig, sow, hog

(1) wild **boar**, (2) **boar's** head

The hunter tracked the **boar** through the forest for a good shot.

ravage

v. to cause damage to something badly

synonym : devastate, ruin, destroy

(1) **ravage** a country, (2) **ravage** the brain

A large fire **ravaged** the forest.

centaur

n. a mythological creature with the upper body of a human and the lower body (including legs and tail) of a horse

synonym : half-human, half-horse

(1) **centaur** costume, (2) **centaur** imagery

There are various theories about the origin of the **centaur** myth.

leftover

adj. not consumed or used at the end of something

synonym : extra, residual, unused

(1) **leftover** from a party, (2) **leftover** goods

The chef will make soup with the **leftover** ham bone.

trench

n. a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water

synonym : aqueduct, ditch, channel

(1) deep-sea **trench**, (2) **trench** excavator

A **trench** was being dug alongside the road by workers.

reroute

v. to redirect or change the course or direction of something

synonym : redirect, divert, detour

(1) **reroute** traffic, (2) **reroute** path

Due to the traffic, the delivery truck had to **reroute** to avoid the congested roads.

spotless

adj. perfectly clean and free of any blemish, defect, or dirt; impeccably neat and tidy

synonym : immaculate, pristine, pure

(1) **spotless** room, (2) **spotless** reputation

The car dealership advertised **spotless** cars that looked brand new.

foe

n. an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another

synonym : enemy, adversary, opponent

(1) a political **foe**, (2) bitter **foe**

The superhero's arch- **foe** was an evil mastermind who

always got away.

carnivorous

adj. feeding on the flesh of other animals

synonym: meat-eating, predatory, flesh-eating

(1) **carnivorous** cell, (2) aquatic **carnivorous** mammal

The **carnivorous** dinosaur preyed on other animals.

impenetrable

adj. not able to be passed through, entered, or understood

synonym: impassable, insurmountable, impregnable

(1) **impenetrable** fortress, (2) through an **impenetrable** fog

The jungle was so dense and **impenetrable** that it was almost impossible to find a way through.

swamp

n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

synonym: marsh, mire, bog

(1) muddy **swamp**, (2) **swamp** tour

The lowland **swamp** was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

rattle

v. to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds

synonym: jolt, shake, babble

(1) **rattle** along a road, (2) **rattle** and bang at the door

The vast earthquake caused the house to **rattle**.

rampage

n. a violent and uncontrollable outburst of destructive behavior

synonym: storm, binge, destruction

(1) killing **rampage**, (2) an outrageous **rampage**

The crowd went on a **rampage** after their team lost the championship game.

chokehold

n. a wrestling or martial arts hold in which the arms are used to exert pressure on an opponent's neck, cutting off their air supply and temporarily incapacitating them

synonym: stranglehold, grip, lock

(1) **chokehold** technique, (2) police **chokehold**

The wrestler put his opponent in a **chokehold** and won the match.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

ensue

v. to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something

synonym: follow, occur, result

(1) **ensue** within a few years, (2) predict what will **ensue**

A power outage **ensued** after the storm knocked out the electricity.

annoy

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

synonym: aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

chariot

n. a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing

(1) **chariot** builder, (2) **chariot** race

The ancient Romans enjoyed spectating **chariot** races.

herdsman

n. a person who manages or cares for a herd of livestock, typically cattle, sheep, or goats

synonym: shepherd, grazier, rancher

(1) nomadic **herdsman**, (2) livestock **herdsman**

In rural areas, the role of a sheep **herdsman** is vital for managing and caring for the flock.

nymph

n. (in Greek and Roman mythology) a minor female nature deity typically associated with a particular location or

landform

synonym : sprite, fairy, pixie

(1) **nymph** of the woods, (2) water **nymph**

The sea **nymphs** were said to lure sailors with their seductive voices.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

hound

v. to persistently pursue, harass, or pressure someone or something, often in a negative or unwelcome way;
(noun) a type of dog, often bred for hunting that has a keen sense of smell and is known for its persistence and tenacity

synonym : chase, badger, annoy

(1) beagle **hound**, (2) **hound** him for payment

The paparazzi constantly **hound** celebrities for a photo or a story.

underworld

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

synonym : hell, netherworld, underworld

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

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

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym : dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym : shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

toil

v. to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time

synonym : struggle, labor, work hard

(1) **toil** to make a living, (2) **toil** up the mountain

The farmers **toiled** in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.

redeem

v. to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation

synonym : rescue, save, recover

(1) **redeem** a coupon, (2) **redeem** a government bond

He tried to **redeem** himself by volunteering at the local charity after his mistakes.

pantheon

n. a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important

synonym : temple, shrine, sanctuary

(1) **pantheon** of products, (2) ancient **pantheon**

The **pantheon** of Greek gods and goddesses is well-known throughout Western culture.

chaotic

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

synonym : disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory
Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

monstrous

adj. extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance

synonym: grotesque, huge, deformed

(1) a **monstrous** iceberg, (2) **monstrous** behavior

The giant wave was **monstrous** and destroyed the small boat.

titanic

adj. of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)

synonym: colossal, massive, immense

(1) **titanic** battle, (2) **titanic** compound

The **titanic** ship sank on its maiden voyage.

primordial

adj. existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe

synonym: ancient, original, primary

(1) **primordial** forms of life, (2) **primordial** gas

The discovery of the **primordial** soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym: alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts

The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

tame

v. to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training

synonym: domesticate, soften, (adjective) harmless

(1) **tame** a wild beast, (2) a **tame** animal

We have to **tame** substantial financial deficits at first.

atone

v. to make amends or reparations for wrongdoing or an offense

synonym: repent, reconcile, make amends

(1) **atone** for your sins, (2) **atone** for wrongdoing

He tried to **atone** for his mistake by apologizing and making it right.

Session 2: Spelling

1. wild b__r *n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
2. ho__d him for payment *v.* to persistently pursue, harass, or pressure someone or something, often in a negative or unwelcome way; (noun) a type of dog, often bred for hunting that has a keen sense of smell and is known for its persistence and tenacity
3. uns_____le crime *adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
4. the feathered se_____t god *n.* a large snake
5. re_____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
6. ra_____e the brain *v.* to cause damage to something badly
7. at_____nt for his deeds *n.* the act or process of making amends for wrongdoing or mistake, often by making restitution or providing compensation; reconciliation or the restoration of harmony between individuals or groups who were previously in conflict
8. h__d paw *adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal
9. le_____er from a party *adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something

ANSWERS: 1. boar, 2. hound, 3. unspeakable, 4. serpent, 5. reshape, 6. ravage, 7. atonement, 8. hind, 9. leftover

10. st____le economic growth *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
11. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
12. ou___n the cops *v.* to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit
13. s__n fish *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
14. greek mythology Z__s *n.* the king of the gods in ancient Greek mythology, who was the god of the sky and thunder, and was the most powerful of the Olympian gods, who resided on Mount Olympus
15. s__n an audience *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
16. a t__e animal *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
17. ch_____ld technique *n.* a wrestling or martial arts hold in which the arms are used to exert pressure on an opponent's neck, cutting off their air supply and temporarily incapacitating them

ANSWERS: 10. strangle, 11. frightening, 12. outrun, 13. stun, 14. Zeus, 15. stun, 16. tame, 17. chokehold

18. an__y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
19. imp_____us material *adj.* unable to be affected by something; not allowing something to pass through, especially fluid; unresponsive or indifferent to criticism or persuasion
20. ra___e and bang at the door *v.* to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds
21. re___w hair *v.* to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation
22. Se_____t Bearer *n.* a large snake
23. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
24. sp_____ss room *adj.* perfectly clean and free of any blemish, defect, or dirt; impeccably neat and tidy
25. easily ima_____le *adj.* capable of being imagined
26. northern con_____ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
27. re___m a coupon *v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation

ANSWERS: 18. annoy, 19. impervious, 20. rattle, 21. regrow, 22. serpent, 23. frightening, 24. spotless, 25. imaginable, 26. constellation, 27. redeem

37. military ca_____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
38. mass kid_____ng *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
39. hy__a-headed problem *n.* a freshwater polyp with a tubular body and several tentacles; (of mythology) a serpentine monster with many heads that regrow when cut off; a problem or a situation that is difficult to overcome because it multiplies or gets worse as soon as one aspect of it is solved or eliminated
40. nomadic he_____an *n.* a person who manages or cares for a herd of livestock, typically cattle, sheep, or goats
41. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
42. nieces and ne____ws *n.* a son of your brother or sister
43. ti_____c battle *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
44. sp_____ss reputation *adj.* perfectly clean and free of any blemish, defect, or dirt; impeccably neat and tidy
45. the stars of the Scorpion
con_____ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

ANSWERS: 37. casualty, 38. kidnapping, 39. hydra, 40. herdsman, 41. descend, 42. nephew, 43. titanic, 44. spotless, 45. constellation

46. pa_____on of products *n.* a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important
47. a mo_____us iceberg *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
48. car_____us cell *adj.* feeding on the flesh of other animals
49. at_____nt process *n.* the act or process of making amends for wrongdoing or mistake, often by making restitution or providing compensation; reconciliation or the restoration of harmony between individuals or groups who were previously in conflict
50. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
51. ancient pa_____on *n.* a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important
52. de____r a meal *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
53. ho_____ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
54. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 46. pantheon, 47. monstrous, 48. carnivorous, 49. atonement, 50. medicinal, 51. pantheon, 52. devour, 53. hopeless, 54. rev

55. beagle ho__d
v. to persistently pursue, harass, or pressure someone or something, often in a negative or unwelcome way; (noun) a type of dog, often bred for hunting that has a keen sense of smell and is known for its persistence and tenacity
56. le_____er goods
adj. not consumed or used at the end of something
57. fat_____le explanation
adj. able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth
58. ca_____ze a problem
v. to burn or sear tissue, especially for medical purposes, to stop bleeding, or remove abnormal tissue
59. ny__h of the woods
n. (in Greek and Roman mythology) a minor female nature deity typically associated with a particular location or landform
60. criminal und_____ld
n. the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
61. de_____d a steep hill
v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
62. an outrageous ra_____e
n. a violent and uncontrollable outburst of destructive behavior
63. ce_____r costume
n. a mythological creature with the upper body of a human and the lower body (including legs and tail) of a horse

ANSWERS: 55. hound, 56. leftover, 57. fathomable, 58. cauterize, 59. nymph, 60. underworld, 61. descend, 62. rampage, 63. centaur

64. pri_____al forms of life *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
65. police ch_____ld *n.* a wrestling or martial arts hold in which the arms are used to exert pressure on an opponent's neck, cutting off their air supply and temporarily incapacitating them
66. antibacterial hy__a *n.* a freshwater polyp with a tubular body and several tentacles; (of mythology) a serpentine monster with many heads that regrow when cut off; a problem or a situation that is difficult to overcome because it multiplies or gets worse as soon as one aspect of it is solved or eliminated
67. ad_____ry scandal *n.* voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse
68. hu_____te the heckler in the audience *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
69. ho_____ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
70. the ch_____c economic situation *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
71. deep-sea tr___h *n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water

ANSWERS: 64. primordial, 65. chokehold, 66. hydra, 67. adultery, 68. humiliate, 69. hopeless, 70. chaotic, 71. trench

72. inv_____le army *adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable
73. ou____n competitors *v.* to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit
74. ho_____y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
75. t__e a wild beast *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
76. ch_____t builder *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
77. re_____e traffic *v.* to redirect or change the course or direction of something
78. inv_____le will *adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable
79. mo_____us behavior *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
80. de____r my way *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
81. an__y at the time *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
82. ch_____c theory *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

ANSWERS: 72. invincible, 73. outrun, 74. horrify, 75. tame, 76. chariot, 77. reroute, 78. invincible, 79. monstrous, 80. devour, 81. annoy, 82. chaotic

83. ch____t race *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
84. sw__p tour *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
85. st____le a cry *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
86. ce____r imagery *n.* a mythological creature with the upper body of a human and the lower body (including legs and tail) of a horse
87. re____e path *v.* to redirect or change the course or direction of something
88. h__d toe *adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal
89. c__w hammer *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
90. at__e for wrongdoing *v.* to make amends or reparations for wrongdoing or an offense
91. c__w marks *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

ANSWERS: 83. chariot, 84. swamp, 85. strangle, 86. centaur, 87. reroute, 88. hind, 89. claw, 90. atone, 91. claw

92. en__e within a few years *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
93. pri_____al gas *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
94. aquatic car_____us mammal *adj.* feeding on the flesh of other animals
95. three-year-old ne___w *n.* a son of your brother or sister
96. killing ra_____e *n.* a violent and uncontrollable outburst of destructive behavior
97. predict what will en__e *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
98. imp_____us to criticism *adj.* unable to be affected by something; not allowing something to pass through, especially fluid; unresponsive or indifferent to criticism or persuasion
99. Z__s statue *n.* the king of the gods in ancient Greek mythology, who was the god of the sky and thunder, and was the most powerful of the Olympian gods, who resided on Mount Olympus
100. b__r's head *n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
101. hu_____te him publicly *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
102. god of the und_____ld *n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies

ANSWERS: 92. ensue, 93. primordial, 94. carnivorous, 95. nephew, 96. rampage, 97. ensue, 98. impervious, 99. Zeus, 100. boar, 101. humiliate, 102. underworld

103. ra___e along a road *v.* to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds
104. worst ima_____le case *adj.* capable of being imagined
105. ho_____y victims *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
106. re___w vegetation *v.* to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation
107. t__l to make a living *v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
108. make he_____an progress *adj.* requiring great strength, effort, or endurance; of or relating to the legendary strength of the ancient Greek hero Hercules
109. civilian ca_____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
110. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
111. at__e for your sins *v.* to make amends or reparations for wrongdoing or an offense
112. commit ad_____ry *n.* voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse

ANSWERS: 103. rattle, 104. imaginable, 105. horrify, 106. regrow, 107. toil, 108. herculean, 109. casualty, 110. rev, 111. atone, 112. adultery

113. through an imp_____ble fog *adj.* not able to be passed through, entered, or understood
114. bitter f_e *n.* an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
115. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
116. ra___e a country *v.* to cause damage to something badly
117. ca_____ze the skin with moxa *v.* to burn or sear tissue, especially for medical purposes, to stop bleeding, or remove abnormal tissue
118. imp_____ble fortress *adj.* not able to be passed through, entered, or understood
119. re_____e my thoughts *v.* to change the form or structure of something
120. he_____an effort *adj.* requiring great strength, effort, or endurance; of or relating to the legendary strength of the ancient Greek hero Hercules
121. s__y a dragon *v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
122. tr___h excavator *n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
123. uns_____le pain *adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
124. muddy sw__p *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

ANSWERS: 113. impenetrable, 114. foe, 115. medicinal, 116. ravage, 117. cauterize, 118. impenetrable, 119. reshape, 120. herculean, 121. slay, 122. trench, 123. unspeakable, 124. swamp

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I'll need to _____ the rainstorm to make it home without getting soaked.
 - v. to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit

2. Due to the traffic, the delivery truck had to _____ to avoid the congested roads.
 - v. to redirect or change the course or direction of something

3. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
 - n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

4. The series of terrorist attacks _____ the entire nation.
 - v. to shock or disgust greatly

5. The scientific theories presented in the book were _____ even to non-experts.
 - adj. able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth

6. The ancient Romans enjoyed spectating _____ races.
 - n. a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing

7. This is the only _____ strategy.
 - adj. capable of being imagined

ANSWERS: 1. outrun, 2. reroute, 3. rev, 4. horrify, 5. fathomable, 6. chariot, 7. imaginable

8. A power outage _____ after the storm knocked out the electricity.
v. to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
9. The _____ ship sank on its maiden voyage.
adj. of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
10. The jungle was so dense and _____ that it was almost impossible to find a way through.
adj. not able to be passed through, entered, or understood
11. Lizards can _____ their tails if they are cut off.
v. to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation
12. The discovery of the _____ soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.
adj. existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
13. The singer _____ the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.
v. to kill violently, especially with a weapon
14. The hunter tracked the _____ through the forest for a good shot.
n. a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
15. The car dealership advertised _____ cars that looked brand new.
adj. perfectly clean and free of any blemish, defect, or dirt; impeccably neat and tidy

ANSWERS: 8. ensued, 9. titanic, 10. impenetrable, 11. regrow, 12. primordial, 13. slayed, 14. boar, 15. spotless

16. A large fire _____ the forest.

v. to cause damage to something badly

17. The paparazzi constantly _____ celebrities for a photo or a story.

v. to persistently pursue, harass, or pressure someone or something, often in a negative or unwelcome way; (noun) a type of dog, often bred for hunting that has a keen sense of smell and is known for its persistence and tenacity

18. Completing this project in such a short amount of time will be a _____ task.

adj. requiring great strength, effort, or endurance; of or relating to the legendary strength of the ancient Greek hero Hercules

19. Her constant chatter was starting to _____ the neighbors.

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

20. He tried to _____ for his mistake by apologizing and making it right.

v. to make amends or reparations for wrongdoing or an offense

21. In rural areas, the role of a sheep _____ is vital for managing and caring for the flock.

n. a person who manages or cares for a herd of livestock, typically cattle, sheep, or goats

22. The killer used his hands to _____ his victim.

v. to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea

23. The bear used its _____ to catch a fish in the river.

n. a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

ANSWERS: 16. ravaged, 17. hound, 18. herculean, 19. annoy, 20. atone, 21. herdsman, 22. strangle, 23. claw

24. The crowd went on a _____ after their team lost the championship game.
n. a violent and uncontrollable outburst of destructive behavior
25. She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated _____.
n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
26. The superhero's arch-____ was an evil mastermind who always got away.
n. an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
27. The surgical team had to _____ the bleeding vessels to save the patient's life.
v. to burn or sear tissue, especially for medical purposes, to stop bleeding, or remove abnormal tissue
28. Navigators still use the Little Bear _____ at sea.
n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
29. The vast earthquake caused the house to _____.
v. to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds
30. The farmer noticed a _____ leg injury on one of his cows and called the vet for help.
adj. situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal
31. The new software system was a _____ of complications, with one problem leading to another.
n. a freshwater polyp with a tubular body and several tentacles; (of mythology) a serpentine monster with many heads that regrow when cut off; a problem or a situation that is difficult to overcome because it multiplies or gets worse as soon as one aspect of it is solved or eliminated

ANSWERS: 24. rampage, 25. kidnapping, 26. foe, 27. cauterize, 28. constellation, 29. rattle, 30. hind, 31. hydra

32. The boss _____ her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.
- v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
33. The _____ dinosaur preyed on other animals.
- adj.* feeding on the flesh of other animals
34. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.
- v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
35. The lowland _____ was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.
- n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
36. There are various theories about the origin of the _____ myth.
- n.* a mythological creature with the upper body of a human and the lower body (including legs and tail) of a horse
37. We have to _____ substantial financial deficits at first.
- v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
38. The sea _____ were said to lure sailors with their seductive voices.
- n.* (in Greek and Roman mythology) a minor female nature deity typically associated with a particular location or landform
39. She knew that having an affair with her neighbor would be considered _____ and could end her marriage.
- n.* voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse

ANSWERS: 32. humiliated, 33. carnivorous, 34. descended, 35. swamp, 36. centaur, 37. tame, 38. nymphs, 39. adultery

40. My _____ is eight months old and still being breastfed.

n. a son of your brother or sister

41. The team felt _____ after their winning streak.

adj. incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable

42. The jacket is _____ to water and will keep you dry in the rain.

adj. unable to be affected by something; not allowing something to pass through, especially fluid; unresponsive or indifferent to criticism or persuasion

43. He sought _____ for his past mistakes by volunteering at a homeless shelter.

n. the act or process of making amends for wrongdoing or mistake, often by making restitution or providing compensation; reconciliation or the restoration of harmony between individuals or groups who were previously in conflict

44. The farmers _____ in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.

v. to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time

45. The temple of _____ at Olympia was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

n. the king of the gods in ancient Greek mythology, who was the god of the sky and thunder, and was the most powerful of the Olympian gods, who resided on Mount Olympus

46. The giant wave was _____ and destroyed the small boat.

adj. extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance

ANSWERS: 40. nephew, 41. invincible, 42. impervious, 43. atonement, 44. toiled, 45. Zeus, 46. monstrous

47. Unfortunately, the driver was the only _____ in the car accident.
n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
48. The chef will make soup with the _____ ham bone.
adj. not consumed or used at the end of something
49. The wrestler put his opponent in a _____ and won the match.
n. a wrestling or martial arts hold in which the arms are used to exert pressure on an opponent's neck, cutting off their air supply and temporarily incapacitating them
50. The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the _____ where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.
n. the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
51. A _____ was being dug alongside the road by workers.
n. a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
52. That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a _____ tail.
n. a large snake
53. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 47. casualty, 48. leftover, 49. chokehold, 50. underworld, 51. trench, 52. serpent's, 53. medicinal

54. The advent of the Internet completely _____ the manufacturing industry.
v. to change the form or structure of something
55. This sprinter _____ the world with his speed.
v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
56. She _____ the mystery novel in one sitting.
v. to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
57. He tried to _____ himself by volunteering at the local charity after his mistakes.
v. to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
58. Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of _____ reform.
adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
59. After months of job searching, he felt _____ and unsure of his future.
adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
60. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.
adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
61. The _____ of Greek gods and goddesses is well-known throughout Western culture.
n. a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important

ANSWERS: 54. reshaped, 55. stunned, 56. devoured, 57. redeem, 58. chaotic, 59. hopeless, 60. frightening, 61. pantheon

62. The survivors of the plane crash could only describe the _____ horror of the experience.

adj. too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about

ANSWERS: 62. unspeakable