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Session 1: Word List

uncivil

adj. rude or impolite; lacking in courtesy or consideration for others; violating commonly accepted social norms or expectations

synonym: rude, impolite, discourteous

(1) **uncivil** political climate, (2) **uncivil** remark

Her **uncivil** behavior at the meeting caused much tension among the group.

disagreeable

adj. unpleasant or unpleasant to deal with; not likely to agree or comply with something or someone; having an unpleasant or negative temperament

synonym: unpleasant, objectionable, offensive

(1) **disagreeable** smell, (2) **disagreeable** temper

The **disagreeable** coworker always found fault with everyone else's work.

synonym

n. a word or expression that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word or expression in the same language

synonym: equivalent, substitute, parallel

(1) **synonym** retrieval, (2) rough **synonym**

She was searching for a **synonym** for 'happiness' in the thesaurus.

bigot

n. a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people

synonym: sectarian, dogmatizer, intolerant

(1) **bigot** mentality, (2) religious **bigot**

His refusal to listen to other people's opinions made him a close-minded **bigot**.

worldview

n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

synonym: perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

coexist

v. to live or exist together at the same time in the same place

synonym: cohabit, accompany, synchronize

(1) **coexist** with nature, (2) **coexist** with diversity

The different species can **coexist** in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.

tolerable

adj. capable of being endured or tolerated; not too unpleasant, painful, or difficult

synonym: endurable, acceptable, bearable

(1) **tolerable** conditions, (2) **tolerable** level of risk

His new job offered a **tolerable** work environment but was not his dream job.

disengage

v. to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

synonym: withdraw, separate, detach

(1) **disengage** the clutch, (2) **disengage** socially

He **disengaged** from the conversation and walked away.

incivility

n. a lack of civility, courtesy, or politeness; rude or disrespectful behavior toward others

synonym: rudeness, impoliteness, disrespect

(1) **incivility** in politics, (2) online **incivility**

The **incivility** between the two politicians during the debate was disappointing.

amnesia

n. a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness

synonym: forgetfulness, blackout, memory loss

(1) childhood **amnesia**, (2) **amnesia** by trauma

The accident caused her to suffer from temporary **amnesia**, and she couldn't remember anything that happened before the collision.

entail

v. to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something

synonym: involve, necessitate, require

(1) **entail** legal consequences, (2) **entail** risks

The job offer **entails** a lot of responsibility and hard work.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

impolite

adj. lacking good manners or courteousness; rude; showing a lack of respect for social conventions or established customs

synonym: impudent, rude, discourteous

(1) **impolite** behavior, (2) an **impolite** comment

It is **impolite** to talk with your mouth full at the dinner table.

intolerable

adj. incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable

synonym: agonizing, insufferable, unbearable

(1) **intolerable** situation, (2) the heat is **intolerable**

Chronic pain from the side effects of treatment made her life **intolerable**.

civility

n. polite and courteous behavior towards other people; a formalized display of politeness, often in the form of ritualized etiquette

synonym: politeness, courtesy, gentility

(1) **civility** in politics, (2) practice **civility**

A culture of **civility** promotes respectful discourse and constructive conflict resolution.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

papal

adj. relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

synonym: pontifical, papistic, apostolical

(1) **papal** authority, (2) **papal** visit

The **papal** palace was a grand and imposing structure.

antichrist

n. (of Christian theology) a person or figure who opposes or seeks to replace Jesus Christ and establishes themselves as an object of worship in competition with him

(1) self-proclaimed **antichrist**, (2) **antichrist** prophecy

The totalitarian government was often called an **antichrist** power due to its oppressive and harmful policies.

inadvertently

adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent

synonym : unknowingly, unintentionally, accidentally

(1) **inadvertently** deleted, (2) **inadvertently** omitted

I **inadvertently** left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.

protestant

adj. a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers

synonym : reformed, evangelical, nonconformist

(1) hard-line **Protestant**, (2) **protestant** theology

The **Protestant** church was the dominant religion in the area.

troll

n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

synonym : provocateur, antagonist, troublemaker

(1) feed a **troll**, (2) copyright **troll**

He was banned from the online forum for being a **troll** and causing trouble.

exaggerate

v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

synonym : overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

slur

v. to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements

synonym: defame, slander, denigrate

(1) **slur** a drink, (2) **slur** his reputation

He shouldn't be allowed to **slur** people based on race or sexuality.

heretic

n. a person who holds beliefs or opinions that are contrary to, or at odds with, the orthodox or official doctrines of a particular religion, ideology, or group; someone who is seen as a dissenter or rebel within a particular community

synonym: dissenter, nonconformist, dissident

(1) **heretic** beliefs, (2) labeled a **heretic**

The philosopher was accused of being a **heretic** for his controversial ideas.

decorum

n. behavior that is in keeping with good taste and propriety; polite or appropriate conduct or behavior

synonym: propriety, manners, etiquette

(1) **decorum** rules, (2) **decorum** violation

The wedding reception had an air of **decorum** and elegance.

stigmatize

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

synonym: brand, mark, denounce

(1) **stigmatize** the deviant as criminal, (2) **stigmatize** him as a swindler

She was **stigmatized** by society because she had a child out

of wedlock.

temerity

n. excessive confidence or boldness; audacity; the willingness to take bold risks despite potential negative consequences

synonym: audacity, nerve, recklessness

(1) reckless **temerity**, (2) **temerity** to act

The student had the **temerity** to argue with the teacher in front of the class.

dissenter

n. someone who disagrees with or challenges the beliefs, opinions, or policies of a group or authority; one who speaks out or protests against a dominant ideology or viewpoint

synonym: protester, nonconformist, heretic

(1) political **dissenter**, (2) radical **dissenter**

The university welcomed and encouraged **dissenters** to challenge traditional ways of thinking.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym: status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warrant

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

atheist

n. a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

synonym: nonbeliever, unbeliever, secularist

(1) **atheist** community, (2) **atheist** belief

She was an **atheist** without any belief in a higher power.

quake

v. to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time

synonym: shake, tremble, tremor

(1) **quake** in his boots, (2) **quake** with cold

The earth began to **quake**, and he knew he had to leave the building immediately.

- doff**
- v.* to remove a hat or other head covering as a sign of respect or greeting; to take off or remove clothing or a garment
- synonym*: remove, take off, discard
- (1) **doff** his shoes, (2) **doff** my coat
- When entering a church, I always **doff** my hat as a sign of respect.
- uncouth**
- adj.* lacking in refinement or manners; awkward or clumsy in behavior or appearance; ungraceful; crude or vulgar in language or speech
- synonym*: awkward, clumsy, uncivilized
- (1) **uncouth** language, (2) **uncouth** manners
- The **uncouth** behavior of the party guests was unacceptable and offensive to others.
- accusation**
- n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
- synonym*: charge, indictment, imputation
- (1) criminal **accusation**, (2) false **accusation**
- The **accusation** of theft was unfounded, and the suspect was eventually cleared of all charges.
- pretext**
- n.* a false reason or excuse that is given to justify an action or decision, often used to hide one's true motives or intentions
- synonym*: excuse, pretense, cover-up
- (1) flimsy **pretext**, (2) under the **pretext** of illness
- He used the **pretext** of going to the gym to sneak out of work early.
- aisle**
- n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
- synonym*: corridor, passageway, gangway
- (1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

antiquated

adj. outdated or old-fashioned

synonym: old-fashioned, outdated, obsolete

(1) **antiquated** system, (2) have an **antiquated** custom

The factory was forced to shut down due to its **antiquated** equipment.

skeptic

n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

synonym: doubter, disbeliever, questioner

(1) an ingrained **skeptic**, (2) climate **skeptic**

He was a **skeptic** who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

aspire

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym: aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection

She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

aspiration

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

synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

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

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

confrontational

adj. characterized by a readiness to confront others, particularly in a challenging or aggressive manner; inclined to argue or disagree rather than compromise or find common ground

synonym: antagonistic, combative, bellicose

(1) **confrontational** approach, (2) **confrontational** personality

Her **confrontational** attitude caused tension in the workplace.

grudgingly

adv. in a manner that shows reluctance or unwillingness; with resentment or discontent

synonym: reluctantly, unwillingly, begrudgingly

(1) assume **grudgingly**, (2) **grudgingly** apologize

He **grudgingly** agreed to help his neighbor move her furniture.

agreeable

adj. pleasant and enjoyable

synonym: affable, amiable, cooperative

(1) **agreeable** weather, (2) **agreeable** to the plan

We spent a most **agreeable** couple of days.

like-minded

adj. having the same ideas or interests

synonym: simpatico, kindred-spirited, compatible

(1) find a **like-minded** friend, (2) **like-minded** group

They formed a group of **like-minded** individuals who shared a common goal.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. mainstream wo_____ew | <i>n.</i> a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world |
| 2. criminal acc_____on | <i>n.</i> a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone |
| 3. have an ant_____ed custom | <i>adj.</i> outdated or old-fashioned |
| 4. enrich my in_____ct | <i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level |
| 5. qu__e in his boots | <i>v.</i> to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time |
| 6. before Ch____t | <i>n.</i> the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity |
| 7. sti_____ze the deviant as criminal | <i>v.</i> to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect |
| 8. childhood am_____a | <i>n.</i> a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness |
| 9. pro_____nt theology | <i>adj.</i> a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers |

ANSWERS: 1. worldview, 2. accusation, 3. antiquated, 4. intellect, 5. quake, 6. Christ, 7. stigmatize, 8. amnesia, 9. protestant

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| 10. climate sk____c | <i>n.</i> a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural |
| 11. religious bi__t | <i>n.</i> a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people |
| 12. un____l political climate | <i>adj.</i> rude or impolite; lacking in courtesy or consideration for others; violating commonly accepted social norms or expectations |
| 13. qu__e with cold | <i>v.</i> to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time |
| 14. bi__t mentality | <i>n.</i> a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people |
| 15. dis____ble temper | <i>adj.</i> unpleasant or unpleasant to deal with; not likely to agree or comply with something or someone; having an unpleasant or negative temperament |
| 16. con_____nal approach | <i>adj.</i> characterized by a readiness to confront others, particularly in a challenging or aggressive manner; inclined to argue or disagree rather than compromise or find common ground |

ANSWERS: 10. skeptic, 11. bigot, 12. uncivil, 13. quake, 14. bigot, 15. disagreeable, 16. confrontational

17. to_____le level of risk	<i>adj.</i> capable of being endured or tolerated; not too unpleasant, painful, or difficult
18. ac___e each other	<i>v.</i> to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
19. int_____le situation	<i>adj.</i> incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable
20. self-proclaimed ant_____st	<i>n.</i> (of Christian theology) a person or figure who opposes or seeks to replace Jesus Christ and establishes themselves as an object of worship in competition with him
21. at_____t community	<i>n.</i> a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
22. teaching of Ch____t	<i>n.</i> the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
23. to_____le conditions	<i>adj.</i> capable of being endured or tolerated; not too unpleasant, painful, or difficult
24. en____l risks	<i>v.</i> to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
25. am_____a by trauma	<i>n.</i> a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness
26. rough sy_____m	<i>n.</i> a word or expression that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word or expression in the same language

ANSWERS: 17. tolerable, 18. accuse, 19. intolerable, 20. antichrist, 21. atheist, 22. Christ, 23. tolerable, 24. entail, 25. amnesia, 26. synonym

27. ina_____tly deleted	<i>adv.</i> unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
28. copyright tr__l	<i>n.</i> a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
29. political di_____er	<i>n.</i> someone who disagrees with or challenges the beliefs, opinions, or policies of a group or authority; one who speaks out or protests against a dominant ideology or viewpoint
30. ag_____le to the plan	<i>adj.</i> pleasant and enjoyable
31. the heat is int_____le	<i>adj.</i> incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable
32. find a lik_____ed friend	<i>adj.</i> having the same ideas or interests
33. the Ca_____ic Church	<i>adj.</i> universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
34. an im_____te comment	<i>adj.</i> lacking good manners or courteousness; rude; showing a lack of respect for social conventions or established customs
35. hard-line Pro_____nt	<i>adj.</i> a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers

ANSWERS: 27. inadvertently, 28. troll, 29. dissenter, 30. agreeable, 31. intolerable, 32. like-minded, 33. Catholic, 34. impolite, 35. protestant

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| 36. ant_____st prophecy | <i>n.</i> (of Christian theology) a person or figure who opposes or seeks to replace Jesus Christ and establishes themselves as an object of worship in competition with him |
| 37. reckless te_____ty | <i>n.</i> excessive confidence or boldness; audacity; the willingness to take bold risks despite potential negative consequences |
| 38. s__r a drink | <i>v.</i> to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements |
| 39. exa_____te in degree | <i>v.</i> to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is |
| 40. de_____m rules | <i>n.</i> behavior that is in keeping with good taste and propriety; polite or appropriate conduct or behavior |
| 41. labeled a he_____c | <i>n.</i> a person who holds beliefs or opinions that are contrary to, or at odds with, the orthodox or official doctrines of a particular religion, ideology, or group; someone who is seen as a dissenter or rebel within a particular community |
| 42. q_o warranto | <i>n.</i> the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue |
| 43. practice ci_____ty | <i>n.</i> polite and courteous behavior towards other people; a formalized display of politeness, often in the form of ritualized etiquette |

ANSWERS: 36. antichrist, 37. temerity, 38. slur, 39. exaggerate, 40. decorum, 41. heretic, 42. quo, 43. civility

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| 44. human in_____ct | <i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level |
| 45. co_____t with nature | <i>v.</i> to live or exist together at the same time in the same place |
| 46. ant_____ed system | <i>adj.</i> outdated or old-fashioned |
| 47. ca_____ic in his tastes | <i>adj.</i> universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader |
| 48. un_____h manners | <i>adj.</i> lacking in refinement or manners; awkward or clumsy in behavior or appearance; ungraceful; crude or vulgar in language or speech |
| 49. ai__e seat | <i>n.</i> a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure |
| 50. s__r his reputation | <i>v.</i> to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements |
| 51. inc_____ty in politics | <i>n.</i> a lack of civility, courtesy, or politeness; rude or disrespectful behavior toward others |
| 52. te_____ty to act | <i>n.</i> excessive confidence or boldness; audacity; the willingness to take bold risks despite potential negative consequences |

ANSWERS: 44. intellect, 45. coexist, 46. antiquated, 47. Catholic, 48. uncouth, 49. aisle, 50. slur, 51. incivility, 52. temerity

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| 53. flimsy pr____t | <i>n.</i> a false reason or excuse that is given to justify an action or decision, often used to hide one's true motives or intentions |
| 54. pa__l authority | <i>adj.</i> relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church |
| 55. at____t belief | <i>n.</i> a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities |
| 56. de____m violation | <i>n.</i> behavior that is in keeping with good taste and propriety; polite or appropriate conduct or behavior |
| 57. di_____ge the clutch | <i>v.</i> to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship |
| 58. status q_o politician | <i>n.</i> the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue |
| 59. exa_____te story | <i>v.</i> to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is |
| 60. the center ai__e of a church | <i>n.</i> a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure |
| 61. feed a tr__l | <i>n.</i> a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat |

ANSWERS: 53. pretext, 54. papal, 55. atheist, 56. decorum, 57. disengage, 58. quo, 59. exaggerate, 60. aisle, 61. troll

62. ag_____le weather	<i>adj.</i> pleasant and enjoyable
63. online inc_____ty	<i>n.</i> a lack of civility, courtesy, or politeness; rude or disrespectful behavior toward others
64. un_____h language	<i>adj.</i> lacking in refinement or manners; awkward or clumsy in behavior or appearance; ungraceful; crude or vulgar in language or speech
65. assume gru_____ly	<i>adv.</i> in a manner that shows reluctance or unwillingness; with resentment or discontent
66. ac___e his rudeness	<i>v.</i> to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
67. under the pr_____t of illness	<i>n.</i> a false reason or excuse that is given to justify an action or decision, often used to hide one's true motives or intentions
68. he_____c beliefs	<i>n.</i> a person who holds beliefs or opinions that are contrary to, or at odds with, the orthodox or official doctrines of a particular religion, ideology, or group; someone who is seen as a dissenter or rebel within a particular community
69. lik_____ed group	<i>adj.</i> having the same ideas or interests
70. the wo_____ew of the ancient civilization	<i>n.</i> a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
71. an ingrained sk_____c	<i>n.</i> a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

ANSWERS: 62. agreeable, 63. incivility, 64. uncouth, 65. grudgingly, 66. accuse, 67. pretext, 68. heretic, 69. like-minded, 70. worldview, 71. skeptic

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| 72. en___l legal consequences | <i>v.</i> to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something |
| 73. im____te behavior | <i>adj.</i> lacking good manners or courteousness; rude; showing a lack of respect for social conventions or established customs |
| 74. d__f my coat | <i>v.</i> to remove a hat or other head covering as a sign of respect or greeting; to take off or remove clothing or a garment |
| 75. di____ge socially | <i>v.</i> to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship |
| 76. dis____ble smell | <i>adj.</i> unpleasant or unpleasant to deal with; not likely to agree or comply with something or someone; having an unpleasant or negative temperament |
| 77. as___e to greatness | <i>v.</i> to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great |
| 78. ci____ty in politics | <i>n.</i> polite and courteous behavior towards other people; a formalized display of politeness, often in the form of ritualized etiquette |
| 79. con_____nal personality | <i>adj.</i> characterized by a readiness to confront others, particularly in a challenging or aggressive manner; inclined to argue or disagree rather than compromise or find common ground |

ANSWERS: 72. entail, 73. impolite, 74. doff, 75. disengage, 76. disagreeable, 77. aspire, 78. civility, 79. confrontational

80. false acc_____on	<i>n.</i> a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
81. pa__l visit	<i>adj.</i> relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church
82. sy_____m retrieval	<i>n.</i> a word or expression that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word or expression in the same language
83. ina_____tly omitted	<i>adv.</i> unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
84. gru_____ly apologize	<i>adv.</i> in a manner that shows reluctance or unwillingness; with resentment or discontent
85. asp_____on into the lungs	<i>n.</i> a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
86. radical di_____er	<i>n.</i> someone who disagrees with or challenges the beliefs, opinions, or policies of a group or authority; one who speaks out or protests against a dominant ideology or viewpoint
87. as___e after perfection	<i>v.</i> to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
88. co_____t with diversity	<i>v.</i> to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
89. sti_____ze him as a swindler	<i>v.</i> to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect

ANSWERS: 80. accusation, 81. papal, 82. synonym, 83. inadvertently, 84. grudgingly, 85. aspiration, 86. dissenter, 87. aspire, 88. coexist, 89. stigmatize

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| 90. un____l remark | <i>adj.</i> rude or impolite; lacking in courtesy or consideration for others; violating commonly accepted social norms or expectations |
| 91. no asp_____on for fame | <i>n.</i> a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath |
| 92. d__f his shoes | <i>v.</i> to remove a hat or other head covering as a sign of respect or greeting; to take off or remove clothing or a garment |

ANSWERS: 90. uncivil, 91. aspiration, 92. doff

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His refusal to listen to other people's opinions made him a close-minded _____.
n. a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people
2. He used the _____ of going to the gym to sneak out of work early.
n. a false reason or excuse that is given to justify an action or decision, often used to hide one's true motives or intentions
3. He was banned from the online forum for being a _____ and causing trouble.
n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
4. The _____ of theft was unfounded, and the suspect was eventually cleared of all charges.
n. a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
5. It is _____ to talk with your mouth full at the dinner table.
adj. lacking good manners or courteousness; rude; showing a lack of respect for social conventions or established customs
6. He shouldn't be allowed to _____ people based on race or sexuality.
v. to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements

ANSWERS: 1. bigot, 2. pretext, 3. troll, 4. accusation, 5. impolite, 6. slur

7. She walked down the _____ to the front of the church.
- n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
8. Her _____ attitude caused tension in the workplace.
- adj.* characterized by a readiness to confront others, particularly in a challenging or aggressive manner; inclined to argue or disagree rather than compromise or find common ground
9. The different species can _____ in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.
- v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
10. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
11. The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing _____.
- n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
12. She was _____ by society because she had a child out of wedlock.
- v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
13. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
14. She was an _____ without any belief in a higher power.
- n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

ANSWERS: 7. aisle, 8. confrontational, 9. coexist, 10. intellect, 11. worldviews, 12. stigmatized, 13. Christmas, 14. atheist

15. Chronic pain from the side effects of treatment made her life _____.
adj. incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable
16. He _____ from the conversation and walked away.
v. to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
17. The student had the _____ to argue with the teacher in front of the class.
n. excessive confidence or boldness; audacity; the willingness to take bold risks despite potential negative consequences
18. His new job offered a _____ work environment but was not his dream job.
adj. capable of being endured or tolerated; not too unpleasant, painful, or difficult
19. The job offer _____ a lot of responsibility and hard work.
v. to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
20. The factory was forced to shut down due to its _____ equipment.
adj. outdated or old-fashioned
21. The earth began to _____ and he knew he had to leave the building immediately.
v. to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time
22. The _____ between the two politicians during the debate was disappointing.
n. a lack of civility, courtesy, or politeness; rude or disrespectful behavior toward others

ANSWERS: 15. intolerable, 16. disengaged, 17. temerity, 18. tolerable, 19. entails, 20. antiquated, 21. quake, 22. incivility

23. The company has been successful in maintaining the status ____.
- n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
24. She was searching for a _____ for 'happiness' in the thesaurus.
- n.* a word or expression that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word or expression in the same language
25. The philosopher was accused of being a _____ for his controversial ideas.
- n.* a person who holds beliefs or opinions that are contrary to, or at odds with, the orthodox or official doctrines of a particular religion, ideology, or group; someone who is seen as a dissenter or rebel within a particular community
26. The _____ church was the dominant religion in the area.
- adj.* a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers
27. The _____ behavior of the party guests was unacceptable and offensive to others.
- adj.* lacking in refinement or manners; awkward or clumsy in behavior or appearance; ungraceful; crude or vulgar in language or speech
28. The accident caused her to suffer from temporary _____ and she couldn't remember anything that happened before the collision.
- n.* a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness
29. He _____ agreed to help his neighbor move her furniture.
- adv.* in a manner that shows reluctance or unwillingness; with resentment or discontent

ANSWERS: 23. quo, 24. synonym, 25. heretic, 26. Protestant, 27. uncouth, 28. amnesia, 29. grudgingly

30. I _____ left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.
adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
31. The _____ coworker always found fault with everyone else's work.
adj. unpleasant or unpleasant to deal with; not likely to agree or comply with something or someone; having an unpleasant or negative temperament
32. The wedding reception had an air of _____ and elegance.
n. behavior that is in keeping with good taste and propriety; polite or appropriate conduct or behavior
33. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.
adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
34. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.
v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
35. We spent a most _____ couple of days.
adj. pleasant and enjoyable
36. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.
v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
37. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
38. They formed a group of _____ individuals who shared a common goal.
adj. having the same ideas or interests

ANSWERS: 30. inadvertently, 31. disagreeable, 32. decorum, 33. catholic, 34. accused, 35. agreeable, 36. aspired, 37. aspiration, 38. like-minded

39. He was a _____ who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.
n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
40. When entering a church, I always _____ my hat as a sign of respect.
v. to remove a hat or other head covering as a sign of respect or greeting; to take off or remove clothing or a garment
41. The totalitarian government was often called an _____ power due to its oppressive and harmful policies.
n. (of Christian theology) a person or figure who opposes or seeks to replace Jesus Christ and establishes themselves as an object of worship in competition with him
42. A culture of _____ promotes respectful discourse and constructive conflict resolution.
n. polite and courteous behavior towards other people; a formalized display of politeness, often in the form of ritualized etiquette
43. The university welcomed and encouraged _____ to challenge traditional ways of thinking.
n. someone who disagrees with or challenges the beliefs, opinions, or policies of a group or authority; one who speaks out or protests against a dominant ideology or viewpoint
44. She _____ the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.
v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
45. Her _____ behavior at the meeting caused much tension among the group.
adj. rude or impolite; lacking in courtesy or consideration for others; violating commonly accepted social norms or expectations

ANSWERS: 39. skeptic, 40. doff, 41. antichrist, 42. civility, 43. dissenters, 44. exaggerated, 45. uncivil

46. The _____ palace was a grand and imposing structure.

adj. relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

ANSWERS: 46. papal