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Session 1: Word List

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.

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym : chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

arrogant

adj. having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities

synonym : haughty, supercilious, disdainful

(1) an **arrogant** attitude, (2) grow **arrogant**

He was so **arrogant** that he thought he was always right.

confidence

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

synonym : self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym : slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

defeat

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

synonym : conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

ceasefire

n. a temporary suspension of hostilities or fighting, often implemented by mutual agreement between opposing parties

synonym : truce, armistice, ceasefire agreement

(1) **ceasefire** agreement, (2) call for a **ceasefire**

The two sides agreed to a **ceasefire**, pausing the conflict to allow for peace talks to begin.

snatch

v. to take or grab something suddenly or quickly

synonym : grab, seize, capture

(1) **snatch** a hasty meal, (2) **snatch** up her purse

He **snatches** victory from the jaws of defeat in the game's final seconds.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

godfather

n. a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a

trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters

synonym : sponsor, mentor, protector

(1) political **godfather**, (2) be my **godfather** at my christening

The wealthy businessman acted as a **godfather** to his protege, helping him to succeed in his career.

hop

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

synonym : jump, bounce, skip

(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

cease

v. to stop an action or event

synonym : stop, end, terminate

(1) **cease** to exist, (2) **cease** drinking

The company decided to **cease** production of the product.

helpless

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

synonym : defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym : guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym: engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

scared

adj. afraid or frightened

synonym: frightened, fearful, dreading

(1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog

I'm **scared** of insects.

yearn

v. to strongly desire or long for something

synonym: long, desire, crave

(1) **yearn** after my old days, (2) **yearn** for love

She **yearned** for the days when things were simpler.

gut

n. the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

synonym: belly, abdomen, courage

(1) the blind **gut**, (2) **gut** feelings

He told me a **gut-wrenching** truth about my parent's death.

knot

n. a tight interlacing of something such as rope or thread
synonym : tangle, entanglement, snarl

(1) a hard **knot**, (2) a **knot** of people

The boy scout showed us how to tie a **knot** that wouldn't come undone.

vain

adj. having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful

synonym : conceited, narcissistic, egotistic

(1) **vain** hope, (2) **vain** pursuit

He is in **vain** searching for a new job since he has no experience in the field.

plot

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

synonym : scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

rumble

v. to make a low, heavy continuous sound

synonym : roar, growl, grumble

(1) **rumble** an order, (2) **rumble** down the dirt track

The thunder **rumbled** in the distance.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym : soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

introspect

v. to look inward and examine one's thoughts, feelings, or motives; to engage in self-reflection

synonym: reflect, contemplate, meditate

(1) **introspect** behavior, (2) **introspect** my thoughts

The therapist guided her patient to **introspect** and identify his deepest fears.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

purposeful

adj. having a specific aim or purpose; determined

synonym: determined, resolved, resolute

(1) **purposeful** series of actions, (2) at a **purposeful** pace

She had a **purposeful** look and was determined to complete the task.

peaceful

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

synonym: friendly, pacific, amicable

(1) **peaceful** country, (2) **peaceful** coexistence
Plutonium has limited **peaceful** applications.

petty

adj. of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters

synonym: minor, insignificant, trivial

(1) **petty** crime, (2) **petty** cash

The **petty** arguments between coworkers were causing a toxic work environment.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym: clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

squad

n. a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team

synonym: team, unit, group

(1) a bomb-disposal **squad**, (2) antiriot **squad**

The police department assembled a special **squad** to handle the situation.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym: support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick
We have finally lost our last **prop**.

yell v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
synonym: shout, scream, cry
(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can
When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

shell n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
synonym: ammunition, armor, cover
(1) an egg **shell**, (2) a mollusk **shell**
The outermost electron **shell** determines the chemical properties of an atom.

release v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
synonym: free, let go, discharge
(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air
The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

conversation n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue
(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**
Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

gang n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
synonym: crew, posse, group
(1) a motorcycle **gang**, (2) **gang** member
The street **gang** was known for its violent behavior.

determination n. the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something
synonym:

resolve, willpower, conviction

(1) a steely **determination**, (2) **determination** of a DNA sequence

His **determination** to succeed was unwavering, even in the face of adversity.

radial

adj. of or relating to rays or the radii of a circle; spreading out from a central point

synonym: concentric, central, spoke-like

(1) **radial** symmetry, (2) in a **radial** direction

The **radial** design of the wheel allows for maximum strength and stability.

twist

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape

synonym: wrench, turn, twirl

(1) **twist** around to the left, (2) **twist** a wet towel

He **twisted** pieces of rope out of straw.

exemplify

v. to serve as a typical example of something

synonym: illustrate, show, demonstrate

(1) **exemplify** the importance, (2) **exemplify** the solution

The example of a successful startup serves to **exemplify** the potential of the industry.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym: group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

nominate

v. to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor

synonym: appoint, designate, elect

(1) **nominate** him for an award, (2) **nominate** government representatives

The organization **nominated** her to be the next president.

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.

grim

adj. looking or sounding very serious or gloomy

synonym : fierce, harsh, gloomy

(1) **grim** reality, (2) a **grim-featured** man

The result presented a **grim** picture of inefficiency and corruption.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym : congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

expunge

v. to erase, remove, or eliminate; to blot out or destroy; to strike out or delete from a record or registry

synonym : erase, delete, remove

(1) **expunge** a memory, (2) **expunge** a word from a text

The court ordered to **expunge** the criminal record of the falsely accused individual.

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

synonym : come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

gunshot

n. the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target

synonym : shot, blast, gunfire

(1) **gunshot** wound, (2) **gunshot** residue

The loud **gunshot** startled the wildlife in the nearby forest.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym : surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

sacred

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

synonym : holy, inviolable, hallowed

(1) **sacred** music, (2) the halo of a **sacred** image

This space is a private office **sacred** to the President

uphold

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

synonym : defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym : change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

heal

v. to make a wound or injury to become well again

synonym : recover, bring around, mend

(1) **heal** a broken bone, (2) **heal** the hurt mind

It will take time for her mental scars to **heal**.

epidemic

n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

synonym : outbreak, contagion, plague

(1) a worldwide **epidemic**, (2) health **epidemic**

The disease is now reaching **epidemic** proportions in our country.

atmosphere

n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

synonym : air, ambiance, circumstances

(1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial **atmosphere**

The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.

vow

v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

synonym : promise, pledge, swear

(1) **vow** allegiance to the new king, (2) **vow** never to give up

They **vowed** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

vibrate

v. to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

synonym : oscillate, convulse, jerk

(1) **vibrate** at a regular frequency, (2) **vibrate** with anger

During the flight, the wings of the plane **vibrate**.

conscious

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

synonym : aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

uprising

n. a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority

synonym: revolt, rebellion, insurgency

(1) stage an **uprising**, (2) violent **uprising**

The anti-government **uprising** was successful in overthrowing the regime.

characterize

v. to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of

synonym: describe, depict, portray

(1) **characterize** the relationship, (2) **characterize** his work

Their love of discovery and exploration often **characterizes** the adventurous spirit of the explorer.

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

synonym: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force

Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime

synonym: offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

(1) wanted **criminal**, (2) **criminal** investigation

The police are searching for the **criminal** who stole the jewels.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym : tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym : sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

dilemma

n. a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

synonym : difficulty, plight, predicament

(1) chicken-and-egg **dilemma**, (2) be in a **dilemma**

The choice between bureaucracy and adocracy represents a common **dilemma**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. cha_____ize his work
v. to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of
2. v__n pursuit
adj. having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful
3. y__l for help
v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
4. a bu__h of schoolgirls
n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
5. pe__y cash
adj. of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters
6. a bu__h of trees
n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
7. con_____ion in English
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
8. call for a ce_____re
n. a temporary suspension of hostilities or fighting, often implemented by mutual agreement between opposing parties
9. n__b with cold
adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 1. characterize, 2. vain, 3. yell, 4. bunch, 5. petty, 6. bunch, 7. conversation, 8. ceasefire, 9. numb

10. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
11. a mollusk sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
12. tw__t a wet towel *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
13. int_____ct my thoughts *v.* to look inward and examine one's thoughts, feelings, or motives; to engage in self-reflection
14. a hard k__t *n.* a tight interlacing of something such as rope or thread
15. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
16. an indomitable sp___t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
17. wanted cr_____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime
18. pur_____ul series of actions *adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined
19. op_____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
20. ru___e down the dirt track *v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound
21. up___d the law *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

ANSWERS: 10. absolutely, 11. shell, 12. twist, 13. introspect, 14. knot, 15. suppose, 16. spirit, 17. criminal, 18. purposeful, 19. oppress, 20. rumble, 21. uphold

22. re____r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
23. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
24. ce_____re agreement *n.* a temporary suspension of hostilities or fighting, often implemented by mutual agreement between opposing parties
25. chicken-and-egg di_____a *n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones
26. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
27. a bomb-disposal sq__d *n.* a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team
28. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
29. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
30. pe_____ul country *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
31. v_w never to give up *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
32. gu_____t wound *n.* the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target

ANSWERS: 22. recover, 23. grab, 24. ceasefire, 25. dilemma, 26. politician, 27. squad, 28. conversation, 29. yell, 30. peaceful, 31. vow, 32. gunshot

33. a g__m-featured man *adj.* looking or sounding very serious or gloomy
34. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
35. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
36. antiriot sq__d *n.* a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team
37. sn___h a hasty meal *v.* to take or grab something suddenly or quickly
38. in a ra___l direction *adj.* of or relating to rays or the radii of a circle; spreading out from a central point
39. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
40. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
41. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
42. gu_____t residue *n.* the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target

ANSWERS: 33. grim, 34. conflict, 35. politician, 36. squad, 37. snatch, 38. radial, 39. excite, 40. pave, 41. vision, 42. gunshot

43. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
44. re____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
45. h__l a broken bone *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
46. su____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
47. det_____ion of a DNA sequence *n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something
48. ex____e a memory *v.* to erase, remove, or eliminate; to blot out or destroy; to strike out or delete from a record or registry
49. an egg sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
50. tw__t around to the left *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
51. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
52. v__n hope *adj.* having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful
53. attempted mu____r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally

ANSWERS: 43. numb, 44. recover, 45. heal, 46. suppose, 47. determination, 48. expunge, 49. shell, 50. twist, 51. hop, 52. vain, 53. murder

54. ce__e drinking *v.* to stop an action or event
55. up___d tradition *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
56. p__t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
57. a k__t of people *n.* a tight interlacing of something such as rope or thread
58. be___g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
59. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
60. he_____ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
61. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
62. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
63. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

ANSWERS: 54. cease, 55. uphold, 56. plot, 57. knot, 58. belong, 59. absolutely, 60. helpless, 61. church, 62. hop, 63. plot

64. g__g member *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
65. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
66. ex_____e a word from a text *v.* to erase, remove, or eliminate; to blot out or destroy; to strike out or delete from a record or registry
67. vi_____e with anger *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
68. at a pur_____ul pace *adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined
69. sp___t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
70. a convivial atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
71. g_t feelings *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
72. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 64. gang, 65. label, 66. expunge, 67. vibrate, 68. purposeful, 69. spirit, 70. atmosphere, 71. gut, 72. celebrate

73. violent up_____ng *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
74. establish his ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
75. tra_____on phase *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
76. political go_____er *n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters
77. mis_____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
78. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
79. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
80. ra___l symmetry *adj.* of or relating to rays or the radii of a circle; spreading out from a central point
81. health ep_____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
82. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
83. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

ANSWERS: 73. uprising, 74. kingdom, 75. transition, 76. godfather, 77. misunderstand, 78. confidence, 79. excite, 80. radial, 81. epidemic, 82. grab, 83. release

84. a circular mo____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
85. sn____h up her purse *v.* to take or grab something suddenly or quickly
86. vi____e at a regular frequency *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
87. int____ct behavior *v.* to look inward and examine one's thoughts, feelings, or motives; to engage in self-reflection
88. grow ar____nt *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
89. the blind g_t *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
90. h__l the hurt mind *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
91. co____t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
92. pe____ul coexistence *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
93. 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

ANSWERS: 84. movement, 85. snatch, 86. vibrate, 87. introspect, 88. arrogant, 89. gut, 90. heal, 91. commit, 92. peaceful, 93. crack

94. the co____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
95. a prodigious vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
96. ce__e to exist *v.* to stop an action or event
97. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
98. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
99. the halo of a sa____d image *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
100. op____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
101. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

ANSWERS: 94. conflict, 95. vision, 96. cease, 97. pause, 98. prop, 99. sacred, 100. oppress, 101. prop

102. co___t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
103. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
104. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
105. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
106. v_w allegiance to the new king *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
107. pe__y crime *adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters
108. ensure a smooth tra_____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
109. he_____ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
110. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
111. a motorcycle g__g *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
112. sc___d all the time *adj.* afraid or frightened
113. be my go_____er at my christening *n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters

ANSWERS: 102. commit, 103. misunderstand, 104. release, 105. label, 106. vow, 107. petty, 108. transition, 109. helpless, 110. church, 111. gang, 112. scared, 113. godfather

114. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
115. ex_____fy the solution *v.* to serve as a typical example of something
116. ye__n for love *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
117. a subordinate ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
118. be in a di_____a *n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones
119. no_____te him for an award *v.* to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor
120. boost my con_____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
121. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
122. mu___r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
123. a worldwide ep_____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
124. sc___d dog *adj.* afraid or frightened
125. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 114. violent, 115. exemplify, 116. yearn, 117. kingdom, 118. dilemma, 119. nominate, 120. confidence, 121. belong, 122. murder, 123. epidemic, 124. scared, 125. decide

126. a steely det_____ion *n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something
127. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
128. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
129. no_____te government representatives *v.* to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor
130. ex_____fy the importance *v.* to serve as a typical example of something
131. sa_____d music *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
132. ye__n after my old days *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
133. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
134. stage an up_____ng *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
135. g__m reality *adj.* looking or sounding very serious or gloomy
136. de____t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

ANSWERS: 126. determination, 127. movement, 128. violent, 129. nominate, 130. exemplify, 131. sacred, 132. yearn, 133. conscious, 134. uprising, 135. grim, 136. defeat

137. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
138. an ar_____nt attitude *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
139. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
140. cha_____ize the relationship *v.* to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of
141. cr_____al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime
142. carbon dioxide in the atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
143. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
144. ru___e an order *v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound
145. p___e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
146. de___t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
147. 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

ANSWERS: 137. conscious, 138. arrogant, 139. celebrate, 140. characterize, 141. criminal, 142. atmosphere, 143. decide, 144. rumble, 145. pave, 146. defeat, 147. crack

148. pa__e for a reaction

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

ANSWERS: 148. pause

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
2. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.
v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
3. The boy scout showed us how to tie a _____ that wouldn't come undone.
n. a tight interlacing of something such as rope or thread
4. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.
n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
5. The result presented a _____ picture of inefficiency and corruption.
adj. looking or sounding very serious or gloomy
6. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
7. The organization _____ her to be the next president.
v. to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor
8. The man _____ before opening the door.
v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
9. The street _____ was known for its violent behavior.
n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

ANSWERS: 1. release, 2. misunderstand, 3. knot, 4. transition, 5. grim, 6. suppose, 7. nominated, 8. paused, 9. gang

10. He told me a _____ truth about my parent's death.
- n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
11. The judge may _____ the decision of the lower court.
- v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
12. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
13. 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
14. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
- n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
15. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.
- n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
16. He is in _____ searching for a new job since he has no experience in the field.
- adj.* having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful
17. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.
- v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

ANSWERS: 10. gut-wrenching, 11. uphold, 12. grab, 13. crack, 14. vision, 15. murder, 16. vain, 17. defeat

18. He became _____ that he was being followed.

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

19. She _____ for the days when things were simpler.

v. to strongly desire or long for something

20. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.

n. a person who has committed a crime

21. The _____ design of the wheel allows for maximum strength and stability.

adj. of or relating to rays or the radii of a circle; spreading out from a central point

22. He _____ pieces of rope out of straw.

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape

23. During the flight, the wings of the plane _____.

v. to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

24. We have finally lost our last _____.

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

25. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

26. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

ANSWERS: 18. conscious, 19. yearned, 20. criminal, 21. radial, 22. twisted, 23. vibrate, 24. prop, 25. absolutely, 26. kingdom

27. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.
- n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
28. He _____ victory from the jaws of defeat in the game's final seconds.
- v.* to take or grab something suddenly or quickly
29. The company decided to _____ production of the product.
- v.* to stop an action or event
30. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
- n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
31. The wealthy businessman acted as a _____ to his protege, helping him to succeed in his career.
- n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters
32. The loud _____ startled the wildlife in the nearby forest.
- n.* the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target
33. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 27. spirit, 28. snatches, 29. cease, 30. conflicts, 31. godfather, 32. gunshot, 33. movement

34. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

35. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

36. My left arm became _____.

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

37. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

38. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's _____.

n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

39. The therapist guided her patient to _____ and identify his deepest fears.

v. to look inward and examine one's thoughts, feelings, or motives; to engage in self-reflection

40. They _____ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

41. She had a _____ look and was determined to complete the task.

adj. having a specific aim or purpose; determined

ANSWERS: 34. violent, 35. excited, 36. numb, 37. label, 38. atmosphere, 39. introspect, 40. vowed, 41. purposeful

42. The rabbit _____ over the fence.

- v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

43. The disease is now reaching _____ proportions in our country.

- n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

44. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.

- v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

45. His _____ to succeed was unwavering, even in the face of adversity.

- n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something

46. The _____ arguments between coworkers were causing a toxic work environment.

- adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters

47. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

- n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

48. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.

- v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way

49. He was so _____ that he thought he was always right.

- adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities

ANSWERS: 42. hopped, 43. epidemic, 44. recovering, 45. determination, 46. petty, 47. church, 48. yelled, 49. arrogant

50. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

51. The court ordered to _____ the criminal record of the falsely accused individual.

v. to erase, remove, or eliminate; to blot out or destroy; to strike out or delete from a record or registry

52. Plutonium has limited _____ applications.

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

53. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

54. I'm _____ of insects.

adj. afraid or frightened

55. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

56. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

57. The choice between bureaucracy and adhococracy represents a common _____.

n. a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

ANSWERS: 50. bunch, 51. expunge, 52. peaceful, 53. politician, 54. scared, 55. plot, 56. celebrated, 57. dilemma

58. The police department assembled a special _____ to handle the situation.
- n.* a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team
59. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.
- v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
60. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
- v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
61. The two sides agreed to a _____ pausing the conflict to allow for peace talks to begin.
- n.* a temporary suspension of hostilities or fighting, often implemented by mutual agreement between opposing parties
62. The outermost electron _____ determines the chemical properties of an atom.
- n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
63. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.
- v.* to do something illegal or wrong
64. The example of a successful startup serves to _____ the potential of the industry.
- v.* to serve as a typical example of something
65. It will take time for her mental scars to _____.
- v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again

ANSWERS: 58. squad, 59. paved, 60. oppressed, 61. ceasefire, 62. shell, 63. committed, 64. exemplify, 65. heal

66. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.
n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
67. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
68. This space is a private office _____ to the President
adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
69. I feel so _____ without you.
adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
70. The anti-government _____ was successful in overthrowing the regime.
n. a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
71. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
72. Their love of discovery and exploration often _____ the adventurous spirit of the explorer.
v. to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of
73. The thunder _____ in the distance.
v. to make a low, heavy continuous sound

ANSWERS: 66. confidence, 67. conversation, 68. sacred, 69. helpless, 70. uprising, 71. decide, 72. characterizes, 73. rumbled

74. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

- v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group;
to be in the proper or appropriate place

ANSWERS: 74. belong