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Session 1: Word List

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

plateau

n. an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress

synonym: mesa, tableland, plain

(1) **plateau** region, (2) **plateau** in performance

The hikers finally reached the **plateau** after a long climb up the mountain.

basalt

n. a dark, fine-grained volcanic rock that forms from the solidification of lava

synonym: volcanic rock, lava, igneous rock

(1) **basalt** rock, (2) **basalt** glass

The hiking trail was lined with towering **basalt** columns.

slab

n. a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure

synonym : slate, tile, paving stone

(1) a **slab** of chocolate, (2) marble **slab**

The construction workers poured a large **slab** of concrete for the foundation of the building.

column

n. one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

synonym : line, pillar, cue

(1) the spinal **column**, (2) a **column** of water

The newspaper devoted several **columns** to the affair.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

causeway

n. a raised road or track, usually made of earth, gravel, or stone, that crosses a low or wetland area

synonym : embankment, causey, dike

(1) narrow **causeway**, (2) **causeway** bridge

We drove across the scenic coastal **causeway**, enjoying the beautiful ocean views.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym : lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

molten

adj. in a liquid state as a result of being heated

synonym : melted, liquefied, fused

(1) a **molten** image, (2) **molten** lava

The **molten** metal was poured into the mold.

lava

n. molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material

synonym: molten rock, magma, volcanic rock

(1) **lava** flow, (2) molten **lava**

The volcano's eruption caused a **lava** river to flow down the mountainside.

contract

n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

synonym: agreement, deal, arrangement

(1) employment **contract**, (2) **contract** law

The company signed a **contract** with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

fracture

n. the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone

synonym: break, crack, rupture

(1) **fracture** test, (2) risk of bone **fractures**

X-ray inspection revealed many **fractures**.

volcanic

adj. relating to or produced by or consisting of volcano

(1) effects of **volcanic** eruptions, (2) increase in **volcanic** activity

This study indicates **volcanic** activity affects global warming.

eruption

n. an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something

synonym: explosion, outburst, burst

(1) **eruption** alert level, (2) emotional **eruption**

The volcanic **eruption** caused widespread destruction and left the area covered in ash.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

synonym : fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**

With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

synonym : alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

legend

n. an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field

synonym : fable, fiction, myth

(1) basketball **legend**, (2) **legend** of King Arthur

Many of the **legends** of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.

disturbance

n. something that interrupts a settled and peaceful condition or that makes someone feel nervous or worried

synonym : disorder, upset, annoyance

(1) a nervous **disturbance**, (2) a **disturbance** caused by a terrorist

This building construction causes serious **disturbance** to residents.

taunt

v. to tease or ridicule in a challenging manner

synonym: tease, ridicule, jeer

(1) **taunt** him with cowardice, (2) **taunt** the losing team

She **taunted** him with sarcastic comments about his lack of success.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

roar

v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

synonym: bellow, yell, shout

(1) **roar** with laughter, (2) **roar** for more

The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

insult

n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect;
(verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

synonym: affront, slight, offense

(1) an intentional **insult**, (2) **insult** each other

His **insult** toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

hurl

v. to throw something with great force

synonym: throw, fling, launch

(1) **hurl** a brickbat, (2) **hurl** a cup out of the window

She angrily **hurled** the book across the room.

dramatic

adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

synonym: striking, theatrical, breathtaking

(1) make **dramatic** changes, (2) a **dramatic** rescue at sea
The statement had a **dramatic** impact on house prices.

strength

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

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**
Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

clump

n. a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.

synonym: cluster, bunch, bundle

(1) **clump** of bacteria, (2) a **clump** of trees
I heard the **clump** of his boots in the hallway.

heave

v. to lift or hoist something heavy with effort; to throw or hurl something, often with force; to rise or fall with a rhythmic motion, as in the heaving of the sea

synonym: lift, hoist, tug

(1) **heave** a sigh, (2) **heave** a boulder

The workers had to **heave** the heavy equipment up the staircase to the top floor.

rival

n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

synonym: adversary, competitor, contender

(1) **rival** bidder, (2) merge with a **rival** company

He interfered with his **rivals** in various ways during the campaign.

isle

n. a small island, especially one in the sea

synonym: island, atoll, cay

(1) **isle** of paradise, (2) tiny **isle**

I love to spend my vacations on a beautiful **isle** with pristine beaches.

crater

n. a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

synonym : cavity, hole, pit

(1) **crater** lake, (2) lunar **crater**

An enormous **crater** marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym : agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

lough

n. (originating from Ireland and Scotland) a lake or a bay that is almost surrounded by land

synonym : lake, loch, pond

(1) tranquil **lough**, (2) picturesque **lough**

We went fishing on the calm waters of the **lough**, enjoying the peacefulness of the surroundings.

toss

v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion

synonym : throw, sway

(1) **toss** a coin, (2) **toss** the bottle into a trash can

It would be best if you **tossed** out all those old magazines.

boulder

n. a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion

synonym : rock, stone, clump

(1) **boulder** field, (2) lava **boulder**

The hikers had to climb over a **boulder** that was blocking their path.

scot

n. a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

synonym : tax, charge, toll

(1) pay annual **scot**, (2) traditional **Scot** attire
The **scot-free** suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
synonym: parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east
The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

rage

n. a strong feeling of anger or violence
synonym: fury, anger, outrage

(1) uncontrollable **rage**, (2) fall into a **rage**
She was filled with a burning **rage** at the injustice she had witnessed.

loom

v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
synonym: appear, come on, overshadow

(1) **loom** over the global economy, (2) **loom** on the horizon
The issue of divorce **loomed** large in his mind.

substantial

adj. fairly large in size, value, or importance
synonym: significant, notable, actual

(1) a **substantial** amount of capital, (2) have a **substantial** meal
The pandemic was a **substantial** business opportunity for certain companies.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen
synonym: vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**
Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

colossal

adj. extremely large and impressive
synonym: gigantic, huge, enormous

(1) **colossal** statue, (2) a **colossal** success

The new building is truly **colossal**, towering over the surrounding buildings.

thunder

n. the loud, deep sound made by air expanding along the path of a bolt of lightning; a deep, prolonged loud noise
synonym: detonation, rumble, roar

(1) **thunder** cloud, (2) deafening **thunder** of applause

The roaring **thunder** was so loud that it woke me from sleep.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym: bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

falter

v. to hesitate or stumble in action or speech; to lose strength or momentum; to become unsteady or shaky

synonym: hesitate, stumble, waver

(1) **falter** in decision-making, (2) **falter** in speech

My confidence began to **falter** as I gave my presentation in front of the class.

crush

v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

synonym: destroy, demolish, pulverize

(1) **crush** coffee beans, (2) **crush** a revolt

The car was completely **crushed** in the accident.

fist

n. a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist

synonym: clenched hand, knuckles, mitt

(1) tight **fist**, (2) raise a **fist**

The boxer clenched his **fist** before throwing a punch.

tremble

v. to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness

synonym : shiver, flutter, quaver

(1) **tremble** in fear, (2) **tremble** violently with emotion

When I heard the news, my whole body **trembled** with excitement.

bulk

n. the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something

synonym : majority, largeness, amount

(1) buy in **bulk**, (2) **bulk** data transfer

I received a parcel of great **bulk**.

hatch

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

synonym : incubate, breed, produce

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

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

cunning

adj. clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily

synonym : sly, crafty, tricky

(1) **cunning** plan, (2) **cunning** thief

The **cunning** fox managed to elude the hunters and escape with his prey.

illusion

n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

synonym : delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest

He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

cradle

n. a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or

originates

synonym : infancy, beginning, origin

(1) from the **cradle** to the grave, (2) **cradle** of civilization

The baby peacefully slept in her **cradle**, surrounded by stuffed animals and blankets.

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym : mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

enrage

v. to make someone extremely angry

synonym : anger, incense, infuriate

(1) **enrage** the international community, (2) **enrage** critics

The news of the betrayal **enraged** him.

shatter

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

synonym : break, crash, destroy

(1) **shatter** the plate, (2) **shatter** a world record

Her husband's death **shattered** her life entirely.

conceal

v. to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

synonym : hide, keep secret, camouflage

(1) **conceal** my identity, (2) **conceal** a close relationship
Despite the intense verbal abuse, she **concealed** her anger well.

sow

v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

synonym: plant, scatter, seed

(1) **sow** wheat in a field, (2) **sow** discord

She carefully **sowed** the seeds in the garden.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym: distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

squawk

v. to make a loud, harsh, or shrill noise or cry, often in a repetitive or complaining manner; to complain or protest loudly or vehemently

synonym: screech, shriek

(1) **squawk** for food, (2) **squawk** in protest

I could hear the seagulls **squawk** loudly as they flew over the beach.

gigantic

adj. extremely large

synonym: huge, enormous, immense

(1) **gigantic** proportions, (2) **gigantic** monsters

He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a **gigantic** appetite.

hefty

adj. large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance

synonym: weighty, substantial, sizeable

(1) **hefty** price, (2) **hefty** breakfast

The **hefty** box of books was too heavy to lift on my own.

infant

n. a baby or very young child

synonym: baby, newborn, tot

(1) **infant** daughter, (2) **infant** food

Mozart was an **infant** prodigy.

swaddle

v. to wrap tightly with cloth or blankets, typically done with infants to provide them with a sense of security and comfort; to restrain or restrict movement by wrapping tightly

synonym: wrap, bundle, cocoon

(1) **swaddled** her son in a soft blanket, (2) **swaddle** my baby for sleep

New parents often **swaddle** their newborns to make them feel secure and comfortable.

pile

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

synonym: accumulation, heap, stack

(1) a sand **pile**, (2) the height of a **pile**

After the party, they had to clean up **piles** of dirty dishes.

blanket

n. a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content

synonym: cover, coverlet, bedspread

(1) **blanket** authority, (2) **blanket** scarf

The electric **blanket** keeps me warm on cold nights.

shudder

v. to tremble uncontrollably or convulsively, often due to fear, cold, or intense emotion; to recoil or react strongly to something unpleasant, disturbing, or shocking

synonym: tremble, shake, quiver

(1) **shudder** at the thought, (2) **shudder** with fear

I couldn't help but **shudder** when I heard the scary noise from the dark alleyway.

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.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym: exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

shore

n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

synonym: coast, seaside, beach

(1) a sandy **shore**, (2) **shore** up demand

The waves are beating against the **shore**.

identical

adj. being the exact same one

synonym: duplicate, exact, analogous

(1) pair of **identical** twins, (2) an **identical** equation

Infant formulas are nutritionally almost **identical** to a mother's breast milk.

cave

n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

synonym: cavern, grotto, burrow

(1) domiciliary **caves**, (2) the mouth of the **cave**

Bats reside in sheltered **caves**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
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9. l__m over the global economy *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
10. sq___k for food *v.* to make a loud, harsh, or shrill noise or cry, often in a repetitive or complaining manner; to complain or protest loudly or vehemently

ANSWERS: 1. decide, 2. illusion, 3. loom, 4. dramatic, 5. enormous, 6. decide, 7. shudder, 8. crater, 9. loom, 10. squawk

11. an____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
12. the height of a p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
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23. ba___t glass *n.* a dark, fine-grained volcanic rock that forms from the solidification of lava
24. fall into a r__e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
25. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
26. bl_____t authority *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
27. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
28. make dr_____ic changes *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
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30. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
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32. di_____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
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34. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

ANSWERS: 23. basalt, 24. rage, 25. pound, 26. blanket, 27. vast, 28. dramatic, 29. shudder, 30. march, 31. rage, 32. disguise, 33. disguise, 34. myth

35. emotional er____on *n.* an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something
36. l__a flow *n.* molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material
37. mental co____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
38. ta__t the losing team *v.* to tease or ridicule in a challenging manner
39. t__s the bottle into a trash can *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
40. s_w wheat in a field *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
41. co____al statue *adj.* extremely large and impressive
42. en____e the international community *v.* to make someone extremely angry
43. b__k data transfer *n.* the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something
44. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
45. gi____ic monsters *adj.* extremely large
46. marble s__b *n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure

ANSWERS: 35. eruption, 36. lava, 37. courage, 38. taunt, 39. toss, 40. sow, 41. colossal, 42. enrage, 43. bulk, 44. doubt, 45. gigantic, 46. slab

47. lava bo____r *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
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49. tight f__t *n.* a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist
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55. co____l a close relationship *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
56. gi____ic proportions *adj.* extremely large
57. a s__b of chocolate *n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure
58. bl____t scarf *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
59. pre-Christian an____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
60. s_w discord *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
61. st____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
62. a cl__p of trees *n.* a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.
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ANSWERS: 55. conceal, 56. gigantic, 57. slab, 58. blanket, 59. ancient, 60. sow, 61. strength, 62. clump, 63. heave, 64. molten, 65. hatch

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70. have a sub_____al meal *adj.* fairly large in size, value, or importance
71. increase in vo_____ic activity *adj.* relating to or produced by or consisting of volcano
72. tr_____e violently with emotion *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
73. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
74. pl_____u in performance *n.* an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress
75. risk of bone fr_____es *n.* the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone
76. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

ANSWERS: 66. stretch, 67. taunt, 68. lava, 69. pound, 70. substantial, 71. volcanic, 72. tremble, 73. giant, 74. plateau, 75. fracture, 76. giant

77. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
78. in___t food *n.* a baby or very young child
79. ri__l bidder *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
80. buy in b__k *n.* the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something
81. employment co_____ct *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
82. di_____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
83. domiciliary c__es *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
84. a co___n of water *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
85. tiny i__e *n.* a small island, especially one in the sea
86. tranquil lo__h *n.* (originating from Ireland and Scotland) a lake or a bay that is almost surrounded by land
87. cu_____g thief *adj.* clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily

ANSWERS: 77. sight, 78. infant, 79. rival, 80. bulk, 81. contract, 82. disturb, 83. cave, 84. column, 85. isle, 86. lough, 87. cunning

88. cr__h coffee beans *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
89. tr_____e in fear *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
90. cu_____g plan *adj.* clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily
91. he__e a boulder *v.* to lift or hoist something heavy with effort; to throw or hurl something, often with force; to rise or fall with a rhythmic motion, as in the heaving of the sea
92. fa___r in speech *v.* to hesitate or stumble in action or speech; to lose strength or momentum; to become unsteady or shaky
93. the mouth of the c__e *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
94. r__r for more *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
95. from the cr___e to the grave *n.* a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates
96. fa___r in decision-making *v.* to hesitate or stumble in action or speech; to lose strength or momentum; to become unsteady or shaky
97. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

ANSWERS: 88. crush, 89. tremble, 90. cunning, 91. heave, 92. falter, 93. cave, 94. roar, 95. cradle, 96. falter, 97. doubt

98. he__y price *adj.* large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance
99. ba___t rock *n.* a dark, fine-grained volcanic rock that forms from the solidification of lava
100. traditional S__t attire *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
101. h__l a brickbat *v.* to throw something with great force
102. pay annual s__t *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
103. ac___d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
104. raise a f__t *n.* a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist
105. bo_____r field *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
106. a dis_____ce caused by a terrorist *n.* something that interrupts a settled and peaceful condition or that makes someone feel nervous or worried
107. a sand p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
108. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

ANSWERS: 98. hefty, 99. basalt, 100. scot, 101. hurl, 102. scot, 103. accord, 104. fist, 105. boulder, 106. disturbance, 107. pile, 108. flee

109. r__r with laughter *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
110. sh__e up demand *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
111. sh____r a world record *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
112. sq___k in protest *v.* to make a loud, harsh, or shrill noise or cry, often in a repetitive or complaining manner; to complain or protest loudly or vehemently
113. ca____ay bridge *n.* a raised road or track, usually made of earth, gravel, or stone, that crosses a low or wetland area
114. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
115. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
116. lunar cr___r *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
117. merge with a ri__l company *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
118. th____r cloud *n.* the loud, deep sound made by air expanding along the path of a bolt of lightning; a deep, prolonged loud noise
119. muscular st____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

ANSWERS: 109. roar, 110. shore, 111. shatter, 112. squawk, 113. causeway, 114. vast, 115. sight, 116. crater, 117. rival, 118. thunder, 119. strength

120. a sandy sh__e *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
121. inspire co____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
122. an id____al equation *adj.* being the exact same one
123. environmental th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
124. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
125. ha__h a plan *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
126. basketball le____d *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
127. st____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

ANSWERS: 120. shore, 121. courage, 122. identical, 123. threat, 124. myth, 125. hatch, 126. legend, 127. stretch

128. cr___e of civilization *n.* a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates
129. a co____al success *adj.* extremely large and impressive
130. a nervous dis_____ce *n.* something that interrupts a settled and peaceful condition or that makes someone feel nervous or worried
131. deafening th____r of applause *n.* the loud, deep sound made by air expanding along the path of a bolt of lightning; a deep, prolonged loud noise
132. co_____l my identity *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
133. the il_____on of being in the forest *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
134. cr__h a revolt *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
135. er_____on alert level *n.* an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something
136. h__l a cup out of the window *v.* to throw something with great force
137. the spinal co___n *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

ANSWERS: 128. cradle, 129. colossal, 130. disturbance, 131. thunder, 132. conceal, 133. illusion, 134. crush, 135. eruption, 136. hurl, 137. column

138. pair of id_____al twins *adj.* being the exact same one
139. i__e of paradise *n.* a small island, especially one in the sea
140. effects of vo_____ic eruptions *adj.* relating to or produced by or consisting of volcano
141. an intentional in____t *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
142. he__y breakfast *adj.* large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance
143. di_____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
144. sw_____e my baby for sleep *v.* to wrap tightly with cloth or blankets, typically done with infants to provide them with a sense of security and comfort; to restrain or restrict movement by wrapping tightly
145. binational ac____d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
146. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
147. cl__p of bacteria *n.* a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.
148. en____e critics *v.* to make someone extremely angry

ANSWERS: 138. identical, 139. isle, 140. volcanic, 141. insult, 142. hefty, 143. disturb, 144. swaddle, 145. accord, 146. march, 147. clump, 148. enrage

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The boxer clenched his _____ before throwing a punch.
n. a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist
2. The hiking trail was lined with towering _____ columns.
n. a dark, fine-grained volcanic rock that forms from the solidification of lava
3. I love to spend my vacations on a beautiful _____ with pristine beaches.
n. a small island, especially one in the sea
4. An enormous _____ marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.
n. a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
5. Her husband's death _____ her life entirely.
v. to break suddenly into many pieces
6. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.
n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
7. Infant formulas are nutritionally almost _____ to a mother's breast milk.
adj. being the exact same one
8. The _____ fox managed to elude the hunters and escape with his prey.
adj. clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily

ANSWERS: 1. fist, 2. basalt, 3. isle, 4. crater, 5. shattered, 6. piles, 7. identical, 8. cunning

9. The _____ metal was poured into the mold.
adj. in a liquid state as a result of being heated
10. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
11. They have been living near water since _____ times.
adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
12. The volcano's eruption caused a _____ river to flow down the mountainside.
n. molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material
13. He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a _____ appetite.
adj. extremely large
14. The construction workers poured a large _____ of concrete for the foundation of the building.
n. a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure
15. My confidence began to _____ as I gave my presentation in front of the class.
v. to hesitate or stumble in action or speech; to lose strength or momentum; to become unsteady or shaky
16. The baby peacefully slept in her _____ surrounded by stuffed animals and blankets.
n. a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates

ANSWERS: 9. molten, 10. threat, 11. ancient, 12. lava, 13. gigantic, 14. slab, 15. falter, 16. cradle,

17. 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
18. The electric _____ keeps me warm on cold nights.
- n. a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
19. X-ray inspection revealed many _____.
- n. the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone
20. The volcanic _____ caused widespread destruction and left the area covered in ash.
- n. an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something
21. She angrily _____ the book across the room.
- v. to throw something with great force
22. Despite the intense verbal abuse, she _____ her anger well.
- v. to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
23. It would be best if you _____ out all those old magazines.
- v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion
24. This building construction causes serious _____ to residents.
- n. something that interrupts a settled and peaceful condition or that makes someone feel nervous or worried

ANSWERS: 17. decide, 18. blanket, 19. fractures, 20. eruption, 21. hurled, 22. concealed, 23. tossed, 24. disturbance

25. The workers had to _____ the heavy equipment up the staircase to the top floor.
v. to lift or hoist something heavy with effort; to throw or hurl something, often with force; to rise or fall with a rhythmic motion, as in the heaving of the sea
26. His _____ toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.
n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
27. The new building is truly _____ towering over the surrounding buildings.
adj. extremely large and impressive
28. He could no longer tell the difference between _____ and reality.
n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
29. The pandemic was a _____ business opportunity for certain companies.
adj. fairly large in size, value, or importance
30. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
31. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.
n. the ability to see; anything that is seen
32. We drove across the scenic coastal _____ enjoying the beautiful ocean views.
n. a raised road or track, usually made of earth, gravel, or stone, that crosses a low or wetland area
33. Bats reside in sheltered _____.
n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

ANSWERS: 25. heave, 26. insult, 27. colossal, 28. illusion, 29. substantial, 30. flee, 31. sights, 32. causeway, 33. caves

34. I couldn't help but _____ when I heard the scary noise from the dark alleyway.
v. to tremble uncontrollably or convulsively, often due to fear, cold, or intense emotion; to recoil or react strongly to something unpleasant, disturbing, or shocking
35. This study indicates _____ activity affects global warming.
adj. relating to or produced by or consisting of volcano
36. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have
37. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
38. The issue of divorce _____ large in his mind.
v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
39. The car was completely _____ in the accident.
v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
40. She _____ him with sarcastic comments about his lack of success.
v. to tease or ridicule in a challenging manner
41. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.
adj. extremely large or great
42. The eggs began to _____ and the small chicks emerged.
v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

ANSWERS: 34. shudder, 35. volcanic, 36. accord, 37. vast, 38. loomed, 39. crushed, 40. taunted, 41. enormous, 42. hatch,

43. The roaring _____ was so loud that it woke me from sleep.
n. the loud, deep sound made by air expanding along the path of a bolt of lightning; a deep, prolonged loud noise
44. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
45. We went fishing on the calm waters of the _____ enjoying the peacefulness of the surroundings.
n. (originating from Ireland and Scotland) a lake or a bay that is almost surrounded by land
46. Many of the _____ of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.
n. an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
47. The lion _____ loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.
v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
48. Mozart was an _____ prodigy.
n. a baby or very young child
49. The waves are beating against the _____.
n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
50. I received a parcel of great _____.
n. the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something

ANSWERS: 43. thunder, 44. strength, 45. lough, 46. legends, 47. roared, 48. infant, 49. shore, 50. bulk

51. When I heard the news, my whole body _____ with excitement.
- v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
52. The hikers finally reached the _____ after a long climb up the mountain.
- n.* an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress
53. The company signed a _____ with the supplier for the delivery of goods.
- n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
54. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.
- adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
55. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.
- v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
56. The news of the betrayal _____ him.
- v.* to make someone extremely angry
57. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.
- v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
58. The newspaper devoted several _____ to the affair.
- n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

ANSWERS: 51. trembled, 52. plateau, 53. contract, 54. giant, 55. stretch, 56. enraged, 57. marched, 58. columns

59. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
- n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
60. The statement had a _____ impact on house prices.
- adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
61. He interfered with his _____ in various ways during the campaign.
- n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
62. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.
- v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
63. I could hear the seagulls _____ loudly as they flew over the beach.
- v.* to make a loud, harsh, or shrill noise or cry, often in a repetitive or complaining manner; to complain or protest loudly or vehemently
64. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.
- n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
65. The _____ box of books was too heavy to lift on my own.
- adj.* large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance
66. Later it turned out that the politician _____ the fact from the public.
- v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

ANSWERS: 59. myth, 60. dramatic, 61. rivals, 62. disturb, 63. squawk, 64. Doubt, 65. hefty, 66. disguised

67. New parents often _____ their newborns to make them feel secure and comfortable.
- v.* to wrap tightly with cloth or blankets, typically done with infants to provide them with a sense of security and comfort; to restrain or restrict movement by wrapping tightly
68. She carefully _____ the seeds in the garden.
- v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
69. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.
- n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
70. She was filled with a burning _____ at the injustice she had witnessed.
- n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
71. I heard the _____ of his boots in the hallway.
- n.* a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.
72. The _____ suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.
- n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
73. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.
- n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
74. The hikers had to climb over a _____ that was blocking their path.
- n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion

ANSWERS: 67. swaddle, 68. sowed, 69. courage, 70. rage, 71. clump, 72. scot-free, 73. pounds, 74. boulder

ANSWERS: