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Session 1: Word List

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

panhandle

v. to ask for money or donations on the street by holding out a container or sign; to beg for money or support; (noun) a narrow strip of land projecting from a larger territory, typically with a shape resembling the handle of a pan

synonym: beg, solicit, plead

(1) **panhandle** for food, (2) the Texas **panhandle**

I must **panhandle** for money if I can't find a job soon.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym: creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

treadmill

n. a piece of exercise equipment consisting of a moving belt on which the user walks, jogs, or runs in place; a monotonous, repetitive task or activity that feels like it is going nowhere, much like a person walking on a treadmill

synonym: exercise machine, routine

(1) **treadmill** workout, (2) nonstop **treadmill**

I like to watch TV while running on the **treadmill** to pass the time.

obliterate

v. to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory

synonym: destroy, eliminate, erase

(1) **obliterate** all traces, (2) **obliterate** data

The accident at that nuclear power plant **obliterated** the local ecosystem.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

stalk

- v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

synonym : follow, creep up on, (noun) stem

(1) **stalk** of celery, (2) **stalk** from the room

The hunter quietly **stalked** the deer for hours before taking the shot

Renaissance

- n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

synonym : rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

burl

- n.* a type of growth on a tree that develops into a rounded, knotty lump and is often prized for its unique and attractive pattern, used in woodworking and decorative arts

synonym : knob, gnarl, knot

(1) the intricate pattern in the **burl**, (2) **burl** furniture

The **burl** on the tree trunk added character to the table made from it.

inauguration

- n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event

synonym : swearing-in, investiture, initiation

(1) **inauguration** ceremony, (2) presidential **inauguration**

The **inauguration** of the new station was a great success.

chant

- n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym : hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel
The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

captivate

v. to attract and hold the attention or interest of
synonym: enchant, charm, fascinate

(1) **captivate** public sentiment, (2) **captivate** the mind
The magician **captivated** the audience with his illusions.

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.

fresco

n. a painting technique in which water and pigment are applied to wet plaster, producing a durable and luminous image

synonym: mural, painting, wall art

(1) medieval **fresco**, (2) **fresco** secco
The **fresco** paintings in the church were over 500 years old.

monumental

adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

synonym: massive, awesome, enormous

(1) **monumental** task, (2) **monumental** sculpture
Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's **monumental** contributions to physics.

allegory

n. a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals

synonym: fable, apologue, parable

(1) political **allegory**, (2) subtle, multivalent **allegory**
By using this **allegory**, we can teach moral lessons.

legitimacy

n. the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a

reasonable or acceptable reason

synonym : legality, lawfulness, authenticity

(1) democratic **legitimacy**, (2) challenge the **legitimacy**
I'm going to deny the **legitimacy** of his claim.

unrest

n. a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace

synonym : disturbance, agitation, turmoil

(1) **unrest** in the city, (2) cause **unrest**

The recent political **unrest** in the country has led to widespread protests and civil disobedience.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym : conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

majestic

adj. impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately

synonym : grand, stately, regal

(1) a **majestic** figure, (2) a **majestic** sense of purpose

The **majestic** mountain range was a sight to behold.

communion

n. the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

synonym : affinity, intimacy, camaraderie

(1) **communion** with God, (2) spiritual **communion** with nature

We use this tableware in a **communion** service.

tyrant

n. a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

synonym : despot, dictator, autocrat

(1) a domestic **tyrant**, (2) **tyrant** regime

The **tyrant's** rule was marked by oppression and fear.

enthrone

v. to install or seat someone on a throne, thereby making them the official ruler or leader; to elevate someone to a position of power or authority

synonym : crown, inaugurate, dignify

(1) **enthrone** a new leader, (2) **enthrone** a new technology

The king will **enthrone** his son as the next ruler of the kingdom.

concord

n. a state of agreement, harmony, or mutual understanding; a formal agreement or treaty; a musical chord that is in harmony; unity or compatibility in thoughts, opinions, or actions

synonym : agreement, harmony, unity

(1) **concord** agreement, (2) global **concord**

The negotiation resulted in a peaceful **concord** between the two nations.

compatriot

n. a fellow citizen or countryman; someone who belongs to the same country, society, or community as oneself; a person with similar interests, beliefs, or values

synonym : fellow citizen, national, associate

(1) **compatriot** soldier, (2) fellow **compatriot**

My soccer team played against my **compatriot's** team in the local tournament.

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.

reap

v. to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

synonym : collect, harvest, derive

(1) **reap** the benefits, (2) **reap** crops

He **reaped** a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.

plow

n. a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

synonym : plough, cultivator, hoe

(1) **plow** equipment, (2) deeply **plow** the soil

The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the **plow**.

tradesman

n. a person who works in a trade or commerce, such as a craftsman, merchant, or vendor

synonym : artisan, craftsman, worker

(1) successful **tradesman**, (2) a fellow- **tradesman**

The skilled **tradesman** repaired the broken window with ease.

haunting

adj. lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off

synonym : lingering, disturbing, unsettling

(1) **haunting** memory, (2) a **haunting** sense of fear

The song's **haunting** melody stayed with me long after I heard it.

tusk

n. a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging

synonym : ivory, tush, horn

(1) **tusk** of an elephant, (2) **tusk-like** tooth

The ivory poacher was arrested for possession of illegal **tusks**.

braid

n. a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing,

or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration

synonym: plait, twist, weave

(1) **braid** hair, (2) elastic cord **braid**

She always wore her hair in a single **braid** down her back.

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.

shackle

n. a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind

synonym: chains, fetters, handcuffs

(1) **shackle** chains, (2) metal **shackle**

The prisoner wore heavy **shackles** on his wrists and ankles.

sever

v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

synonym: cut apart, separate, detach

(1) **sever** a rope, (2) **sever** a positive relationship

He **severed** a branch from a tree quickly.

antagonist

n. a person, group, or force that opposes or works against the protagonist, or the main character, in a story or drama; a person or thing that is in direct opposition or conflict with another person or group

synonym: opponent, rival, adversary

(1) arch-nemesis **antagonist**, (2) literary **antagonist**

The **antagonist** in the movie is a corrupt government official who obstructed the protagonist's mission.

animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

synonym: invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

avarice

n. an excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or material gain; greediness

synonym: greed, covetousness, rapacity

(1) unbridled **avarice**, (2) his **avarice** knew no bounds

His **avarice** for money led him to make unethical decisions in business.

strongbox

n. a secure and sturdy box or safe used for storing valuable items, money, or documents, often made of metal and equipped with a lock or combination system

synonym: safe, vault, chest

(1) hidden **strongbox**, (2) secure **strongbox**

He stored his valuable possessions in a sturdy **strongbox** for added security.

vainglory

n. excessive or extravagant pride or vanity, especially in one's achievements or abilities; an excessive display or boasting of oneself

synonym: self-importance, conceit, vanity

(1) **vainglory** of success, (2) **vainglory** in achievements

His unbridled **vainglory** led to his downfall as he refused to acknowledge his mistakes.

narcissist

n. a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements

synonym: egotist, boaster, braggart

(1) relationship with a **narcissist**, (2) somatic **narcissist**

He thinks she is a high **narcissist** because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.

treason

n. the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty

to one's country or government

synonym : betrayal, disloyalty, sedition

(1) high **treason**, (2) arrested for **treason**

The rebels were sentenced to death for committing acts of **treason** against the state.

scorpion

n. a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting

synonym : arachnid, stinger

(1) **scorpion** fish, (2) poisonous **scorpion**

The **scorpion's** venom can be lethal to humans.

lull

n. a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation

synonym : calm, stillness, tranquility

(1) **lull** in the battle, (2) the **lull** before the storm

The waves crashing against the shore had a soothing **lull** on the listeners.

flighty

adj. unstable, unpredictable, or easily distracted; impulsive or prone to making hasty decisions

synonym : flaky, erratic, capricious

(1) **flighty** decisions, (2) **flighty** personality

Her **flighty** behavior made it challenging to work with her on a team.

carpenter

n. a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects

synonym : woodworker, artisan

(1) a short **carpenter** nail, (2) an apprentice **carpenter**

Carpenter bees are boring holes into the wall.

chop

v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

synonym :

cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife
The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

fury

n. intense and often violent anger
synonym: rage, wrath, ire

(1) market **fury**, (2) **fury** of the storm
The crowd's **fury** was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.

wield

v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
synonym: exert, manage, handle

(1) **wield** her authority, (2) **wield** a bad influence
They **wielded** enormous power and influence.

heed

v. to pay attention to or take notice of something, particularly a warning or piece of advice; to listen to and comply with something
synonym: notice, attend, listen to

(1) **heed** expert advice, (2) **heed** nature's call
He didn't **heed** the warning signs and got lost in the woods.

tyranny

n. a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
synonym: despotism, oppression, dictatorship

(1) brutal **tyranny**, (2) **tyranny** of the majority
The country was ruled by a **tyranny** that oppressed its citizens.

spectator

n. someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
synonym: onlooker, observer, viewer

(1) mass **spectator** sport, (2) **spectator** seat
She enjoyed watching the game as a **spectator**.

accretion

n. the process of gradual growth or accumulation, particularly of layers or matter building up over time; the result of such a process

synonym : accumulation, buildup, growth

(1) stellar **accretion**, (2) island **accretion**

The rock was formed by the slow **accretion** of sediments over millions of years.

betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

synonym : fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

incitement

n. the act of encouraging, urging, or provoking someone to engage in a particular action, often of a negative or controversial nature; the act of stimulating or arousing strong emotions or reactions

synonym : provocation, stimulation, encouragement

(1) political **incitement**, (2) **incitement** to hatred

His speech was seen as an **incitement** to violence among the protestors.

unconstitutional

adj. not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state

synonym : illegal, unlawful, invalid

(1) **unconstitutional** violation, (2) **unconstitutional** action

The law was determined to be **unconstitutional** by the court.

froth

n. a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather

synonym: foam, lather

(1) beer **froth**, (2) **froth** in the ocean

The cappuccino was topped with **froth**, making it look like a work of art.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
2. unbridled av_____e *n.* an excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or material gain; greediness
3. island ac_____on *n.* the process of gradual growth or accumulation, particularly of layers or matter building up over time; the result of such a process
4. se__r a rope *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
5. a fellow-tr_____an *n.* a person who works in a trade or commerce, such as a craftsman, merchant, or vendor
6. fr__h in the ocean *n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather
7. t__k of an elephant *n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
8. inc_____nt to hatred *n.* the act of encouraging, urging, or provoking someone to engage in a particular action, often of a negative or controversial nature; the act of stimulating or arousing strong emotions or reactions

ANSWERS: 1. chant, 2. avarice, 3. accretion, 4. sever, 5. tradesman, 6. froth, 7. tusk, 8. incitement

9. c__p wood *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
10. ov_____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
11. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
12. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
13. the Texas pa_____le *v.* to ask for money or donations on the street by holding out a container or sign; to beg for money or support; (noun) a narrow strip of land projecting from a larger territory, typically with a shape resembling the handle of a pan
14. fl_____y personality *adj.* unstable, unpredictable, or easily distracted; impulsive or prone to making hasty decisions
15. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
16. brutal ty_____y *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
17. a domestic ty____t *n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

ANSWERS: 9. chop, 10. overwhelm, 11. tweet, 12. chant, 13. panhandle, 14. flighty, 15. trump, 16. tyranny, 17. tyrant

18. beer fr__h *n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather
19. arrested for tr____n *n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government
20. he was ov____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
21. ty____y of the majority *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
22. deeply p__w the soil *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
23. h__d nature's call *v.* to pay attention to or take notice of something, particularly a warning or piece of advice; to listen to and comply with something
24. ca____te public sentiment *v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of
25. in__t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

ANSWERS: 18. froth, 19. treason, 20. overwhelm, 21. tyranny, 22. plow, 23. heed, 24. captivate, 25. infect

26. tr_____ll workout *n.* a piece of exercise equipment consisting of a moving belt on which the user walks, jogs, or runs in place; a monotonous, repetitive task or activity that feels like it is going nowhere, much like a person walking on a treadmill
27. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
28. sp_____or seat *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
29. cause un___t *n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
30. democratic leg_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
31. a ma_____ic sense of purpose *adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
32. ta__t him with cowardice *v.* to tease or ridicule in a challenging manner
33. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
34. un___t in the city *n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
35. f__y of the storm *n.* intense and often violent anger
36. be___y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

ANSWERS: 26. treadmill, 27. tweet, 28. spectator, 29. unrest, 30. legitimacy, 31. majestic, 32. taunt, 33. trump, 34. unrest, 35. fury, 36. betray

37. an____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
38. medieval fr____o *n.* a painting technique in which water and pigment are applied to wet plaster, producing a durable and luminous image
39. ex____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
40. mass sp____or sport *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
41. co____d agreement *n.* a state of agreement, harmony, or mutual understanding; a formal agreement or treaty; a musical chord that is in harmony; unity or compatibility in thoughts, opinions, or actions
42. somatic nar____st *n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
43. arch-nemesis ant____st *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or works against the protagonist, or the main character, in a story or drama; a person or thing that is in direct opposition or conflict with another person or group
44. unc____nal violation *adj.* not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state
45. ty____t regime *n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

ANSWERS: 37. animate, 38. fresco, 39. excite, 40. spectator, 41. concord, 42. narcissist, 43. antagonist, 44. unconstitutional, 45. tyrant

46. s_w wheat in a field *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
47. obl_____te all traces *v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
48. presidential ina_____ion *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
49. fellow com_____ot *n.* a fellow citizen or countryman; someone who belongs to the same country, society, or community as oneself; a person with similar interests, beliefs, or values
50. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
51. ca_____te the mind *v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of
52. wi__d her authority *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
53. political inc_____nt *n.* the act of encouraging, urging, or provoking someone to engage in a particular action, often of a negative or controversial nature; the act of stimulating or arousing strong emotions or reactions
54. he_____ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

ANSWERS: 46. sow, 47. obliterate, 48. inauguration, 49. compatriot, 50. betray, 51. captivate, 52. wield, 53. incitement, 54. helpless

55. b__l furniture *n.* a type of growth on a tree that develops into a rounded, knotty lump and is often prized for its unique and attractive pattern, used in woodworking and decorative arts
56. wi__d a bad influence *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
57. r__p crops *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
58. mon_____al sculpture *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
59. r__p the benefits *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
60. obl_____te data *v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
61. pa_____le for food *v.* to ask for money or donations on the street by holding out a container or sign; to beg for money or support; (noun) a narrow strip of land projecting from a larger territory, typically with a shape resembling the handle of a pan
62. global co_____d *n.* a state of agreement, harmony, or mutual understanding; a formal agreement or treaty; a musical chord that is in harmony; unity or compatibility in thoughts, opinions, or actions

ANSWERS: 55. burl, 56. wield, 57. reap, 58. monumental, 59. reap, 60. obliterate, 61. panhandle, 62. concord

63. co_____on with God *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
64. c__p a meet with a knife *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
65. high tr_____n *n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government
66. fl_____y decisions *adj.* unstable, unpredictable, or easily distracted; impulsive or prone to making hasty decisions
67. va_____ry in achievements *n.* excessive or extravagant pride or vanity, especially in one's achievements or abilities; an excessive display or boasting of oneself
68. ob____s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
69. sh_____e chains *n.* a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind
70. ta__t the losing team *v.* to tease or ridicule in a challenging manner
71. political al_____ry *n.* a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals

ANSWERS: 63. communion, 64. chop, 65. treason, 66. flighty, 67. vainglory, 68. obsess, 69. shackle, 70. taunt, 71. allegory

72. elastic cord br__d
n. a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration
73. l__l in the battle
n. a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation
74. he____ss baby
adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
75. his av____e knew no bounds
n. an excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or material gain; greediness
76. artistic ren____ce
n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
77. an apprentice ca____er
n. a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects
78. ha____ng memory
adj. lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
79. fr___o secco
n. a painting technique in which water and pigment are applied to wet plaster, producing a durable and luminous image
80. ex___e rebellion
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 72. braid, 73. lull, 74. helpless, 75. avarice, 76. Renaissance, 77. carpenter, 78. haunting, 79. fresco, 80. excite

81. com_____ot soldier *n.* a fellow citizen or countryman; someone who belongs to the same country, society, or community as oneself; a person with similar interests, beliefs, or values
82. relationship with a nar_____st *n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
83. the intricate pattern in the b__l *n.* a type of growth on a tree that develops into a rounded, knotty lump and is often prized for its unique and attractive pattern, used in woodworking and decorative arts
84. p__w equipment *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
85. secure st_____ox *n.* a secure and sturdy box or safe used for storing valuable items, money, or documents, often made of metal and equipped with a lock or combination system
86. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
87. nonstop tr_____ll *n.* a piece of exercise equipment consisting of a moving belt on which the user walks, jogs, or runs in place; a monotonous, repetitive task or activity that feels like it is going nowhere, much like a person walking on a treadmill

ANSWERS: 81. compatriot, 82. narcissist, 83. burl, 84. plow, 85. strongbox, 86. sneak, 87. treadmill

88. ina_____ion ceremony *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
89. s_w discord *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
90. industrial ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
91. an_____e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
92. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
93. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
94. the l__l before the storm *n.* a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation
95. sn__k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
96. metal sh_____e *n.* a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind

ANSWERS: 88. inauguration, 89. sow, 90. Renaissance, 91. animate, 92. disrupt, 93. obsess, 94. lull, 95. sneak, 96. shackle

97. spiritual co_____on with nature *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
98. mon_____al task *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
99. t__k-like tooth *n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
100. st__k from the room *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
101. literary ant_____st *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or works against the protagonist, or the main character, in a story or drama; a person or thing that is in direct opposition or conflict with another person or group
102. market f__y *n.* intense and often violent anger
103. a ma_____ic figure *adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
104. en_____ne a new leader *v.* to install or seat someone on a throne, thereby making them the official ruler or leader; to elevate someone to a position of power or authority

ANSWERS: 97. communion, 98. monumental, 99. tusk, 100. stalk, 101. antagonist, 102. fury, 103. majestic, 104. enthrone

105. successful tr_____an *n.* a person who works in a trade or commerce, such as a craftsman, merchant, or vendor
106. challenge the leg_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
107. br__d hair *n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration
108. hidden st_____ox *n.* a secure and sturdy box or safe used for storing valuable items, money, or documents, often made of metal and equipped with a lock or combination system
109. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
110. poisonous sc_____on *n.* a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting
111. in____t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
112. se__r a positive relationship *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

ANSWERS: 105. tradesman, 106. legitimacy, 107. braid, 108. strongbox, 109. disrupt, 110. scorpion, 111. infect, 112. sever

113. en____ne a new technology *v.* to install or seat someone on a throne, thereby making them the official ruler or leader; to elevate someone to a position of power or authority
114. st__k of celery *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
115. va_____ry of success *n.* excessive or extravagant pride or vanity, especially in one's achievements or abilities; an excessive display or boasting of oneself
116. a ha_____ng sense of fear *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
117. sc_____on fish *n.* a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting
118. a short ca_____er nail *n.* a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects
119. subtle, multivalent al_____ry *n.* a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals
120. h__d expert advice *v.* to pay attention to or take notice of something, particularly a warning or piece of advice; to listen to and comply with something

ANSWERS: 113. enthrone, 114. stalk, 115. vainglory, 116. haunting, 117. scorpion, 118. carpenter, 119. allegory, 120. heed

121. stellar ac_____on

n. the process of gradual growth or accumulation, particularly of layers or matter building up over time; the result of such a process

122. unc_____nal action

adj. not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state

ANSWERS: 121. accretion, 122. unconstitutional

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His _____ for money led him to make unethical decisions in business.
n. an excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or material gain; greediness
2. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
3. The song's _____ melody stayed with me long after I heard it.
adj. lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
4. He stored his valuable possessions in a sturdy _____ for added security.
n. a secure and sturdy box or safe used for storing valuable items, money, or documents, often made of metal and equipped with a lock or combination system
5. He _____ a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.
v. to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
6. My soccer team played against my _____ team in the local tournament.
n. a fellow citizen or countryman; someone who belongs to the same country, society, or community as oneself; a person with similar interests, beliefs, or values
7. The cook _____ the vegetables for the soup.
v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

ANSWERS: 1. avarice, 2. disrupt, 3. haunting, 4. strongbox, 5. reaped, 6. compatriot's, 7. chopped

8. _____ bees are boring holes into the wall.
n. a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects
9. His speech was seen as an _____ to violence among the protestors.
n. the act of encouraging, urging, or provoking someone to engage in a particular action, often of a negative or controversial nature; the act of stimulating or arousing strong emotions or reactions
10. The ivory poacher was arrested for possession of illegal _____.
n. a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
11. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
12. The _____ on the tree trunk added character to the table made from it.
n. a type of growth on a tree that develops into a rounded, knotty lump and is often prized for its unique and attractive pattern, used in woodworking and decorative arts
13. The law was determined to be _____ by the court.
adj. not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state
14. By using this _____ we can teach moral lessons.
n. a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals
15. He _____ a branch from a tree quickly.
v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

ANSWERS: 8. Carpenter, 9. incitement, 10. tusks, 11. excited, 12. burl, 13. unconstitutional, 14. allegory, 15. severed

16. The king will _____ his son as the next ruler of the kingdom.

- v. to install or seat someone on a throne, thereby making them the official ruler or leader; to elevate someone to a position of power or authority

17. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

- v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

18. They _____ enormous power and influence.

- v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

19. He didn't _____ the warning signs and got lost in the woods.

- v. to pay attention to or take notice of something, particularly a warning or piece of advice; to listen to and comply with something

20. She always wore her hair in a single _____ down her back.

- n. a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration

21. The prisoner wore heavy _____ on his wrists and ankles.

- n. a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind

22. The _____ mountain range was a sight to behold.

- adj. impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately

23. He felt _____ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

- v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

ANSWERS: 16. enthrone, 17. obsessed, 18. wielded, 19. heed, 20. braid, 21. shackles, 22. majestic, 23. betrayed

24. The soccer game crowd broke into a _____ of "Go, team, go!"
- n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
25. The _____ paintings in the church were over 500 years old.
- n.* a painting technique in which water and pigment are applied to wet plaster, producing a durable and luminous image
26. The negotiation resulted in a peaceful _____ between the two nations.
- n.* a state of agreement, harmony, or mutual understanding; a formal agreement or treaty; a musical chord that is in harmony; unity or compatibility in thoughts, opinions, or actions
27. The waves crashing against the shore had a soothing _____ on the listeners.
- n.* a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation
28. She enjoyed watching the game as a _____.
- n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
29. The rock was formed by the slow _____ of sediments over millions of years.
- n.* the process of gradual growth or accumulation, particularly of layers or matter building up over time; the result of such a process
30. The _____ of the new station was a great success.
- n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event

ANSWERS: 24. chant, 25. fresco, 26. concord, 27. lull, 28. spectator, 29. accretion, 30. inauguration

31. I like to watch TV while running on the _____ to pass the time.
- n.* a piece of exercise equipment consisting of a moving belt on which the user walks, jogs, or runs in place; a monotonous, repetitive task or activity that feels like it is going nowhere, much like a person walking on a treadmill
32. The magician _____ the audience with his illusions.
- v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of
33. His unbridled _____ led to his downfall as he refused to acknowledge his mistakes.
- n.* excessive or extravagant pride or vanity, especially in one's achievements or abilities; an excessive display or boasting of oneself
34. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.
- v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
35. He thinks she is a high _____ because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.
- n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
36. Her _____ behavior made it challenging to work with her on a team.
- adj.* unstable, unpredictable, or easily distracted; impulsive or prone to making hasty decisions
37. The recent political _____ in the country has led to widespread protests and civil disobedience.
- n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace

ANSWERS: 31. treadmill, 32. captivated, 33. vainglory, 34. overwhelm, 35. narcissist, 36. flighty, 37. unrest

38. I'm going to deny the _____ of his claim.

- n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason

39. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.

- n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

40. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.

- v.* to make something full of interest and energy

41. The _____ rule was marked by oppression and fear.

- n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

42. She _____ him with sarcastic comments about his lack of success.

- v.* to tease or ridicule in a challenging manner

43. The children tried to _____ out and eat the candy.

- v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

44. Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's _____ contributions to physics.

- adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

45. The _____ in the movie is a corrupt government official who obstructed the protagonist's mission.

- n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or works against the protagonist, or the main character, in a story or drama; a person or thing that is in direct opposition or conflict with another person or group

ANSWERS: 38. legitimacy, 39. tweet, 40. animated, 41. tyrant's, 42. taunted, 43. sneak, 44. monumental, 45. antagonist

46. The hunter quietly _____ the deer for hours before taking the shot
- v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
47. The skilled _____ repaired the broken window with ease.
- n.* a person who works in a trade or commerce, such as a craftsman, merchant, or vendor
48. The cappuccino was topped with _____ making it look like a work of art.
- n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather
49. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.
- v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
50. The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the _____.
- n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
51. The rebels were sentenced to death for committing acts of _____ against the state.
- n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government
52. The country was ruled by a _____ that oppressed its citizens.
- n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

ANSWERS: 46. stalked, 47. tradesman, 48. froth, 49. infect, 50. plow, 51. treason, 52. tyranny

53. The accident at that nuclear power plant _____ the local ecosystem.
- v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
54. The crowd's _____ was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.
- n.* intense and often violent anger
55. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
- n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
56. 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
57. Folk music is now experiencing a _____.
- n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
58. I feel so _____ without you.
- adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
59. I must _____ for money if I can't find a job soon.
- v.* to ask for money or donations on the street by holding out a container or sign; to beg for money or support; (noun) a narrow strip of land projecting from a larger territory, typically with a shape resembling the handle of a pan
60. The _____ venom can be lethal to humans.
- n.* a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting

ANSWERS: 53. obliterated, 54. fury, 55. trump, 56. sowed, 57. renaissance, 58. helpless, 59. panhandle, 60. scorpion's

61. We use this tableware in a _____ service.

- n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings;
(Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

ANSWERS: 61. communion