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Session 1: Word List

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

Christ

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

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

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

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

atheist

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

synonym : nonbeliever, unbeliever, secularist

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

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

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym : deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question

her beliefs and values.

apprehend

v. to arrest or capture a person suspected of a crime; to understand or perceive something; to feel anxious or fearful about something happening in the future

synonym: capture, arrest, seize

(1) **apprehend** the meaning, (2) **apprehend** a criminal

The police were able to **apprehend** the suspect after a high-speed chase.

primordial

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

synonym: ancient, original, primary

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

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

supremacy

n. the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

synonym: dominance, superiority, preeminence

(1) a race for **supremacy**, (2) **supremacy** of a country

The empire's military power ensured its **supremacy** over the neighboring states.

caste

n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

synonym: class, social group, status group

(1) military **caste**, (2) **caste-based** discrimination

He was born into a lower **caste** and faced discrimination throughout his life.

vitality

n. the state of being strong and active; energy

synonym: energy, life, vigor

(1) **vitality** of youth, (2) the **vitality** of the company

The new gym membership has improved his **vitality** and

overall health.

deity

n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

synonym: god, goddess, divine being

(1) existence of a **deity**, (2) **deity** of commerce

The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun **deity** Ra was the most powerful god.

mystification

n. the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate

synonym: puzzle, perplexity, confusion

(1) **mystification** of the public, (2) **mystification** of the subject

The magician's tricks were a source of **mystification** for the audience.

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.

rapacious

adj. aggressively greedy or grasping, often about money or resources; devouring or predacious in nature

synonym: greedy, predatory, acquisitive

(1) **rapacious** appetite, (2) **rapacious** behavior

The **rapacious** CEO made millions while exploiting his workers.

oppress

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

synonym: antagonize, distress, burden

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

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

condense

v. to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

synonym: compress, compact, shorten

(1) **condense** the text, (2) **condense** water vapor

I need to **condense** all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym: interlink, complect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

unequal

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

synonym: unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

Nazi

n. a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs

synonym: fascist, authoritarian, dictator

(1) **Nazi** regime, (2) neo- **Nazi** movement

The **Nazi** party was responsible for atrocities committed

during World War II.

leaflet

n. a small, thin piece of paper or other material, often used for advertising or informational purposes; a small branch or part of a leaf

synonym : pamphlet, brochure, flier

(1) information **leaflet**, (2) political **leaflet**

The environmental group handed out **leaflets** to raise awareness of the dangers of deforestation.

shave

v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

synonym : trim, cut down, prune

(1) **shave** my head, (2) **shave** cheese

That supermarket tried to **shave** certain costs by saving electricity.

placard

n. a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement

synonym : poster, sign, billboard

(1) **placard** campaign, (2) warning **placard**

The protesters held a **placard** with their political message.

fascist

adj. relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties

synonym : authoritarian, dictatorial, totalitarian

(1) **fascist** propaganda, (2) **fascist** policies

The regime was accused of being **fascist** for their oppressive tactics.

scout

n. a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

synonym :

scoutmaster, explorer, surveyor

(1) boy **scout**, (2) **scout** troop

The company sent a **scout** to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym: renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

transnational

adj. relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions

synonym: international, global, cross-border

(1) **transnational** migration, (2) **transnational** crime

The company operates as a **transnational** corporation, with offices and operations in multiple countries.

spokesperson

n. a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public

synonym: representative, interpreter, mouthpiece

(1) company **spokesperson**, (2) official **spokesperson**

The celebrity **spokesperson** made an appearance at the product launch event.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym: Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

Catholic

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

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church
Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

jihad

n. a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle

synonym : struggle, holy war, crusade

(1) **jihad** of knowledge, (2) nonviolent **jihad**

Many scholars argue that the true meaning of **jihad** is to strive for personal betterment and to defend justice and peace.

profane

adj. showing disrespect towards what is considered sacred or holy; relating to secular or non-religious matters; vulgar or obscene in language or behavior

synonym : sacrilegious, blasphemous, impious

(1) **profane** gesture, (2) **profane** jokes

The **profane** language in the movie made it unsuitable for children.

impure

adj. mixed with other substances or foreign matter; (of persons or behaviors) immoral or obscene, especially in sexual matters

synonym : contaminated, polluted, unclean

(1) **impure** water, (2) **impure** thoughts

In some religions, pork is deemed **impure**.

blasphemy

n. action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion

synonym : desecration, impiety, heresy

(1) commit **blasphemy**, (2) **blasphemy** against the law

It is **blasphemy** to say such a thing.

apocalyptic

adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

synonym : fateful, prophetic, ominous

(1) **apocalyptic** event, (2) have **apocalyptic** overtones

The **apocalyptic** landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

forgery

n. the act of creating a fake or false document, object, or currency to deceive or defraud others; the item that has been created in such a way

synonym : counterfeit, fake, imitation

(1) **forgery** scam, (2) passport **forgery**

The art museum was forced to close down temporarily due to concerns over **forgery** in their collection.

envision

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

synonym : anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

appalling

adj. causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant

synonym : shocking, horrifying, alarming

(1) **appalling** crimes, (2) **appalling** behavior

The condition of that old house was **appalling**.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym : formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

mosque

n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

shrine

n. a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship

synonym: altar, temple, monument

(1) **shrine** temple, (2) religious **shrine**

The holy **shrine** to the local saint was a popular place for pilgrims to visit.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

synonym: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym: joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

dictate

v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

synonym: read out, prescribe, order

(1) **dictate** a letter to secretary, (2) **dictate** to the associate

The allies **dictated** the terms of surrender to the country.

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.

fundamentalist

n. a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

synonym: extremist, zealot, hardliner

(1) **fundamentalist** church, (2) political **fundamentalist**

He is a religious **fundamentalist** and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.

timeless

adj. not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion

synonym: dateless, everlasting, imperishable

(1) **timeless** masterpiece, (2) **timeless** topic

There is a **timeless** aspect to his most remarkable work.

pristine

adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination

synonym: chaste, pure, immaculate

(1) **pristine** beach, (2) maintain the **pristine** condition

It is terrific to camp in **pristine** nature.

impermanent

adj. not lasting or enduring; temporary, transitory, or fleeting

synonym: temporary, fleeting

(1) **impermanent** tattoo, (2) **impermanent** hair color

The **impermanent** nature of life should remind us to cherish every moment.

expansive

adj. large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk

synonym: large, extensive, vast

(1) with an **expansive** spirit, (2) **expansive** ocean views

The company has an **expansive** network of offices and locations around the world.

aspire

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

synonym: aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection
She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

offend

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
synonym: insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer
His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

nationalist

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

synonym: chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt
The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

puzzled

adj. confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

synonym: confused, perplexed, bewildered

(1) **puzzled** expression, (2) **puzzled** by the question
She was **puzzled** by the strange behavior of her cat.

womb

n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

synonym: uterus, matrice

(1) tumor of **womb**, (2) **womb** transplant
The fertilized egg implanted itself in the **womb**.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym: intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy
I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for

voluntary liquidation.

headquarter

n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

synonym: base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency

headquarter

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

dismal

adj. depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

synonym: gloomy, depressing, dreary

(1) **dismal** failure, (2) **dismal** performance

The weather was so **dismal** that we decided to stay indoors all day.

hark

v. to recall, to return, or to revert, especially to an earlier time, situation, or condition; to listen attentively; to pay close attention to something

synonym: listen, heed, obey

(1) **hark** to the wind in the trees, (2) **hark** forward to a time of peace

The new smartphone's design **harks** back to the original model, which was much simpler and compact.

cling

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

synonym: stick, adhere, attach

(1) **cling** onto power, (2) **cling** tightly to the skin

He **clings** to the hope that he will find a job soon.

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

heretical

adj. departing from or opposite to accepted beliefs, standards, or principles of a particular religion

synonym : contrary, unorthodox, profane

(1) regard the view as **heretical**, (2) advocate a **heretical** doctrine

I made the **heretical** suggestion that it might be better to withdraw from the business.

ruthlessly

adv. without compassion or pity; mercilessly

synonym : mercilessly, brutally, cruelly

(1) **ruthlessly** efficient, (2) judge **ruthlessly**

He **ruthlessly** cut ties with anyone who crossed him.

banish

v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

synonym : exile, deport, expel

(1) **banish** doubt, (2) **banish** my wrinkles

The queen **banished** the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

Session 2: Spelling

1. obl_____te all traces *v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
2. sh__e my head *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
3. ra_____us appetite *adj.* aggressively greedy or grasping, often about money or resources; devouring or predacious in nature
4. cl__g tightly to the skin *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
5. re_____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
6. the Ca_____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
7. sh__e cheese *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
8. di___l failure *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
9. de__y of commerce *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
10. a race for su_____cy *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

ANSWERS: 1. obliterate, 2. shave, 3. rapacious, 4. cling, 5. recreate, 6. Catholic, 7. shave, 8. dismal, 9. deity, 10. supremacy

11. sh___e temple *n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship
12. pu____d by the question *adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
13. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
14. domed mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
15. nat_____st sentiment *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
16. ap_____ng crimes *adj.* causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant
17. maintain the pr____ne condition *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
18. rut_____ly efficient *adv.* without compassion or pity; mercilessly
19. ti_____ss masterpiece *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
20. mys_____ion of the subject *n.* the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
21. at____t belief *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

ANSWERS: 11. shrine, 12. puzzled, 13. Jewish, 14. mosque, 15. nationalist, 16. appalling, 17. pristine, 18. ruthlessly, 19. timeless, 20. mystification, 21. atheist

22. with an ex_____ve spirit *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
23. sc__t troop *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
24. official spo_____son *n.* a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public
25. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
26. tra_____nal crime *adj.* relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions
27. pr___h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
28. pr_____e jokes *adj.* showing disrespect towards what is considered sacred or holy; relating to secular or non-religious matters; vulgar or obscene in language or behavior
29. di_____se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
30. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother

ANSWERS: 22. expansive, 23. scout, 24. spokesperson, 25. recreate, 26. transnational, 27. preach, 28. profane, 29. disguise, 30. grandparent

31. existence of a de__y *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
32. su_____cy of a country *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
33. information le_____t *n.* a small, thin piece of paper or other material, often used for advertising or informational purposes; a small branch or part of a leaf
34. military ca__e *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
35. fo_____y scam *n.* the act of creating a fake or false document, object, or currency to deceive or defraud others; the item that has been created in such a way
36. en_____on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
37. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
38. human activities int_____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
39. w__b transplant *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
40. ap_____nd a criminal *v.* to arrest or capture a person suspected of a crime; to understand or perceive something; to feel anxious or fearful about something happening in the future

ANSWERS: 31. deity, 32. supremacy, 33. leaflet, 34. caste, 35. forgery, 36. envision, 37. profoundly, 38. interconnect, 39. womb, 40. apprehend

41. pl_____d campaign *n.* a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement
42. ap_____nd the meaning *v.* to arrest or capture a person suspected of a crime; to understand or perceive something; to feel anxious or fearful about something happening in the future
43. commit bl_____my *n.* action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion
44. an emergency hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
45. pr____h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
46. pri_____al gas *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
47. ti_____ss topic *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
48. di_____e to the associate *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
49. as____e after perfection *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
50. tra_____nal migration *adj.* relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions

ANSWERS: 41. placard, 42. apprehend, 43. blasphemy, 44. headquarter, 45. preach, 46. primordial, 47. timeless, 48. dictate, 49. aspire, 50. transnational

51. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
52. fun_____ist church *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
53. nonviolent ji__d *n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle
54. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
55. nat_____st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
56. pr_____e gesture *adj.* showing disrespect towards what is considered sacred or holy; relating to secular or non-religious matters; vulgar or obscene in language or behavior
57. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
58. un_____l distribution *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
59. as___e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
60. neo-N__i movement *n.* a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs

ANSWERS: 51. creditor, 52. fundamentalist, 53. jihad, 54. grandparent, 55. nationalist, 56. profane, 57. pun, 58. unequal, 59. aspire, 60. Nazi

61. have apo_____ic overtones *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
62. fa_____t policies *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
63. the sacred mo_____e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
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65. of____d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
66. pr_____ne beach *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
67. in____e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
68. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
69. judge rut_____ly *adv.* without compassion or pity; mercilessly
70. imp_____nt hair color *adj.* not lasting or enduring; temporary, transitory, or fleeting
71. di____l performance *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

ANSWERS: 61. apocalyptic, 62. fascist, 63. mosque, 64. spokesperson, 65. offend, 66. pristine, 67. invade, 68. creditor, 69. ruthlessly, 70. impermanent, 71. dismal

72. ra_____us behavior *adj.* aggressively greedy or grasping, often about money or resources; devouring or predacious in nature
73. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
74. im___e thoughts *adj.* mixed with other substances or foreign matter; (of persons or behaviors) immoral or obscene, especially in sexual matters
75. op_____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
76. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
77. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
78. ex_____ve ocean views *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
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80. ca_____ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

ANSWERS: 72. rapacious, 73. institutionalize, 74. impure, 75. oppress, 76. Jewish, 77. confuse, 78. expansive, 79. jihad, 80. Catholic

81. fa____t propaganda *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
82. advocate a he_____al doctrine *adj.* departing from or opposite to accepted beliefs, standards, or principles of a particular religion
83. h__k to the wind in the trees *v.* to recall, to return, or to revert, especially to an earlier time, situation, or condition; to listen attentively; to pay close attention to something
84. sleep pro_____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
85. im___e water *adj.* mixed with other substances or foreign matter; (of persons or behaviors) immoral or obscene, especially in sexual matters
86. boy sc__t *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
87. di_____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
88. ba___h doubt *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
89. h__k forward to a time of peace *v.* to recall, to return, or to revert, especially to an earlier time, situation, or condition; to listen attentively; to pay close attention to something

ANSWERS: 81. fascist, 82. heretical, 83. hark, 84. profoundly, 85. impure, 86. scout, 87. disguise, 88. banish, 89. hark

90. teaching of Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
91. co_____se water vapor *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
92. op_____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
93. passport fo_____y *n.* the act of creating a fake or false document, object, or currency to deceive or defraud others; the item that has been created in such a way
94. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
95. the vi_____ty of the company *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
96. un_____l opportunity *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
97. co_____se the text *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
98. directly int_____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
99. political fun_____ist *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

ANSWERS: 90. Christ, 91. condense, 92. oppress, 93. forgery, 94. confuse, 95. vitality, 96. unequal, 97. condense, 98. interconnect, 99. fundamentalist

100. of ___d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
101. warning pl _____d *n.* a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement
102. en _____ on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
103. at _____t community *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
104. in _____e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
105. administrative hea _____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
106. a sk _____al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
107. vi _____ty of youth *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
108. pri _____al forms of life *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
109. regard the view as he _____al *adj.* departing from or opposite to accepted beliefs, standards, or principles of a particular religion
110. before Ch _____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 100. offend, 101. placard, 102. envision, 103. atheist, 104. invade, 105. headquarter, 106. skeptical, 107. vitality, 108. primordial, 109. heretical, 110. Christ

111. di____e a letter to secretary *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
112. apo____ic event *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
113. cl__g onto power *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
114. political le____t *n.* a small, thin piece of paper or other material, often used for advertising or informational purposes; a small branch or part of a leaf
115. bl____my against the law *n.* action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion
116. N__i regime *n.* a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs
117. ap____ng behavior *adj.* causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant
118. religious sh____e *n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship

ANSWERS: 111. dictate, 112. apocalyptic, 113. cling, 114. leaflet, 115. blasphemy, 116. Nazi, 117. appalling, 118. shrine

119. pu____d expression *adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
120. obl_____te data *v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
121. mys_____ion of the public *n.* the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
122. imp_____nt tattoo *adj.* not lasting or enduring; temporary, transitory, or fleeting
123. tumor of w__b *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
124. ca__e-based discrimination *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
125. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
126. ba___h my wrinkles *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
127. sk_____al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
128. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

ANSWERS: 119. puzzled, 120. obliterate, 121. mystification, 122. impermanent, 123. womb, 124. caste, 125. institutionalize, 126. banish, 127. skeptical, 128. pun

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The empire's military power ensured its _____ over the neighboring states.
n. the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

2. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.
v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

3. In some religions, pork is deemed _____.
adj. mixed with other substances or foreign matter; (of persons or behaviors) immoral or obscene, especially in sexual matters

4. The new gym membership has improved his _____ and overall health.
n. the state of being strong and active; energy

5. We cannot _____ her as President.
v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

6. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

7. The _____ party was responsible for atrocities committed during World War II.
n. a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs

8. The queen _____ the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.
v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

ANSWERS: 1. supremacy, 2. preached, 3. impure, 4. vitality, 5. envision, 6. creditor, 7. Nazi, 8. banished

9. The company sent a _____ to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.
- n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
10. The environmental group handed out _____ to raise awareness of the dangers of deforestation.
- n.* a small, thin piece of paper or other material, often used for advertising or informational purposes; a small branch or part of a leaf
11. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.
- v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
12. The new smartphone's design _____ back to the original model, which was much simpler and compact.
- v.* to recall, to return, or to revert, especially to an earlier time, situation, or condition; to listen attentively; to pay close attention to something
13. The weather was so _____ that we decided to stay indoors all day.
- adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
14. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
15. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.
- v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

ANSWERS: 9. scout, 10. leaflets, 11. aspired, 12. harks, 13. dismal, 14. Christmas, 15. invade

16. The condition of that old house was _____.

adj. causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant

17. The allies _____ the terms of surrender to the country.

v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

18. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

19. 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

20. The fertilized egg implanted itself in the _____.

n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

21. Jumeirah _____ is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

22. The police were able to _____ the suspect after a high-speed chase.

v. to arrest or capture a person suspected of a crime; to understand or perceive something; to feel anxious or fearful about something happening in the future

23. The _____ nature of life should remind us to cherish every moment.

adj. not lasting or enduring; temporary, transitory, or fleeting

ANSWERS: 16. appalling, 17. dictated, 18. pun, 19. disguised, 20. womb, 21. Mosque, 22. apprehend, 23. impermanent

24. There is a _____ aspect to his most remarkable work.
adj. not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
25. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.
v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
26. He _____ cut ties with anyone who crossed him.
adv. without compassion or pity; mercilessly
27. 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
28. The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun _____ Ra was the most powerful god.
n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
29. I made the _____ suggestion that it might be better to withdraw from the business.
adj. departing from or opposite to accepted beliefs, standards, or principles of a particular religion
30. The celebrity _____ made an appearance at the product launch event.
n. a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public
31. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

ANSWERS: 24. timeless, 25. recreated, 26. ruthlessly, 27. obliterated, 28. deity, 29. heretical, 30. spokesperson, 31. Jewish

32. He is a religious _____ and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.
- n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
33. The _____ rally attracted thousands of supporters.
- adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
34. The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly _____.
- adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
35. The company has an _____ network of offices and locations around the world.
- adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
36. The _____ CEO made millions while exploiting his workers.
- adj.* aggressively greedy or grasping, often about money or resources; devouring or predacious in nature
37. The art museum was forced to close down temporarily due to concerns over _____ in their collection.
- n.* the act of creating a fake or false document, object, or currency to deceive or defraud others; the item that has been created in such a way
38. The novel affected her _____ causing her to question her beliefs and values.
- adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
39. The company decided to move its _____ to New York City.
- n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

ANSWERS: 32. fundamentalist, 33. nationalist, 34. unequal, 35. expansive, 36. rapacious, 37. forgery, 38. profoundly, 39. headquarters

40. The _____ language in the movie made it unsuitable for children.
adj. showing disrespect towards what is considered sacred or holy; relating to secular or non-religious matters; vulgar or obscene in language or behavior
41. His rude comments _____ many people at the party.
v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
42. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.
n. a parent of one's father or mother
43. The company operates as a _____ corporation, with offices and operations in multiple countries.
adj. relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions
44. She was _____ by the strange behavior of her cat.
adj. confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
45. The magician's tricks were a source of _____ for the audience.
n. the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
46. The _____ landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.
adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
47. The holy _____ to the local saint was a popular place for pilgrims to visit.
n. a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship

ANSWERS: 40. profane, 41. offended, 42. grandparents, 43. transnational, 44. puzzled, 45. mystification, 46. apocalyptic, 47. shrine

48. The protesters held a _____ with their political message.

- n.* a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement

49. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly _____.

- adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful

50. He was born into a lower _____ and faced discrimination throughout his life.

- n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

51. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.

- v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

52. I need to _____ all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.

- v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

53. That supermarket tried to _____ certain costs by saving electricity.

- v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

54. It is _____ to say such a thing.

- n.* action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion

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

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

ANSWERS: 48. placard, 49. skeptical, 50. caste, 51. institutionalize, 52. condense, 53. shave, 54. blasphemy, 55. oppressed

56. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.

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

57. Our system can now _____ with other databases.

v. to connect similar things

58. It is terrific to camp in _____ nature.

adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination

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

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

60. The regime was accused of being _____ for their oppressive tactics.

adj. relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties

61. He _____ to the hope that he will find a job soon.

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

62. Her remarks _____ the debate.

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

63. She was an _____ without any belief in a higher power.

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

ANSWERS: 56. catholic, 57. interconnect, 58. pristine, 59. primordial, 60. fascist, 61. clings, 62. confused, 63. atheist

64. Many scholars argue that the true meaning of _____ is to strive for personal betterment and to defend justice and peace.
- n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle

ANSWERS: 64. jihad