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Session 1: Word List

rabbi *n.* a Jewish religious leader or a Jewish scholar or teacher
synonym: clergyman, priest, teacher
(1) son of a **rabbi**, (2) the city's communal **rabbi**
The chief **rabbi** chanted a prayer.

shambles *n.* a state of complete disorder, chaos, or ruin; an utter mess or failure
synonym: disorder, chaos, mess
(1) financial **shambles**, (2) organizational **shambles**
After the party, the house was in **shambles** and needed much cleaning.

crib *n.* a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers
synonym: bed, bassinet, cradle
(1) **crib** bed, (2) baby **crib**
She put the baby in the portable **crib** for a nap.

tectonic *adj.* relating to the structure of the Earth's crust and the large-scale processes that occur as a result of movements within it
synonym: seismic, geologic, geological
(1) **tectonic** valleys, (2) a **tectonic** earthquake
The **tectonic** plates shifted, causing an earthquake.

precarious

adj. not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions

synonym : precariousness, instability, uncertainty

(1) **precarious** job, (2) **precarious** financial situation

She had a **precarious** hold on the ladder and was afraid to move.

atrocious

n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

synonym : evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocious**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocious**

The **atrocious** of the war left many children orphaned.

extremism

n. the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable

synonym : fanaticism, radicalism, zealotry

(1) violent **extremism**, (2) political **extremism**

The rise of far-right **extremism** has sparked concern among many civil rights organizations.

detonate

v. to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events

synonym : explode, blow up, ignite

(1) **detonate** a missile, (2) **detonate** a plan

The bomb squad had to **detonate** the suspicious package found at the train station.

eyebrow

n. the hair arc over each eye in humans

synonym : brow, supercilium

(1) raise her **eyebrows**, (2) **eyebrow** cosmetics

She raised an inquiring **eyebrow** towards me.

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.

extremist

n. a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

synonym : radical, fanatic, zealot

(1) **extremist** political views, (2) radical **extremist**

The **extremist** group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.

cynical

adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

synonym : skeptical, mistrustful, doubtful

(1) **cynical** remarks, (2) **cynical** worldview

He was very **cynical** and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

subordinate

adj. of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else

synonym : inferior, secondary, subservient

(1) **subordinate** position, (2) **subordinate** role

The CEO's **subordinate** employees were expected to follow his instructions without question.

stigmatize

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

synonym : brand, mark, denounce

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

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

Semitic

adj. relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa

(1) anti- **Semitic** movement, (2) **Semitic** culture
The **Semitic** languages include Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic.

pernicious

adj. causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way

synonym: harmful, malicious, destructive

(1) **pernicious** effect, (2) **pernicious** disease

The **pernicious** influence of the corrupt officials had a detrimental effect on the town.

ism

n. a specific doctrine, theory, or ideology; a suffix used to form nouns indicating a practice, doctrine, or theory

synonym: ideology, doctrine, philosophy

(1) the diversity of **isms**, (2) different **isms**

The professor discussed the impact of various **isms** on society and how they have shaped our world.

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.

rote

n. repetition of something to the point of memorization, especially of facts, without fully understanding it

synonym: repetition, memorization, drill

(1) **rote** memorization, (2) learn by **rote**

The students were taught math facts through **rote** repetition but struggled to apply them to new problems.

perfunctory

adj. carried out with minimal effort or interest; done as a routine or duty without enthusiasm, care, or attention to detail; lacking thoroughness or sincerity

synonym: mechanical, routine, superficial

(1) **perfunctory** greeting, (2) **perfunctory** task
His **perfunctory** apology did not seem sincere at all.

devoid

adj. completely lacking or free from something

synonym: empty, lacking, void

(1) **devoid** of life, (2) air **devoid** of pollution
The room was **devoid** of any furniture or decorations.

proclaim

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

synonym: announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law
The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym: amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship
Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

rite

n. a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice

synonym: ceremony, ritual, practice

(1) perform the **rite**, (2) **rite** of passage into adulthood
The bishop performed the **rite** of consecration for the new church.

remnant

n. a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something

synonym: remainder, leftover, residue

(1) **remnant** of the past, (2) **remnants** of fabric
The only **remnant** left of the ancient civilization was the crumbling ruins of their temples.

revelry

n. lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment

synonym : festivity, merrymaking, celebration

(1) **revelry** in the streets, (2) festival **revelry**

The street was filled with **revelry** on New Year's Eve.

mindless

adj. lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed

synonym : senseless, thoughtless, irresponsible

(1) **mindless** task, (2) **mindless** entertainment

Mindless scrolling on social media can be a time waster.

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym : envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

wane

v. to decrease in size, strength, or intensity

synonym : decrease, diminish, fade

(1) **wane** over time, (2) **wane** in popularity

The fragrance of this material **wanes** over weeks to months.

synagogue

n. a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices

synonym : temple, shul, tabernacle

(1) reconstructed **synagogue**, (2) historical **synagogue**

We attended services at the local **synagogue** during the High Holidays.

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.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym: nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

lifeless

adj. without life; dead

synonym: inanimate, inert, motionless

(1) fall **lifeless**, (2) a **lifeless** corpse

The plant had a **lifeless** appearance, indicating that it was not getting enough water.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

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.

purposeful

adj. having a specific aim or purpose; determined

synonym: determined, resolved, resolute

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

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

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

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.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

audacious

adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

synonym: bold, daring, fearless

(1) **audacious** stunt, (2) **audacious** decision

The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his own company.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life
They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

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.

coexist

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

synonym: cohabit, accompany, synchronize

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

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

vengeance

n. the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done

synonym: retaliation, retribution, revenge

(1) **vengeance** justice, (2) wreak **vengeance**

He sought **vengeance** for the wrongs done to him.

nun

n. a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

synonym: sister, religious, monastic

(1) **nun** habit, (2) meditating **nun**

The cloistered **nun** devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.

traverse

v. to cross or move through a land or water area

synonym: cross, pass through, travel over

(1) **traverse** the region, (2) **traverse** a vast extent of sea
Approximately 1000 automobiles **traverse** the bridge every day.

ethos

n. the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person

synonym: principles, ideology, philosophy

(1) **ethos** of science, (2) corporate **ethos**

Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional **ethos** of a doctor.

revitalization

n. the process of giving new life or energy to something

synonym: renewal, reactivation, rejuvenation

(1) **revitalization** project, (2) **revitalization** of humanity

The **revitalization** of the downtown area brought new life to the community.

rubble

n. fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed

synonym: debris, ruins, wreckage

(1) clear away **rubble**, (2) **rubble-strewn** road

After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of **rubble**.

numb

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

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

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

My left arm became **numb**.

apathy

n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm

synonym: affectlessness, dispassion, indifference

(1) **apathy** in the election, (2) political **apathy**

The global economic crisis has led to pervasive **apathy** and powerlessness.

anguish

n. severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony

synonym : distress, torment, agony

(1) **anguish** and pain, (2) emotional **anguish**

She suffered from a deep sense of **anguish** following the loss of her loved one.

defiance

n. behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something

synonym : disobedience, disregard, confrontation

(1) fierce **defiance**, (2) adopt an attitude of **defiance**

He acted in **defiance** of our decision.

pessimism

n. a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right

synonym : negativity, defeatism, cynicism

(1) deep **pessimism**, (2) sense of **pessimism**

The CEO's constant **pessimism** about the company's future affected employee morale.

constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

synonym : restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

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.

rev *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

moss *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

synonym: plant, foliage, greenery

(1) green **moss**, (2) **moss** garden

Moss grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.

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.

paradox *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

powerless *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

synonym: helpless, impotent, feeble

(1) **powerless** position, (2) **powerless** in the organization

During the hurricane, we felt **powerless** against the winds and rain.

prostrate

adj. lying flat, face down, or completely stretched out on the ground; physically or emotionally incapacitated or overcome; completely submissive or humble

synonym : lying, prone, flat

(1) **prostrate** position, (2) **prostrate** form of prayer

After a long day of work, he lay **prostrate** on the couch, completely exhausted.

conspire

v. to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose

synonym : plot, scheme, collude

(1) **conspire** his ruin, (2) **conspire** to corner the market

The group of friends **conspired** to pull a prank on their teacher.

impotent

adj. lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation

synonym : helpless, worthless, powerless

(1) an **impotent** feeling, (2) sexually **impotent**

Modern medicine was largely **impotent** against the disease.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym : interlink, connect, annex

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

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

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym : demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

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.

individualism

n. the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant

synonym: self-reliance, autonomy, self-sufficiency

(1) rampant **individualism**, (2) nation of **individualism**

An ethic of **individualism** encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.

harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

synonym: pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

transphobia

n. prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations

synonym: gender bias, gender bigotry

(1) overcome **transphobia**, (2) experience **transphobia**

Discrimination and harassment against transgender individuals is a form of **transphobia** still prevalent in many parts of the world.

burgeon

v. to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way

synonym: flourish, bloom, thrive

(1) **burgeon** rapidly, (2) **burgeon** from every corner.

The city's art scene has been **burgeoning** recently, with new galleries and exhibitions popping up regularly.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. re_____m land from the sea | <i>v.</i> to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back |
| 2. air de____d of pollution | <i>adj.</i> completely lacking or free from something |
| 3. w__e over time | <i>v.</i> to decrease in size, strength, or intensity |
| 4. n__b with cold | <i>adj.</i> unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity |
| 5. perform the r__e | <i>n.</i> a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice |
| 6. ins_____ize a system | <i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.) |
| 7. mi_____ss entertainment | <i>adj.</i> lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed |
| 8. financial sh_____es | <i>n.</i> a state of complete disorder, chaos, or ruin; an utter mess or failure |
| 9. co_____t with diversity | <i>v.</i> to live or exist together at the same time in the same place |
| 10. pur_____ul series of actions | <i>adj.</i> having a specific aim or purpose; determined |

ANSWERS: 1. reclaim, 2. devoid, 3. wane, 4. numb, 5. rite, 6. institutionalize, 7. mindless, 8. shambles, 9. coexist, 10. purposeful

11. corporate et__s *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
12. anti-Se_____c movement *adj.* relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa
13. pr_____im victory *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
14. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
15. political ap____y *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
16. the city's communal ra__i *n.* a Jewish religious leader or a Jewish scholar or teacher
17. w__e in popularity *v.* to decrease in size, strength, or intensity
18. cy_____l remarks *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
19. show di_____t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
20. pr_____te form of prayer *adj.* lying flat, face down, or completely stretched out on the ground; physically or emotionally incapacitated or overcome; completely submissive or humble
21. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
22. sense of pe_____sm *n.* a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right

ANSWERS: 11. ethos, 12. Semitic, 13. proclaim, 14. Jewish, 15. apathy, 16. rabbi, 17. wane, 18. cynical, 19. disgust, 20. prostrate, 21. devastate, 22. pessimism

23. pre_____us financial situation *adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
24. at_____t belief *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
25. cold-blooded at_____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
26. cy_____l worldview *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
27. r___e memorization *n.* repetition of something to the point of memorization, especially of facts, without fully understanding it
28. bu_____n from every corner. *v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way
29. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
30. co_____re to corner the market *v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
31. a te_____ic earthquake *adj.* relating to the structure of the Earth's crust and the large-scale processes that occur as a result of movements within it
32. sti_____ze him as a swindler *v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
33. the sacred mo_____e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

ANSWERS: 23. precarious, 24. atheist, 25. atrocity, 26. cynical, 27. rote, 28. burgeon, 29. reclaim, 30. conspire, 31. tectonic, 32. stigmatize, 33. mosque

34. overcome tra_____ia *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations
35. per_____us disease *adj.* causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way
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41. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
42. raise her ey_____ws *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
43. an im_____nt feeling *adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation

ANSWERS: 34. transphobia, 35. pernicious, 36. atheist, 37. expansive, 38. prostrate, 39. extremism, 40. paradox, 41. determinant, 42. eyebrow, 43. impotent

44. po_____ss in the organization *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
45. co_____in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
46. per_____ry task *adj.* carried out with minimal effort or interest; done as a routine or duty without enthusiasm, care, or attention to detail; lacking thoroughness or sincerity
47. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
48. different i_____ms *n.* a specific doctrine, theory, or ideology; a suffix used to form nouns indicating a practice, doctrine, or theory
49. ru_____e-strewn road *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
50. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
51. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
52. historical sy_____ue *n.* a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices

ANSWERS: 44. powerless, 45. constrain, 46. perfunctory, 47. quitter, 48. ism, 49. rubble, 50. quitter, 51. reinvent, 52. synagogue

53. rampant ind_____ism *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
54. je_____sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
55. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
56. an_____h and pain *n.* severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
57. domed mo_____e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
58. per_____ry greeting *adj.* carried out with minimal effort or interest; done as a routine or duty without enthusiasm, care, or attention to detail; lacking thoroughness or sincerity
59. festival re_____y *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
60. ex_____ve ocean views *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
61. co_____in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
62. wreak ve_____ce *n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done

ANSWERS: 53. individualism, 54. jealousy, 55. institutionalize, 56. anguish, 57. mosque, 58. perfunctory, 59. revelry, 60. expansive, 61. constrain, 62. vengeance

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64. co_____re his ruin *v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
65. Se_____c culture *adj.* relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa
66. 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
67. clear away ru_____e *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
68. co_____t with nature *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
69. sub_____te position *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
70. at a pur_____ul pace *adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined

ANSWERS: 63. precarious, 64. conspire, 65. Semitic, 66. Catholic, 67. rubble, 68. coexist, 69. subordinate, 70. purposeful

71. tr____se a vast extent of sea *v.* to cross or move through a land or water area
72. mi____ss task *adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
73. the pa____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
74. fall li____ss *adj.* without life; dead
75. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
76. radical ex____st *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
77. de____te a plan *v.* to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events
78. de____te a missile *v.* to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events
79. r__e of passage into adulthood *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
80. pr____im law *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

ANSWERS: 71. traverse, 72. mindless, 73. paradox, 74. lifeless, 75. numb, 76. extremist, 77. detonate, 78. detonate, 79. rite, 80. proclaim

81. 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
82. learn by r__e *n.* repetition of something to the point of memorization, especially of facts, without fully understanding it
83. adopt an attitude of de____ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
84. directly int_____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
85. ve____ce justice *n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done
86. Je__h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
87. reconstructed sy____ue *n.* a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices
88. a li____ss corpse *adj.* without life; dead
89. 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
90. n_n habit *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

ANSWERS: 81. Christ, 82. rote, 83. defiance, 84. interconnect, 85. vengeance, 86. Jewish, 87. synagogue, 88. lifeless, 89. oppress, 90. nun

91. experience tra_____ia *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations
92. in_____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
93. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
94. tr_____se the region *v.* to cross or move through a land or water area
95. son of a ra__i *n.* a Jewish religious leader or a Jewish scholar or teacher
96. au_____us decision *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
97. de____d of life *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
98. emotional an_____h *n.* severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
99. ey_____w cosmetics *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
100. organizational sh_____es *n.* a state of complete disorder, chaos, or ruin; an utter mess or failure
101. sub_____te role *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else

ANSWERS: 91. transphobia, 92. intensify, 93. rethink, 94. traverse, 95. rabbi, 96. audacious, 97. devoid, 98. anguish, 99. eyebrow, 100. shambles, 101. subordinate

102. pr___h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
103. au_____us stunt *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
104. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
105. political ex_____sm *n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
106. human activities int_____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
107. 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
108. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
109. ha___s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
110. re_____ts of fabric *n.* a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something

ANSWERS: 102. preach, 103. audacious, 104. reinvent, 105. extremism, 106. interconnect, 107. Christ, 108. rev, 109. harass, 110. remnant

111. rev_____ion project *n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
112. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
113. ap___y in the election *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
114. nation of ind_____ism *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
115. in_____fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
116. commit at_____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
117. deep pe_____sm *n.* a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right
118. m__s garden *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
119. pr___h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
120. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
121. rev_____ion of humanity *n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something

ANSWERS: 111. revitalization, 112. rev, 113. apathy, 114. individualism, 115. intensify, 116. atrocity, 117. pessimism, 118. moss, 119. preach, 120. rethink, 121. revitalization

122. public di_____t	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
123. sexually im_____nt	<i>adj.</i> lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation
124. ima_____ve as a child	<i>adj.</i> having or showing new and creative ideas
125. et__s of science	<i>n.</i> the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
126. the diversity of i_ms	<i>n.</i> a specific doctrine, theory, or ideology; a suffix used to form nouns indicating a practice, doctrine, or theory
127. op_____s the people with force	<i>v.</i> to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
128. de_____te the economy	<i>v.</i> to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
129. ha___s with constant criticism	<i>v.</i> to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
130. green m__s	<i>n.</i> a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
131. c__b bed	<i>n.</i> a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers
132. po_____ss position	<i>adj.</i> lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

ANSWERS: 122. disgust, 123. impotent, 124. imaginative, 125. ethos, 126. ism, 127. oppress, 128. devastate, 129. harass, 130. moss, 131. crib, 132. powerless

133. burn with je____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
134. baby c__b *n.* a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers
135. 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
136. bu____n rapidly *v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way
137. sti____ze the deviant as criminal *v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
138. re____t of the past *n.* a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something
139. te____ic valleys *adj.* relating to the structure of the Earth's crust and the large-scale processes that occur as a result of movements within it
140. re____y in the streets *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
141. environmental det____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 133. jealousy, 134. crib, 135. Catholic, 136. burgeon, 137. stigmatize, 138. remnant, 139. tectonic, 140. revelry, 141. determinant

142. per_____us effect *adj.* causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way
143. ex_____st political views *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
144. meditating n_n *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
145. fierce de_____ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
146. capable of ima_____ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas

ANSWERS: 142. pernicious, 143. extremist, 144. nun, 145. defiance, 146. imaginative

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Our system can now _____ with other databases.
v. to connect similar things
2. An ethic of _____ encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.
n. the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
3. Discrimination and harassment against transgender individuals is a form of _____ still prevalent in many parts of the world.
n. prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations
4. 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)
5. The bishop performed the _____ of consecration for the new church.
n. a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
6. The _____ of the war left many children orphaned.
n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
7. He sought _____ for the wrongs done to him.
n. the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done

ANSWERS: 1. interconnect, 2. individualism, 3. transphobia, 4. Mosque, 5. rite, 6. atrocity, 7. vengeance

8. The CEO's constant _____ about the company's future affected employee morale.
- n.* a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right
9. She was constantly _____ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.
- v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
10. During the hurricane, we felt _____ against the winds and rain.
- adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
11. Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional _____ of a doctor.
- n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
12. The chief _____ chanted a prayer.
- n.* a Jewish religious leader or a Jewish scholar or teacher
13. The cloistered ____ devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.
- n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
14. The different species can _____ in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.
- v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place

ANSWERS: 8. pessimism, 9. harassed, 10. powerless, 11. ethos, 12. rabbi, 13. nun, 14. coexist

15. 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
16. 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
17. After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of _____.
- n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
18. The professor discussed the impact of various _____ on society and how they have shaped our world.
- n.* a specific doctrine, theory, or ideology; a suffix used to form nouns indicating a practice, doctrine, or theory
19. She had a _____ look and was determined to complete the task.
- adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined
20. He was filled with _____ and fear for the threat of war.
- n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
21. The _____ languages include Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic.
- adj.* relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa
22. After the party, the house was in _____ and needed much cleaning.
- n.* a state of complete disorder, chaos, or ruin; an utter mess or failure

ANSWERS: 15. oppressed, 16. catholic, 17. rubble, 18. isms, 19. purposeful, 20. disgust, 21. Semitic, 22. shambles

23. The rise of far-right _____ has sparked concern among many civil rights organizations.
- n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
24. _____ scrolling on social media can be a time waster.
- adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
25. The students were taught math facts through _____ repetition but struggled to apply them to new problems.
- n.* repetition of something to the point of memorization, especially of facts, without fully understanding it
26. The CEO's _____ employees were expected to follow his instructions without question.
- adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
27. My left arm became _____.
- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
28. The global economic crisis has led to pervasive _____ and powerlessness.
- n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
29. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 23. extremism, 24. Mindless, 25. rote, 26. subordinate, 27. numb, 28. apathy, 29. rev

30. Modern medicine was largely _____ against the disease.

adj. lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation

31. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

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

32. _____ grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.

n. a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

33. 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.)

34. The plant had a _____ appearance, indicating that it was not getting enough water.

adj. without life; dead

35. She put the baby in the portable _____ for a nap.

n. a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers

36. Rebels have pledged to _____ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

37. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

38. The bomb squad had to _____ the suspicious package found at the train station.

v. to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events

ANSWERS: 30. impotent, 31. Jewish, 32. Moss, 33. institutionalize, 34. lifeless, 35. crib, 36. intensify, 37. rethink, 38. detonate

39. She is a hard worker but not very _____.

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

40. His _____ apology did not seem sincere at all.

adj. carried out with minimal effort or interest; done as a routine or duty without enthusiasm, care, or attention to detail; lacking thoroughness or sincerity

41. The _____ plates shifted, causing an earthquake.

adj. relating to the structure of the Earth's crust and the large-scale processes that occur as a result of movements within it

42. The _____ of the downtown area brought new life to the community.

n. the process of giving new life or energy to something

43. The political situation _____ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

44. The only _____ left of the ancient civilization was the crumbling ruins of their temples.

n. a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something

45. The group of friends _____ to pull a prank on their teacher.

v. to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose

46. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

ANSWERS: 39. imaginative, 40. perfunctory, 41. tectonic, 42. revitalization, 43. constrained, 44. remnant, 45. conspired, 46. reclaim

47. After a long day of work, he lay _____ on the couch, completely exhausted.
adj. lying flat, face down, or completely stretched out on the ground; physically or emotionally incapacitated or overcome; completely submissive or humble
48. She suffered from a deep sense of _____ following the loss of her loved one.
n. severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
49. The young entrepreneur had an _____ plan to start his own company.
adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
50. We attended services at the local _____ during the High Holidays.
n. a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices
51. There are many theories to explain this _____.
n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
52. She had a _____ hold on the ladder and was afraid to move.
adj. not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
53. The city's art scene has been _____ recently, with new galleries and exhibitions popping up regularly.
v. to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way
54. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 47. prostrate, 48. anguish, 49. audacious, 50. synagogue, 51. paradox, 52. precarious, 53. burgeoning, 54. determinant

55. His _____ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.
n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
56. She was _____ by society because she had a child out of wedlock.
v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
57. _____ 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
58. Approximately 1000 automobiles _____ the bridge every day.
v. to cross or move through a land or water area
59. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.
v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
60. The fragrance of this material _____ over weeks to months.
v. to decrease in size, strength, or intensity
61. He acted in _____ of our decision.
n. behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
62. He was very _____ and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.
adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

ANSWERS: 55. jealousy, 56. stigmatized, 57. Christmas, 58. traverse, 59. devastate, 60. wanes, 61. defiance, 62. cynical

63. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
64. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
65. She raised an inquiring _____ towards me.
n. the hair arc over each eye in humans
66. The leader _____ a state of emergency in the country.
v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
67. The room was _____ of any furniture or decorations.
adj. completely lacking or free from something
68. 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
69. The _____ influence of the corrupt officials had a detrimental effect on the town.
adj. causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way
70. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.
v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
71. 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: 63. reinvent, 64. quitter, 65. eyebrow, 66. proclaimed, 67. devoid, 68. expansive, 69. pernicious, 70. preached, 71. atheist

72. The _____ group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.
- n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
73. The street was filled with _____ on New Year's Eve.
- n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment

ANSWERS: 72. extremist, 73. revelry