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Session 1: Word List

gruesome

adj. causing horror or disgust

synonym: appalling, horrific, terrible

(1) hear **gruesome** details, (2) **gruesome** accident

The **gruesome** crime scene was difficult for the detectives to stomach.

fanatic

adj. characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism

synonym: zealous, extremist, passionate

(1) **fanatic** about germs, (2) **fanatic** devotion

The **fanatic** supporters of the sports team traveled across the country to watch the match.

reciprocate

v. to give, feel, or show in response to something that has been given, felt, or shown; to respond to a kind or friendly gesture by doing something similar in return; to exchange or interchange in a reciprocal manner

synonym: return, exchange, give back

(1) **reciprocate** a kindness, (2) **reciprocate** a gesture

The two countries **reciprocated** each other's goodwill gestures by exchanging cultural visits.

overwhelm

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

synonym: conquer, crush, dominate

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

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

beeline

n. a straight, direct route taken with or as if with the intentions of a bee flying to its hive or a source of nectar or pollen

synonym: shortest route, direct path, straight line

(1) take a **beeline** approach, (2) a **beeline** to the exit

After finishing his last final exam, he made a **beeline** for the home to relax.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

attune

v. to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment

synonym: align, harmonize, acclimate

(1) **attune** to nature, (2) **attune** myself to the rhythm

It is important to **attune** yourself to your customers' needs to provide the best service possible.

obsess

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

synonym: torment, beset, engross

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

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

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

condolence

n. sympathy or expression of sympathy offered to someone who has experienced a loss or tragedy; an expression of comfort or consolation

synonym: sympathy, compassion, consolation

(1) express **condolences**, (2) sincere **condolences**

Sending a **condolence** card is a small gesture that can bring comfort to someone who is grieving.

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.

intone

v. to speak or recite with a particular tone or melodic quality; to utter something in a chanting or singing-like manner, often used in a formal or ceremonial setting

synonym: chant, sing, vocalize

(1) **intone** a prayer, (2) **intone** a mantra

The choir members **intone** the familiar hymn during the church service.

fling

v. to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

synonym: throw, dump, hurl

(1) **fling** a stream of abuse, (2) **fling** a door open forcefully
He was provoked to **fling** the draft on the floor.

grit *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

synonym: determination, fortitude, courage

(1) **grit** determination, (2) **grit** washer

She has a lot of **grit** and determination to succeed.

wail *v.* to make a prolonged, high-pitched cry expressing grief, pain, or anger

synonym: moan, keen, lament

(1) **wail** in sorrow, (2) **wail** in pain

The baby **wailed** loudly, signaling its hunger.

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**.

disorient *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go

synonym: confuse, flummox, perplex

(1) **disorient** his audience, (2) **disorient** and wrong-foot viewers

Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might **disorient** dolphins and whales.

sob *v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds

synonym: cry, weep, wail

(1) **sob** out a story, (2) **sob** quietly

She **sobbed** uncontrollably after hearing the news.

autopsy *n.* a medical examination performed on a dead body to determine the cause of death or identify any underlying

medical conditions or injuries; a postmortem examination or necropsy (in animals)

synonym : postmortem examination, necropsy, examination

(1) forensic **autopsy**, (2) perform an **autopsy**

The **autopsy** report revealed that the cause of death was a heart attack.

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**.

immobilize

v. to render someone or something unable to move or function normally; to restrain, inhibit, or stop

synonym : incapacitate, paralyze, disable

(1) **immobilize** the city, (2) **immobilize** our opponent

The paramedics had to **immobilize** the accident victim to prevent further injury during transport to the hospital.

midbrain

n. a region of the brain that is located beneath the cerebral cortex and is involved in various sensory, motor, and autonomic functions

synonym : mesencephalon, tectum

(1) **midbrain** function, (2) **midbrain** anatomy

Damage to the **midbrain** can result in movement disorders and other neurological issues.

extremity

n. the farthest or most remote point or the greatest or the highest degree

synonym : end, tip, limit

(1) **extremity** injury, (2) **extremity** amputation

He broke his arm at the **extremity** of the bone.

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.

brandish

v. to wave or display something, typically a weapon, in a threatening or aggressive manner; to exhibit something with pride or enthusiasm

synonym : wave, flourish, exhibit

(1) **brandish** a wand, (2) **brandish** a gun

The robber **brandished** a knife and demanded money from the store clerk.

crippling

adj. causing someone to become unable to walk or move; causing severe damage or harm

synonym : harmful, damaging, catastrophic

(1) **crippling** debt, (2) a **crippling** strike

He is still struggling with a **crippling** disease.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym : decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

chaotic

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

synonym : disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory

Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

bombardment

n. a continuous attack with bombs or other missiles

synonym : attack, shelling, strafing

(1) aerial **bombardment**, (2) **bombardment** raid

The city was subjected to heavy **bombardment** during the war.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

devastation

n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

synonym: destruction, ruin, havoc

(1) financial **devastation**, (2) **devastation** to life

The economic recession caused **devastation** in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.

scrub

v. to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent

synonym: clean, wash, sanitize

(1) **scrub** off graffiti, (2) **scrub** dirt from potatoes

She decided to **scrub** the kitchen floor to remove all the dirt and grime.

tribune

n. an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience

synonym: platform, podium, stand

(1) the position of **tribune**, (2) editorial **tribune**

The politician delivered his speech from the **tribune** to a crowd of cheering supporters.

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.

Muslim

n. a follower of the religion of Islam

synonym : Islamic, believer

(1) predominantly **Muslim** country, (2) **Muslim** culture

The **Muslim** community in the city is small but growing.

bigotry

n. intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself

synonym : intolerance, prejudice, bias

(1) ethnic **bigotry**, (2) self-righteous **bigotry**

Bigotry and discrimination have no place in our society.

palpable

adj. able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible

synonym : tangible, perceptible, noticeable

(1) **palpable** tumor, (2) **palpable** lie

The tension in the room was **palpable** as they waited for the results to come in.

reap

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

synonym : collect, harvest, derive

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

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

trump

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

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

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

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.

filthy

adj. dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene

synonym : dirty, grimy, soiled

(1) **filthy** streets, (2) **filthy** language

The hotel room was **filthy** with dirty sheets and stained carpets.

chant

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

synonym : hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

microaggression

n. a subtle or indirect form of discrimination or bias, often unintentional, that reinforces stereotypes or perpetuates prejudice; a seemingly minor comment or action that can harm someone's mental health or emotional well-being

(1) **microaggression** towards minorities,

(2) **microaggression** in the workplace

The expectation that women should do all the housework is a form of **microaggression**.

dishearten

v. to cause someone to lose hope, confidence, or enthusiasm; to discourage or demoralize

synonym : discourage, dismay, demoralize

(1) **dishearten** employees, (2) **dishearten** the hopeful job applicant

The team's loss in the semifinals did not **dishearten** their determination to return stronger next season.

compassionate

adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

synonym : empathetic, sympathetic, merciful

(1) a **compassionate** heart, (2) **compassionate** leave
My father has a serious and **compassionate** personality.

hijab

n. a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck

synonym : veil, headscarf, cover

(1) woman's **hijab**, (2) **hijab** garment

Many Muslim women wear a **hijab** as a symbol of their religious beliefs.

pluralistic

n. a society or system composed of multiple diverse groups or elements

synonym : diverse, multicultural, inclusive

(1) **pluralistic** society, (2) **pluralistic** democracy

The city is known for its **pluralistic** culture, with people from different ethnicities and backgrounds living together.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

subconscious

adj. relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior

synonym : unconscious, latent, hidden

(1) **subconscious** influence, (2) **subconscious** behavior

The **subconscious** mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.

Session 2: Spelling

1. r__p the benefits *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
2. sc__b dirt from potatoes *v.* to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent
3. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
4. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
5. at___e myself to the rhythm *v.* to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
6. com_____ate leave *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
7. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
8. aerial bom_____nt *n.* a continuous attack with bombs or other missiles
9. w__l in pain *v.* to make a prolonged, high-pitched cry expressing grief, pain, or anger
10. 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

ANSWERS: 1. reap, 2. scrub, 3. confer, 4. obsess, 5. attune, 6. compassionate, 7. confer, 8. bombardment, 9. wail, 10. rev

11. br____sh a gun *v.* to wave or display something, typically a weapon, in a threatening or aggressive manner; to exhibit something with pride or enthusiasm
12. di____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
13. mi____in function *n.* a region of the brain that is located beneath the cerebral cortex and is involved in various sensory, motor, and autonomic functions
14. fl__g a stream of abuse *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
15. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
16. di____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
17. di_____nt his audience *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
18. forensic au____y *n.* a medical examination performed on a dead body to determine the cause of death or identify any underlying medical conditions or injuries; a postmortem examination or necropsy (in animals)
19. financial dev_____on *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
20. bom_____nt raid *n.* a continuous attack with bombs or other missiles

ANSWERS: 11. brandish, 12. diminish, 13. midbrain, 14. fling, 15. numb, 16. distract, 17. disorient, 18. autopsy, 19. devastation, 20. bombardment

21. br_____sh a wand *v.* to wave or display something, typically a weapon, in a threatening or aggressive manner; to exhibit something with pride or enthusiasm
22. sincere con_____ces *n.* sympathy or expression of sympathy offered to someone who has experienced a loss or tragedy; an expression of comfort or consolation
23. rec_____te a kindness *v.* to give, feel, or show in response to something that has been given, felt, or shown; to respond to a kind or friendly gesture by doing something similar in return; to exchange or interchange in a reciprocal manner
24. pa_____le tumor *adj.* able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible
25. imm_____ze the city *v.* to render someone or something unable to move or function normally; to restrain, inhibit, or stop
26. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
27. dis_____en employees *v.* to cause someone to lose hope, confidence, or enthusiasm; to discourage or demoralize
28. late co_____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
29. perform an au_____y *n.* a medical examination performed on a dead body to determine the cause of death or identify any underlying medical conditions or injuries; a postmortem examination or necropsy (in animals)

ANSWERS: 21. brandish, 22. condolence, 23. reciprocate, 24. palpable, 25. immobilize, 26. obsess, 27. dishearten, 28. cofounder, 29. autopsy

30. de____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
31. s_b quietly *v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
32. Mu___m culture *n.* a follower of the religion of Islam
33. a com_____ate heart *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
34. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
35. plu_____ic society *n.* a society or system composed of multiple diverse groups or elements
36. di_____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
37. the ch_____c economic situation *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
38. dis_____en the hopeful job applicant *v.* to cause someone to lose hope, confidence, or enthusiasm; to discourage or demoralize
39. cr_____ng debt *adj.* causing someone to become unable to walk or move; causing severe damage or harm
40. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 30. dedicate, 31. sob, 32. Muslim, 33. compassionate, 34. confuse, 35. pluralistic, 36. diminish, 37. chaotic, 38. dishearten, 39. crippling, 40. confuse

41. express con_____ces *n.* sympathy or expression of sympathy offered to someone who has experienced a loss or tragedy; an expression of comfort or consolation
42. gr_____me accident *adj.* causing horror or disgust
43. ha____s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
44. ov_____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
45. fl__g a door open forcefully *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
46. self-righteous bi_____y *n.* intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
47. mi_____in anatomy *n.* a region of the brain that is located beneath the cerebral cortex and is involved in various sensory, motor, and autonomic functions
48. woman's hi__b *n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
49. editorial tr_____e *n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience

ANSWERS: 41. condolence, 42. gruesome, 43. harass, 44. overwhelm, 45. fling, 46. bigotry, 47. midbrain, 48. hijab, 49. tribune

50. sc__b off graffiti *v.* to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent
51. rec_____te a gesture *v.* to give, feel, or show in response to something that has been given, felt, or shown; to respond to a kind or friendly gesture by doing something similar in return; to exchange or interchange in a reciprocal manner
52. hear gr_____me details *adj.* causing horror or disgust
53. predominantly Mu___m country *n.* a follower of the religion of Islam
54. fi___y language *adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene
55. 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
56. 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
57. mic_____ion towards minorities *n.* a subtle or indirect form of discrimination or bias, often unintentional, that reinforces stereotypes or perpetuates prejudice; a seemingly minor comment or action that can harm someone's mental health or emotional well-being

ANSWERS: 50. scrub, 51. reciprocate, 52. gruesome, 53. Muslim, 54. filthy, 55. rev, 56. Christ, 57. microaggression

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59. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
60. fi___y streets *adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene
61. in___e a prayer *v.* to speak or recite with a particular tone or melodic quality; to utter something in a chanting or singing-like manner, often used in a formal or ceremonial setting
62. choose tr___p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
63. re_____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
64. sub_____ous influence *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
65. ha___s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
66. co_____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

ANSWERS: 58. Christ, 59. dedicate, 60. filthy, 61. intone, 62. trump, 63. reclaim, 64. subconscious, 65. harass, 66. cofounder

67. sub_____ous behavior *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
68. fa_____c devotion *adj.* characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism
69. mic_____ion in the workplace *n.* a subtle or indirect form of discrimination or bias, often unintentional, that reinforces stereotypes or perpetuates prejudice; a seemingly minor comment or action that can harm someone's mental health or emotional well-being
70. imm_____ze our opponent *v.* to render someone or something unable to move or function normally; to restrain, inhibit, or stop
71. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
72. ethnic bi_____y *n.* intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
73. a be_____e to the exit *n.* a straight, direct route taken with or as if with the intentions of a bee flying to its hive or a source of nectar or pollen
74. g__t washer *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

ANSWERS: 67. subconscious, 68. fanatic, 69. microaggression, 70. immobilize, 71. reclaim, 72. bigotry, 73. beeline, 74. grit

75. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
76. hi__b garment *n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
77. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
78. di_____nt and wrong-foot viewers *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
79. in___e a mantra *v.* to speak or recite with a particular tone or melodic quality; to utter something in a chanting or singing-like manner, often used in a formal or ceremonial setting
80. take a be_____e approach *n.* a straight, direct route taken with or as if with the intentions of a bee flying to its hive or a source of nectar or pollen
81. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
82. ch_____c theory *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
83. the position of tr_____e *n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience

ANSWERS: 75. chant, 76. hijab, 77. bury, 78. disorient, 79. intone, 80. beeline, 81. trump, 82. chaotic, 83. tribune

84. w__l in sorrow *v.* to make a prolonged, high-pitched cry expressing grief, pain, or anger
85. dev_____on to life *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
86. r__p crops *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
87. fa_____c about germs *adj.* characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism
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89. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
90. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
91. plu_____ic democracy *n.* a society or system composed of multiple diverse groups or elements
92. ex_____ty amputation *n.* the farthest or most remote point or the greatest or the highest degree
93. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
94. at___e to nature *v.* to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment

ANSWERS: 84. wail, 85. devastation, 86. reap, 87. fanatic, 88. palpable, 89. distract, 90. numb, 91. pluralistic, 92. extremity, 93. chant, 94. attune

95. g__t determination *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
96. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
97. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
98. ex_____ty injury *n.* the farthest or most remote point or the greatest or the highest degree
99. s_b out a story *v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
100. a cr_____ng strike *adj.* causing someone to become unable to walk or move; causing severe damage or harm

ANSWERS: 95. grit, 96. bury, 97. overwhelm, 98. extremity, 99. sob, 100. crippling

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The soccer game crowd broke into a _____ of "Go, team, go!"
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2. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
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 - n.* a straight, direct route taken with or as if with the intentions of a bee flying to its hive or a source of nectar or pollen

7. Damage to the _____ can result in movement disorders and other neurological issues.
 - n.* a region of the brain that is located beneath the cerebral cortex and is involved in various sensory, motor, and autonomic functions

ANSWERS: 1. chant, 2. distract, 3. brandished, 4. diminish, 5. tribune, 6. beeline, 7. midbrain

8. Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of _____ reform.
adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
9. The city is known for its _____ culture, with people from different ethnicities and backgrounds living together.
n. a society or system composed of multiple diverse groups or elements
10. The expectation that women should do all the housework is a form of _____.
n. a subtle or indirect form of discrimination or bias, often unintentional, that reinforces stereotypes or perpetuates prejudice; a seemingly minor comment or action that can harm someone's mental health or emotional well-being
11. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
12. _____ and discrimination have no place in our society.
n. intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
13. She decided to _____ the kitchen floor to remove all the dirt and grime.
v. to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent
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. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 8. chaotic, 9. pluralistic, 10. microaggression, 11. obsessed, 12. Bigotry, 13. scrub, 14. Christmas, 15. confer

16. The _____ crime scene was difficult for the detectives to stomach.
adj. causing horror or disgust
17. He _____ a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.
v. to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
18. He _____ his life to helping others.
v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
19. The team's loss in the semifinals did not _____ their determination to return stronger next season.
v. to cause someone to lose hope, confidence, or enthusiasm; to discourage or demoralize
20. The two countries _____ each other's goodwill gestures by exchanging cultural visits.
v. to give, feel, or show in response to something that has been given, felt, or shown; to respond to a kind or friendly gesture by doing something similar in return; to exchange or interchange in a reciprocal manner
21. The _____ community in the city is small but growing.
n. a follower of the religion of Islam
22. The economic recession caused _____ in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.
n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
23. 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

ANSWERS: 16. gruesome, 17. reaped, 18. dedicated, 19. dishearten, 20. reciprocated, 21. Muslim, 22. devastation, 23. harassed

24. Sending a _____ card is a small gesture that can bring comfort to someone who is grieving.
- n.* sympathy or expression of sympathy offered to someone who has experienced a loss or tragedy; an expression of comfort or consolation
25. The paramedics had to _____ the accident victim to prevent further injury during transport to the hospital.
- v.* to render someone or something unable to move or function normally; to restrain, inhibit, or stop
26. He is still struggling with a _____ disease.
- adj.* causing someone to become unable to walk or move; causing severe damage or harm
27. Many Muslim women wear a _____ as a symbol of their religious beliefs.
- n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
28. Her remarks _____ the debate.
- v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
29. The _____ mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.
- adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
30. She _____ uncontrollably after hearing the news.
- v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
31. The _____ supporters of the sports team traveled across the country to watch the match.
- adj.* characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism

ANSWERS: 24. condolence, 25. immobilize, 26. crippling, 27. hijab, 28. confused, 29. subconscious, 30. sobbed, 31. fanatic

32. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

33. He broke his arm at the _____ of the bone.

n. the farthest or most remote point or the greatest or the highest degree

34. The tension in the room was _____ as they waited for the results to come in.

adj. able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible

35. The _____ report revealed that the cause of death was a heart attack.

n. a medical examination performed on a dead body to determine the cause of death or identify any underlying medical conditions or injuries; a postmortem examination or necropsy (in animals)

36. She has a lot of _____ and determination to succeed.

n. very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

37. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.

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

38. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.

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

39. My left arm became _____.

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

ANSWERS: 32. bury, 33. extremity, 34. palpable, 35. autopsy, 36. grit, 37. reclaim, 38. overwhelm, 39. numb

40. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.
n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
41. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
42. The hotel room was _____ with dirty sheets and stained carpets.
adj. dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene
43. Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might _____ dolphins and whales.
v. to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
44. He was provoked to _____ the draft on the floor.
v. to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
45. The baby _____ loudly, signaling its hunger.
v. to make a prolonged, high-pitched cry expressing grief, pain, or anger
46. The choir members _____ the familiar hymn during the church service.
v. to speak or recite with a particular tone or melodic quality; to utter something in a chanting or singing-like manner, often used in a formal or ceremonial setting
47. It is important to _____ yourself to your customers' needs to provide the best service possible.
v. to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment

ANSWERS: 40. cofounder, 41. trump, 42. filthy, 43. disorient, 44. fling, 45. wailed, 46. intone, 47. attune

48. My father has a serious and _____ personality.

adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

49. The city was subjected to heavy _____ during the war.

n. a continuous attack with bombs or other missiles

50. 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: 48. compassionate, 49. bombardment, 50. rev