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Session 1: Word List

bristle

n. a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid

synonym: spike, prickle, hair

(1) **bristle** brush, (2) **bristle** with anger

The dog's **bristle** on its back stood up as it growled at the mailman.

feminism

n. the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society

synonym: women's rights, gender equality

(1) radical **feminism**, (2) liberal **feminism**

She is a strong advocate for **feminism** and works tirelessly for women's rights.

corruptible

adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

synonym: bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or

organizations.

amuse

v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
synonym : entertain, delight, divert

(1) **amuse** a baby with a rattle, (2) **amuse** guests

He **amused** himself by playing video games during his free time.

decidedly

adv. in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner

synonym : definitely, absolutely, positively

(1) **decidedly** unfriendly, (2) **decidedly** different

She was **decidedly** unimpressed with his latest attempt at a joke.

boon

n. something that is helpful or beneficial for the quality of life

synonym : benefit, favor, blessing

(1) a **boon** companion, (2) prove a great **boon**

The increased demand for semiconductors worldwide has been a significant **boon** for the country's economy.

sprinkler

n. a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting

synonym : sprayer, irrigation system

(1) road **sprinkler**, (2) **sprinkler** irrigation

The **sprinkler** system kept the lawn green and healthy.

prestige

n. respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

synonym : honor, distinction, reputation

(1) national **prestige**, (2) **prestige** company

The university has great **prestige** in the academic community.

laureate

n. a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

(1) Oscar **laureate**, (2) poet **laureate**

The Nobel **laureate** delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.

alliteration

n. a literary device or technique characterized by the repetition of sounds, usually consonants, at the beginning of words in close proximity, often used for poetic or rhetorical effect

synonym: repetition, rhyme, consonance

(1) literary **alliteration**, (2) **alliteration** usage

The children's book uses poetic **alliteration** to make the story more fun and engaging.

ostensible

adj. appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden

synonym: apparent, seeming, supposed

(1) **ostensible** reason, (2) **ostensible** explanation

The **ostensible** purpose of the meeting was to discuss budgeting, but the real topic was employee layoffs.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

remake

- v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

synonym: revamp, redo, reproduce

- (1) video game **remake**, (2) **remake** song

The director plans to **remake** the classic movie with a modern twist.

disservice

- n. an action that causes harm or damage; something that is detrimental or disadvantageous; the opposite of a favor

synonym: injury, harm, disadvantage

- (1) social **disservice**, (2) **disservice** to the public

It would be a great **disservice** not to recognize her achievements in the field.

stifle

- v. to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation

synonym: smother, suppress, suffocate

- (1) **stifle** a laugh, (2) **stifle** creativity

The oppressive regime tried to **stifle** free speech and dissent.

masculinity

- n. the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly

synonym: manliness, virility, machismo

- (1) **masculinity** norms, (2) toxic **masculinity**

Research has shown that rigid ideas of **masculinity** can contribute to domestic violence and other forms of abuse.

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym: force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention

The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

breadwinner

n. the member of a family who earns money to support the others

(1) family **breadwinner**, (2) two- **breadwinner** couple

Many women are now their families' primary **breadwinners**.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

emasculate

v. to deprive a male of his masculine characteristics or qualities, often by removing or damaging his genitals; to deprive of strength, power, or effectiveness; to make something less virile or potent

synonym: weaken, castrate, debilitate

(1) **emasculate** power, (2) **emasculate** a provision

The politician faced accusations of trying to **emasculate** the opposing party's message.

acquaintance

n. a person one knows but who is not a close friend

synonym: friend, associate, contact

(1) **acquaintance** with a language, (2) business

acquaintance

I met him at a party, and we quickly became **acquaintances**.

intimidate

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

synonym : frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

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.

unmarried

adj. not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage

synonym : single, unwed, celibate

(1) young **unmarried** couple, (2) **unmarried** status

She has chosen to remain **unmarried** and focus on her career.

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.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

exasperated

adj. feeling intense irritation or frustration, especially over a persistent problem or difficulty

synonym : annoyed, angry, frustrated

(1) **exasperated** sigh, (2) feel **exasperated**

The politician's **exasperated** tone reflected her frustration with the lack of progress on the issue.

masculine

adj. having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

synonym : male, mannish, manly

(1) wear **masculine** attire, (2) **masculine** beauty

Her allure lies in her **masculine** rather than feminine beauty.

forbid

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

synonym : prohibit, ban, outlaw

(1) **forbid** smoking in public areas, (2) **forbid** the use of chemical weapons

God **forbid** you should regret your marriage.

inhuman

adj. lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity

synonym : brutal, hardhanded, cruel

(1) **inhuman** act, (2) **inhuman** conditions

Prisoners were subjected to **inhuman** treatment in an overcrowded jail.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

pretense

n. an act or instance of pretending or feigning; a false or insincere show or claim

synonym : act, facade, show

(1) **pretense** of innocence, (2) maintain a **pretense**

He put on a **pretense** of enjoying the party even though he was feeling miserable.

undeniable

adj. not possible to deny; true or certain

synonym : absolute, definite, indubitable

(1) an **undeniable** fact, (2) an **undeniable** masterpiece
Her influence on teenagers is **undeniable**.

exaggerate

v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

synonym: overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

housework

n. the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house

synonym: chores, cleaning, domestic duties

(1) **housework** robot, (2) light **housework**

She didn't mind doing the **housework** as long as it kept her busy and productive.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

nourish

v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

synonym: feed, sustain, nurture

(1) **nourish** damaged skin, (2) **nourish** hope

The mother used her breast milk to **nourish** the baby.

unprepared

adj. not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready

synonym: inexperienced, caught off-guard, ill-equipped

(1) **unprepared** speech, (2) **unprepared** for the exam

The **unprepared** student struggled on the test and received a low grade.

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.

apologetic

adj. feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

synonym: sorry, regretful, remorseful

(1) **apologetic** tone, (2) **apologetic** letter

He was **apologetic** for being late to the meeting.

repose

n. a state of rest, relaxation, or tranquility; a period of rest or sleep; composure or calmness; a state of being at ease; (verb) to rest or relax; to be situated or positioned

synonym: rest, relaxation, tranquility

(1) state of **repose**, (2) peaceful **repose**

After a long day at work, I found my **repose** in a cozy armchair by the fireplace.

ape

n. a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons

synonym: monkey, primate, simian

(1) jungle **ape**, (2) play the **ape**

The scientist studied the behavior of **apes** in the wild.

earthworm

n. a common type of worm that lives in soil

synonym: angleworm, wiggler, crawler

(1) **earthworm** type robot, (2) trample an **earthworm**

We fed the birds daily with insects and **earthworms**.

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.

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.

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.

niece

n. a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

(1) a bouncing **niece**, (2) play with her **niece**

My **niece** is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.

ancestral

adj. related to or connected with members of your family from the past

synonym: hereditary, inherited, patrimonial

(1) an **ancestral** graveyard, (2) **ancestral** roots
The **ancestral** home has been in the family for generations.

deprive

v. to take away something from someone

synonym: deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status
He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sexually im____nt
adj. lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation
2. in____n act
adj. lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity
3. dis____ce to the public
n. an action that causes harm or damage; something that is detrimental or disadvantageous; the opposite of a favor
4. national pr____ge
n. respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
5. re____e song
v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
6. a bouncing ni__e
n. a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
7. un____ed status
adj. not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage

ANSWERS: 1. impotent, 2. inhuman, 3. disservice, 4. prestige, 5. remake, 6. niece, 7. unmarried

8. cor_____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
9. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
10. de_____ly unfriendly *adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner
11. jungle a_e *n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
12. exa_____ed sigh *adj.* feeling intense irritation or frustration, especially over a persistent problem or difficulty
13. an im_____nt feeling *adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation
14. light ho_____rk *n.* the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house
15. 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
16. am__e guests *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
17. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 8. corruptible, 9. sham, 10. decidedly, 11. ape, 12. exasperated, 13. impotent, 14. housework, 15. subordinate, 16. amuse, 17. opportune

18. ema_____te power *v.* to deprive a male of his masculine characteristics or qualities, often by removing or damaging his genitals; to deprive of strength, power, or effectiveness; to make something less virile or potent
19. apo_____ic letter *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
20. sp_____er irrigation *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
21. exa_____te in degree *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
22. Oscar la_____te *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
23. social dis_____ce *n.* an action that causes harm or damage; something that is detrimental or disadvantageous; the opposite of a favor
24. state of re____e *n.* a state of rest, relaxation, or tranquility; a period of rest or sleep; composure or calmness; a state of being at ease; (verb) to rest or relax; to be situated or positioned

ANSWERS: 18. emasculate, 19. apologetic, 20. sprinkler, 21. exaggerate, 22. laureate, 23. disservice, 24. repose

25. int_____te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
26. ema_____te a provision *v.* to deprive a male of his masculine characteristics or qualities, often by removing or damaging his genitals; to deprive of strength, power, or effectiveness; to make something less virile or potent
27. as___e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
28. pr_____ge company *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
29. fo___d the use of chemical weapons *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
30. video game re___e *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
31. an und_____le fact *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
32. ost_____le explanation *adj.* appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden

ANSWERS: 25. intimidate, 26. emasculate, 27. aspire, 28. prestige, 29. forbid, 30. remake, 31. undeniable, 32. ostensible

33. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
34. flexible mi_____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
35. 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
36. 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
37. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
38. br_____e brush *n.* a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid
39. the mi_____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
40. acq_____nce with a language *n.* a person one knows but who is not a close friend

ANSWERS: 33. pretension, 34. mindset, 35. subordinate, 36. oppress, 37. sham, 38. bristle, 39. mindset, 40. acquaintance

41. am__e a baby with a rattle
v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
42. young un_____ed couple
adj. not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage
43. apo_____ic tone
adj. feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
44. toxic mas_____ty
n. the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly
45. business acq_____nce
n. a person one knows but who is not a close friend
46. cor_____le judges
adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
47. two-bre_____er couple
n. the member of a family who earns money to support the others
48. enrich my in_____ct
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
49. gr__t a customer
v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
50. br_____e with anger
n. a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid

ANSWERS: 41. amuse, 42. unmarried, 43. apologetic, 44. masculinity, 45. acquaintance, 46. corruptible, 47. breadwinner, 48. intellect, 49. greet, 50. bristle

51. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
52. mas_____ty norms *n.* the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly
53. maintain a pr_____se *n.* an act or instance of pretending or feigning; a false or insincere show or claim
54. as___e after perfection *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
55. poet la_____te *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
56. in_____n conditions *adj.* lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity
57. de_____ly different *adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner
58. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 51. confer, 52. masculinity, 53. pretense, 54. aspire, 55. laureate, 56. inhuman, 57. decidedly, 58. intellect

59. pr____se of innocence *n.* an act or instance of pretending or feigning; a false or insincere show or claim
60. exa_____te story *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
61. ost_____le reason *adj.* appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden
62. feel exa_____ed *adj.* feeling intense irritation or frustration, especially over a persistent problem or difficulty
63. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
64. an und_____le masterpiece *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
65. prove a great b__n *n.* something that is helpful or beneficial for the quality of life
66. de_____e others of profit *v.* to take away something from someone
67. fo___d smoking in public areas *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
68. radical fe_____sm *n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society

ANSWERS: 59. pretense, 60. exaggerate, 61. ostensible, 62. exasperated, 63. opportune, 64. undeniable, 65. boon, 66. deprive, 67. forbid, 68. feminism

69. re____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
70. literary all_____ion *n.* a literary device or technique characterized by the repetition of sounds, usually consonants, at the beginning of words in close proximity, often used for poetic or rhetorical effect
71. an an_____al graveyard *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
72. ea_____rm type robot *n.* a common type of worm that lives in soil
73. an_____al roots *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
74. liberal fe_____sm *n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society
75. no_____h hope *v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
76. a b__n companion *n.* something that is helpful or beneficial for the quality of life
77. re____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
78. unpre_____ed for the exam *adj.* not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready
79. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 69. reclaim, 70. alliteration, 71. ancestral, 72. earthworm, 73. ancestral, 74. feminism, 75. nourish, 76. boon, 77. reclaim, 78. unprepared, 79. confer

80. peaceful re___e *n.* a state of rest, relaxation, or tranquility; a period of rest or sleep; composure or calmness; a state of being at ease; (verb) to rest or relax; to be situated or positioned
81. wear ma_____ne attire *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
82. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
83. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
84. trample an ea_____rm *n.* a common type of worm that lives in soil
85. play with her ni__e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
86. co___l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
87. family bre_____er *n.* the member of a family who earns money to support the others
88. co___l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

ANSWERS: 80. repose, 81. masculine, 82. greet, 83. intern, 84. earthworm, 85. niece, 86. compel, 87. breadwinner, 88. compel

89. no____h damaged skin *v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
90. st___e a laugh *v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
91. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
92. de_____e him of his status *v.* to take away something from someone
93. unp_____ed speech *adj.* not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready
94. effectively int_____te a thief *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
95. medical in___n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
96. 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
97. ma_____ne beauty *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

ANSWERS: 89. nourish, 90. stifle, 91. pretension, 92. deprive, 93. unprepared, 94. intimidate, 95. intern, 96. oppress, 97. masculine

98. ba___h my wrinkles *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
99. play the a_e *n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
100. st___e creativity *v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
101. all_____ion usage *n.* a literary device or technique characterized by the repetition of sounds, usually consonants, at the beginning of words in close proximity, often used for poetic or rhetorical effect
102. ho_____rk robot *n.* the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house
103. road sp_____er *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
104. ba___h doubt *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

ANSWERS: 98. banish, 99. ape, 100. stifle, 101. alliteration, 102. housework, 103. sprinkler, 104. banish

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.
v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

2. God _____ you should regret your marriage.
v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

3. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

4. The _____ home has been in the family for generations.
adj. related to or connected with members of your family from the past

5. After a long day at work, I found my _____ in a cozy armchair by the fireplace.
n. a state of rest, relaxation, or tranquility; a period of rest or sleep; composure or calmness; a state of being at ease; (verb) to rest or relax; to be situated or positioned

6. We fed the birds daily with insects and _____.
n. a common type of worm that lives in soil

7. The _____ purpose of the meeting was to discuss budgeting, but the real topic was employee layoffs.
adj. appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden

ANSWERS: 1. aspired, 2. forbid, 3. interned, 4. ancestral, 5. repose, 6. earthworms, 7. ostensible

8. She has chosen to remain _____ and focus on her career.
adj. not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage
9. The strict deadlines will _____ the team to work efficiently.
v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
10. He put on a _____ of enjoying the party even though he was feeling miserable.
n. an act or instance of pretending or feigning; a false or insincere show or claim
11. He _____ himself by playing video games during his free time.
v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
12. The _____ system kept the lawn green and healthy.
n. a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
13. 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
14. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 8. unmarried, 9. compel, 10. pretense, 11. amused, 12. sprinkler, 13. subordinate, 14. pretensions

15. My _____ is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.
n. a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
16. The scientist studied the behavior of _____ in the wild.
n. a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
17. The oppressive regime tried to _____ free speech and dissent.
v. to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
18. The data he prepared was completely _____.
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
19. The boss tried to _____ his subordinate with threats.
v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
20. She _____ the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.
v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
21. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.
v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
22. Her influence on teenagers is _____.
adj. not possible to deny; true or certain

ANSWERS: 15. niece, 16. apes, 17. stifle, 18. sham, 19. intimidate, 20. exaggerated, 21. greeted, 22. undeniable

23. She was _____ unimpressed with his latest attempt at a joke.

adv. in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner

24. The Nobel _____ delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.

n. a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

25. 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

26. The director plans to _____ the classic movie with a modern twist.

v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

27. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

28. He was _____ for being late to the meeting.

adj. feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

29. The politician faced accusations of trying to _____ the opposing party's message.

v. to deprive a male of his masculine characteristics or qualities, often by removing or damaging his genitals; to deprive of strength, power, or effectiveness; to make something less virile or potent

ANSWERS: 23. decidedly, 24. laureate, 25. confer, 26. remake, 27. opportune, 28. apologetic, 29. emasculate

30. Modern medicine was largely _____ against the disease.
adj. lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation
31. The politician's _____ tone reflected her frustration with the lack of progress on the issue.
adj. feeling intense irritation or frustration, especially over a persistent problem or difficulty
32. 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
33. The increased demand for semiconductors worldwide has been a significant _____ for the country's economy.
n. something that is helpful or beneficial for the quality of life
34. The _____ student struggled on the test and received a low grade.
adj. not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready
35. Research has shown that rigid ideas of _____ can contribute to domestic violence and other forms of abuse.
n. the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly
36. Her allure lies in her _____ rather than feminine beauty.
adj. having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
37. She is a strong advocate for _____ and works tirelessly for women's rights.
n. the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society

ANSWERS: 30. impotent, 31. exasperated, 32. oppressed, 33. boon, 34. unprepared, 35. masculinity, 36. masculine, 37. feminism

38. 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
39. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
40. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.
v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
41. I met him at a party, and we quickly became _____.
n. a person one knows but who is not a close friend
42. It would be a great _____ not to recognize her achievements in the field.
n. an action that causes harm or damage; something that is detrimental or disadvantageous; the opposite of a favor
43. The dog's _____ on its back stood up as it growled at the mailman.
n. a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid
44. The university has great _____ in the academic community.
n. respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
45. The mother used her breast milk to _____ the baby.
v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

ANSWERS: 38. banished, 39. intellect, 40. reclaim, 41. acquaintances, 42. disservice, 43. bristle, 44. prestige, 45. nourish

46. The children's book uses poetic _____ to make the story more fun and engaging.
- n.* a literary device or technique characterized by the repetition of sounds, usually consonants, at the beginning of words in close proximity, often used for poetic or rhetorical effect
47. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.
- adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
48. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
- n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
49. Many women are now their families' primary _____.
- n.* the member of a family who earns money to support the others
50. She didn't mind doing the _____ as long as it kept her busy and productive.
- n.* the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house
51. Prisoners were subjected to _____ treatment in an overcrowded jail.
- adj.* lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity
52. He was _____ of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.
- v.* to take away something from someone

ANSWERS: 46. alliteration, 47. corruptible, 48. mindset, 49. breadwinners, 50. housework, 51. inhuman, 52. deprived