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Session 1: Word List

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym: allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

ivy

n. an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings

(1) poison **ivy**, (2) **ivy** plant

The overgrown **ivy** cleaved to the ruined castle walls.

cracker

n. a crisp, dry baked food usually made from flour and served as a snack or with soup or cheese; a person who breaks into computer systems or networks without authorization, commonly known as a hacker; a small firework that is designed to make a loud noise when ignited

synonym: biscuit, hacker, banger

(1) cannon **cracker**, (2) computer **cracker**

I love having a cheese and **cracker** platter while watching a movie.

hookup

n. a device providing a connection between a power source and a user; a sexual encounter, usually between two people who are not in a committed relationship or do not know each other well

synonym: connection, rendezvous, one-night stand

(1) electric **hookup**, (2) casual **hookup**

We must buy cables for the audio **hookup** between the TV and the soundbar.

shrug

v. to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested

(1) **shrug** off the importance, (2) **shrug** his shoulders sadly
I respect her ability to **shrug** off harsh criticism.

docile

adj. easily controlled or managed, or willing to be led or instructed

synonym: tame, obedient, submissive

(1) seemingly **docile** animal, (2) a **docile** patient

The **docile** dog followed its owner's commands.

hem

n. the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish

synonym: edge, border, margin

(1) the **hem** of a dress, (2) **hem** the skirt

The **hem** length of her dress was perfect for the evening event.

disrespect

n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

synonym: impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer

His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

begrudge

v. to feel resentment or ill-will towards someone because of their success, possessions, or achievements; to envy or covet something that belongs to someone else; to hesitate or be reluctant to give or allow something to someone

synonym : resent, envy

(1) **begrudge** him the opportunity to study abroad,

(2) **begrudge** spending money

I don't **begrudge** you for your success.

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**.

genital

adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs

synonym : reproductive, genetic, sexual

(1) **genital** bleeding, (2) pain in the **genital** area

The **genital** organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.

icky

adj. unpleasant or uncomfortable; causing a feeling of disgust or revulsion

synonym : disgusting, revolting, unpleasant

(1) **icky** feeling, (2) **icky** situation

The food left in the fridge for too long had an **icky** smell.

siege

n. the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it

synonym : blockade, encirclement, barricade

(1) hostage **siege**, (2) lay **siege** to his house

People began storing up food and supplies for the **siege**.

pubic

adj. relating to or situated in the region of the pubes, the lower part of the human abdomen where the genitalia and certain other structures are located

synonym : inguinal, crural

(1) **pubic** osteitis, (2) **pubic** bone

The **pubic** hair is a secondary sex characteristic that typically appears during puberty.

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.

shave

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

synonym : trim, cut down, prune

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

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

armpit

n. the hollow under the arm where it joins the shoulder

synonym : underarm, axilla

(1) hair of the **armpits**, (2) **armpit** area

This stick will deodorize your **armpits**.

labia

n. the external folds of skin that surround the openings of the female genitalia, specifically the vulva

synonym : lip, rim

(1) **labial** piercing, (2) **labial** melanosis

Some women choose to have **labial** reduction surgery for medical or aesthetic reasons.

incidentally

adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing

synonym : by chance, by accident, inadvertently

(1) **incidentally** discovered, (2) **incidentally** mentioned

Incidentally, I know the answer to that question.

fused

adj. joined together or combined into one; blended or integrated in a way that creates a new entity

synonym : merged, blended, united

(1) **fused** glass, (2) **fused** bones

The **fused** wires in the electrical circuit caused a power outage.

clam

n. a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness

(1) giant **clam**, (2) shuck a **clam**

The **clam** digs through the sand to a significant depth.

groan

v. to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction

synonym : moan, grunt, sigh

(1) **groan** in pain, (2) **groan** for water

The sight of the huge pile of laundry made me **groan** with dread.

worrisome

adj. causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm

synonym : concerning, troubling, bothersome

(1) **worrisome** issue, (2) **worrisome** development

The **worrisome** news about the impending storm caused many people to evacuate.

obstetrician

n. a physician who specializes in caring for women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period

synonym : doctor, gynecologist, accoucheur

(1) **obstetrician** appointment, (2) female **obstetrician**

The new mother was grateful for the support she received from her **obstetrician**.

medically

adv. in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury

(1) **medically** endorsed method, (2) in a **medically** effective

manner

A decade ago, it was **medically** impossible to cure this disease completely.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym: blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

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**.

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**.

disparity

n. a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

synonym: difference, inequality, gap

(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity**

There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

synonym: sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

humiliate

v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

synonym : shame, embarrass, degrade

(1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym : demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

deceptive

adj. tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true

synonym : misleading, trickery, fraudulent

(1) **deceptive** practices, (2) appearances are **deceptive**

The politician's statements were found to be **deceptive** and not based on fact.

clitoral

adj. relating to or involving the clitoris, a sensitive organ in female sexual anatomy that is key to sexual pleasure

synonym : vaginal, vulval, genital

(1) **clitoral** hood, (2) **clitoral** orgasm

Some women report increased sexual pleasure from **clitoral** stimulation.

infancy

n. the state or period of being a baby or very young child

synonym : childhood, babyhood, juvenescence

(1) **infancy** stage, (2) in early **infancy**

The technology is still in its **infancy** and has much room for improvement.

navel

n. the small depression or scar on the abdomen where the umbilical cord was attached at birth; the center or core of something

synonym: belly button, umbilicus, center

(1) **navel** string, (2) gaze at my **navel**

I have a piercing in my **navel**, which I got in college.

unspeakable

adj. too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about

synonym: unspeakably horrible, indescribable, unutterable

(1) **unspeakable** crime, (2) **unspeakable** pain

The survivors of the plane crash could only describe the **unspeakable** horror of the experience.

puberty

n. the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction

synonym: adolescence, young adulthood

(1) at the height of **puberty** ., (2) the onset of **puberty**

In this culture, men are initiated when they reach **puberty**.

steer

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

synonym: guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

vulva

n. the outside parts of the female sex organs

synonym: genitals, sex organs, reproductive organs

(1) **vulva** cancer, (2) inflammation of the **vulva**

The surgeon decided to remove part of the **vulva** to remedy the patient's skin disease.

climax

n. the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or

emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance

synonym: finale, pinnacle, apex

(1) emotional **climax**, (2) reach a **climax**

The **climax** of the movie had everyone on the edge of their seats.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

coercion

n. the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority

synonym: pressure, force, compulsion

(1) **coercion** through force, (2) physical **coercion**

The government used **coercion** to force citizens to comply with pandemic restrictions.

betray

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

synonym: fail, denounce, display

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

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

heterosexual

adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

synonym: straight, conventional

(1) **heterosexual** relationship, (2) **heterosexual** marriage

He identified as **heterosexual** and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.

conceptualization

n. the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other

symbolic representations

synonym: conception, formulation, thought

(1) **conceptualization** of a problem, (2) the **conceptualization** of the sculpture

The **conceptualization** of the project took several weeks to complete.

intimacy

n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

synonym: closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of **intimacy**, (2) build **intimacy**

They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

delve

v. to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner

synonym: dig, excavate, uncover

(1) **delve** deeper, (2) **delve** into documents

Researchers must **delve** into the intricacies of the human brain to understand mental illness.

contraception

n. the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures

(1) hormonal **contraception**, (2) **contraception** pills

Condoms are a common method of **contraception** that both men and women can use.

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.

humanize

v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

synonym: civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room

The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

recourse

n. a source of help or support, especially in a difficult or critical situation; the option or ability to seek or pursue something, particularly legal action or appeal

synonym: resort, alternative, choice

(1) **recourse** debt, (2) legal **recourse**

The government has no **recourse** but to raise taxes to fund public services.

egalitarian

adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

synonym: equalitarian, democratic, fair

(1) **egalitarian** society, (2) **egalitarian** principles

The company prides itself on being an **egalitarian** workplace with equal employment opportunities.

Session 2: Spelling

1. income di_____ty *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
2. pu__c bone *adj.* relating to or situated in the region of the pubes, the lower part of the human abdomen where the genitalia and certain other structures are located
3. be_____ge him the opportunity to study abroad *v.* to feel resentment or ill-will towards someone because of their success, possessions, or achievements; to envy or covet something that belongs to someone else; to hesitate or be reluctant to give or allow something to someone
4. the onset of pu_____y *n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
5. het_____ual marriage *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
6. ar___t area *n.* the hollow under the arm where it joins the shoulder
7. re_____se debt *n.* a source of help or support, especially in a difficult or critical situation; the option or ability to seek or pursue something, particularly legal action or appeal
8. de__e into documents *v.* to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner

ANSWERS: 1. disparity, 2. pubic, 3. begrudge, 4. puberty, 5. heterosexual, 6. armpit, 7. recourse, 8. delve

9. casual ho___p *n.* a device providing a connection between a power source and a user; a sexual encounter, usually between two people who are not in a committed relationship or do not know each other well
10. the di_____ty between theory and reality *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
11. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
12. fu__d bones *adj.* joined together or combined into one; blended or integrated in a way that creates a new entity
13. giant c__m *n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
14. i__y feeling *adj.* unpleasant or uncomfortable; causing a feeling of disgust or revulsion
15. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
16. st__r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
17. cl_____al orgasm *adj.* relating to or involving the clitoris, a sensitive organ in female sexual anatomy that is key to sexual pleasure
18. burn s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

ANSWERS: 9. hookup, 10. disparity, 11. betray, 12. fused, 13. clam, 14. icky, 15. numb, 16. steer, 17. clitoral, 18. scar

19. show di_____t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
20. hu_____ze a room *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
21. female obs_____ian *n.* a physician who specializes in caring for women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period
22. sh__e my head *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
23. fu__d glass *adj.* joined together or combined into one; blended or integrated in a way that creates a new entity
24. co_____on through force *n.* the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority
25. i__y situation *adj.* unpleasant or uncomfortable; causing a feeling of disgust or revulsion
26. hostage si__e *n.* the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it
27. me_____ly endorsed method *adv.* in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury
28. en_____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

ANSWERS: 19. disgust, 20. humanize, 21. obstetrician, 22. shave, 23. fused, 24. coercion, 25. icky, 26. siege, 27. medically, 28. entitle

29. the h_m of a dress
30. hormonal con_____ion
31. public di_____t
32. on terms of in_____cy
33. na__l string
34. reach a cl____x
35. mean no dis_____ct
36. em____y a spirit of charity
- n.* the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish
- n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures
- n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
- n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
- n.* the small depression or scar on the abdomen where the umbilical cord was attached at birth; the center or core of something
- n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance
- n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
- v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

ANSWERS: 29. hem, 30. contraception, 31. disgust, 32. intimacy, 33. navel, 34. climax, 35. disrespect, 36. embody

37. hu____ze my pet
v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
38. li____te potential
v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
39. 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
40. pain in the ge_____l area
adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
41. em___y my goal
v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
42. ge_____l bleeding
adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
43. sh__g his shoulders sadly
v. to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested
44. physical co_____on
n. the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority
45. h_m the skirt
n. the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish

ANSWERS: 37. humanize, 38. liberate, 39. sham, 40. genital, 41. embody, 42. genital, 43. shrug, 44. coercion, 45. hem

46. dis_____ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
47. di_____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
48. be_____ge spending money *v.* to feel resentment or ill-will towards someone because of their success, possessions, or achievements; to envy or covet something that belongs to someone else; to hesitate or be reluctant to give or allow something to someone
49. de__e deeper *v.* to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner
50. de_____ve practices *adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
51. hu_____te him publicly *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
52. in early in_____y *n.* the state or period of being a baby or very young child
53. build in_____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
54. st__r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

ANSWERS: 46. disrespect, 47. diminish, 48. begrudge, 49. delve, 50. deceptive, 51. humiliate, 52. infancy, 53. intimacy, 54. steer

55. in a me_____ly effective manner *adv.* in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury
56. emotional cl____x *n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance
57. obs_____ian appointment *n.* a physician who specializes in caring for women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period
58. cl_____al hood *adj.* relating to or involving the clitoris, a sensitive organ in female sexual anatomy that is key to sexual pleasure
59. de_____s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
60. a do____e patient *adj.* easily controlled or managed, or willing to be led or instructed
61. electric ho____p *n.* a device providing a connection between a power source and a user; a sexual encounter, usually between two people who are not in a committed relationship or do not know each other well
62. shuck a c__m *n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
63. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

ANSWERS: 55. medically, 56. climax, 57. obstetrician, 58. clitoral, 59. depress, 60. docile, 61. hookup, 62. clam, 63. scar

64. het_____ual relationship *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
65. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
66. cannon cr_____r *n.* a crisp, dry baked food usually made from flour and served as a snack or with soup or cheese; a person who breaks into computer systems or networks without authorization, commonly known as a hacker; a small firework that is designed to make a loud noise when ignited
67. be____y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
68. la__al piercing *n.* the external folds of skin that surround the openings of the female genitalia, specifically the vulva
69. uns_____le crime *adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
70. 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
71. gaze at my na__l *n.* the small depression or scar on the abdomen where the umbilical cord was attached at birth; the center or core of something
72. hu_____te the heckler in the audience *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

ANSWERS: 64. heterosexual, 65. entitle, 66. cracker, 67. betray, 68. labia, 69. unspeakable, 70. sham, 71. navel, 72. humiliate

73. vu__a cancer *n.* the outside parts of the female sex organs
74. sh__e cheese *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
75. ega_____an society *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
76. de_____s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
77. re_____y in the streets *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
78. inc_____lly discovered *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
79. inflammation of the vu__a *n.* the outside parts of the female sex organs
80. de_____e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
81. the con_____ion of the sculpture *n.* the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations
82. seemingly do___e animal *adj.* easily controlled or managed, or willing to be led or instructed

ANSWERS: 73. vulva, 74. shave, 75. egalitarian, 76. depress, 77. revelry, 78. incidentally, 79. vulva, 80. degrade, 81. conceptualization, 82. docile

83. wo_____me issue *adj.* causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm
84. lay si__e to his house *n.* the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it
85. legal re_____se *n.* a source of help or support, especially in a difficult or critical situation; the option or ability to seek or pursue something, particularly legal action or appeal
86. di_____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
87. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
88. poison i_y *n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
89. sh__g off the importance *v.* to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested
90. gr__n in pain *v.* to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction
91. ega_____an principles *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

ANSWERS: 83. worrisome, 84. siege, 85. recourse, 86. diminish, 87. numb, 88. ivy, 89. shrug, 90. groan, 91. egalitarian

92. at the height of pu____y. *n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
93. appearances are de_____ve *adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
94. inc_____lly mentioned *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
95. uns_____le pain *adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
96. con_____ion of a problem *n.* the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations
97. hair of the ar____ts *n.* the hollow under the arm where it joins the shoulder
98. i_y plant *n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
99. pu__c osteitis *adj.* relating to or situated in the region of the pubes, the lower part of the human abdomen where the genitalia and certain other structures are located
100. computer cr_____r *n.* a crisp, dry baked food usually made from flour and served as a snack or with soup or cheese; a person who breaks into computer systems or networks without authorization, commonly known as a hacker; a small firework that is designed to make a loud noise when ignited

ANSWERS: 92. puberty, 93. deceptive, 94. incidentally, 95. unspeakable, 96. conceptualization, 97. armpit, 98. ivy, 99. pubic, 100. cracker

101. in____y stage *n.* the state or period of being a baby or very young child
102. wo_____me development *adj.* causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm
103. de_____e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
104. festival re_____y *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
105. con_____ion pills *n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures
106. gr__n for water *v.* to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction
107. li_____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
108. la__al melanosis *n.* the external folds of skin that surround the openings of the female genitalia, specifically the vulva

ANSWERS: 101. infancy, 102. worrisome, 103. degrade, 104. revelry, 105. contraception, 106. groan, 107. liberate, 108. labia

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
2. The company's new products _____ the values of innovation and sustainability.
v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
3. The captain told him to _____ the ship north.
v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
4. The charity event aims to _____ the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.
v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
5. _____ I know the answer to that question.
adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing
6. The ____ length of her dress was perfect for the evening event.
n. the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish
7. Condoms are a common method of _____ that both men and women can use.
n. the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures

ANSWERS: 1. sham, 2. embody, 3. steer, 4. humanize, 5. Incidentally, 6. hem, 7. contraception

8. The _____ dog followed its owner's commands.

adj. easily controlled or managed, or willing to be led or instructed

9. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

10. He identified as _____ and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.

adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

11. The _____ wires in the electrical circuit caused a power outage.

adj. joined together or combined into one; blended or integrated in a way that creates a new entity

12. The overgrown _____ cleaved to the ruined castle walls.

n. an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings

13. Researchers must _____ into the intricacies of the human brain to understand mental illness.

v. to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner

14. The technology is still in its _____ and has much room for improvement.

n. the state or period of being a baby or very young child

15. His _____ behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

ANSWERS: 8. docile, 9. scar, 10. heterosexual, 11. fused, 12. ivy, 13. delve, 14. infancy, 15. disrespectful

16. The boss _____ her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.
- v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
17. 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
18. We must buy cables for the audio _____ between the TV and the soundbar.
- n. a device providing a connection between a power source and a user; a sexual encounter, usually between two people who are not in a committed relationship or do not know each other well
19. The sight of the huge pile of laundry made me _____ with dread.
- v. to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction
20. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.
- v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
21. As people get old, their energies may _____.
- v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
22. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.
- v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

ANSWERS: 16. humiliated, 17. revelry, 18. hookup, 19. groan, 20. entitled, 21. diminish, 22. degrade

23. This stick will deodorize your _____.
- n.* the hollow under the arm where it joins the shoulder
24. The _____ of the project took several weeks to complete.
- n.* the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations
25. That supermarket tried to _____ certain costs by saving electricity.
- v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
26. The new mother was grateful for the support she received from her _____.
- n.* a physician who specializes in caring for women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period
27. The _____ hair is a secondary sex characteristic that typically appears during puberty.
- adj.* relating to or situated in the region of the pubes, the lower part of the human abdomen where the genitalia and certain other structures are located
28. The _____ organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.
- adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
29. The _____ of the movie had everyone on the edge of their seats.
- n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance
30. The food left in the fridge for too long had an _____ smell.
- adj.* unpleasant or uncomfortable; causing a feeling of disgust or revulsion

ANSWERS: 23. armpits, 24. conceptualization, 25. shave, 26. obstetrician, 27. pubic, 28. genital, 29. climax, 30. icky

31. He was filled with _____ and fear for the threat of war.
n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
32. In this culture, men are initiated when they reach _____.
n. the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
33. The economic recession _____ the housing market.
v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
34. The ____ digs through the sand to a significant depth.
n. a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
35. There is a significant _____ in pay between men and women in the company.
n. a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
36. Some women report increased sexual pleasure from _____ stimulation.
adj. relating to or involving the clitoris, a sensitive organ in female sexual anatomy that is key to sexual pleasure
37. The politician's statements were found to be _____ and not based on fact.
adj. tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
38. A decade ago, it was _____ impossible to cure this disease completely.
adv. in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury

ANSWERS: 31. disgust, 32. puberty, 33. depressed, 34. clam, 35. disparity, 36. clitoral, 37. deceptive, 38. medically

39. Some women choose to have _____ reduction surgery for medical or aesthetic reasons.

n. the external folds of skin that surround the openings of the female genitalia, specifically the vulva

40. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

41. The company prides itself on being an _____ workplace with equal employment opportunities.

adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

42. The government used _____ to force citizens to comply with pandemic restrictions.

n. the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority

43. They were looking for _____ in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

44. I don't _____ you for your success.

v. to feel resentment or ill-will towards someone because of their success, possessions, or achievements; to envy or covet something that belongs to someone else; to hesitate or be reluctant to give or allow something to someone

ANSWERS: 39. labial, 40. liberated, 41. egalitarian, 42. coercion, 43. intimacy, 44. begrudge

45. The government has no _____ but to raise taxes to fund public services.
n. a source of help or support, especially in a difficult or critical situation; the option or ability to seek or pursue something, particularly legal action or appeal
46. The survivors of the plane crash could only describe the _____ horror of the experience.
adj. too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
47. I respect her ability to _____ off harsh criticism.
v. to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested
48. I have a piercing in my _____ which I got in college.
n. the small depression or scar on the abdomen where the umbilical cord was attached at birth; the center or core of something
49. I love having a cheese and _____ platter while watching a movie.
n. a crisp, dry baked food usually made from flour and served as a snack or with soup or cheese; a person who breaks into computer systems or networks without authorization, commonly known as a hacker; a small firework that is designed to make a loud noise when ignited
50. The surgeon decided to remove part of the _____ to remedy the patient's skin disease.
n. the outside parts of the female sex organs
51. He felt _____ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.
v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

ANSWERS: 45. recourse, 46. unspeakable, 47. shrug, 48. navel, 49. cracker, 50. vulva, 51. betrayed

52. The _____ news about the impending storm caused many people to evacuate.

adj. causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm

53. My left arm became _____.

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

54. People began storing up food and supplies for the _____.

n. the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it

ANSWERS: 52. worrisome, 53. numb, 54. siege