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Session 1: Word List

peddle

v. to sell or promote something or spread an idea or story, often in a persistent or aggressive way

synonym: sell, promote, advertise

(1) **peddle** influence, (2) **peddle** drugs

The street vendor **peddled** his wares to passing tourists.

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.

grapple

v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

synonym: brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

mumble

v. to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately

synonym: murmur, mutter, whisper

(1) **mumble** a reply, (2) **mumble** under your breath
She tended to **mumble** when she was nervous or unsure of herself.

akin

adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin

synonym: similar, related, alike

(1) **akin** to anger, (2) **akin** to the prior experiences

Her interests are **akin** to mine.

celiac

n. relating to a condition in which the body's immune system reacts to gluten, a protein found in wheat, barley, and rye; of or in or belonging to the cavity of the abdomen

synonym: gluten intolerance, gastric, stomachic

(1) **celiac** treatment, (2) **celiac** artery

His **celiac** disorder required him to follow a strict gluten-free diet.

vegan

n. a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons

(1) raw food **vegan**, (2) **vegan** lifestyle

The **vegan** diet is based on plant-based foods.

comrade

n. a close associate, friend, or companion, especially one who shares one's interests, beliefs, or political convictions; a fellow member of an organization, especially a military or political group, who shares a common cause or objective

synonym: ally, friend, mate

(1) **comrade** in arms, (2) trusted **comrade**

We worked together as **comrades** to finish the project on time.

techie

n. a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices

synonym: geek, technician, computer expert

(1) gadget **techies**, (2) aspiring **techies**

Our company hired a **techie** consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.

carburetor

n. a device in an internal combustion engine that mixes air and gasoline to create a combustible mixture for the engine to run smoothly

synonym: mixer, carb, fuel-injector

(1) **carburetor** adjustment, (2) **carburetor** cleaning

The mechanic is working on repairing the **carburetor** of the vintage car.

toil

v. to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time

synonym: struggle, labor, work hard

(1) **toil** to make a living, (2) **toil** up the mountain

The farmers **toiled** in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.

Newtonian

adj. relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation

synonym: classical, physics, mechanics

(1) **Newtonian** physics, (2) **Newtonian** mechanics

The motion of planets can be described using **Newtonian** mechanics.

eureka

n. exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight

synonym: discovery, breakthrough, aha moment

(1) have a **eureka** moment, (2) shout "**eureka!**"

"**Eureka!**" he exclaimed, finally solving the problem.

sprawl

v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

synonym: drape, spread out

(1) **sprawl** out luxuriously on the sofa, (2) **sprawl** for acres

The lush vegetation **sprawls** across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.

metropolis

n. a large and densely populated city, typically the most important city or the capital of a country or region; a major center of commerce, culture, and activity

synonym : city, megacity, urban center

(1) **metropolis** skyline, (2) bustling **metropolis**

Paris is a romantic **metropolis** famous for its art, fashion, and cuisine.

industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

synonym : motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

embellish

v. to make something more beautiful, interesting, or attractive by adding decorative details or features; to exaggerate or enhance the truth or significance of something

synonym : decorate, adorn, beautify

(1) **embellish** a story, (2) **embellish** a room

I decided to **embellish** the plain white dress with some colorful accessories.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym : dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

resourceful

adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems

synonym: inventive, imaginative, clever

(1) **resourceful** thinker, (2) **resourceful** cook in town

She was **resourceful** and found a solution to the problem on her own.

catapult

n. a device used to hurl an object a long distance

synonym: launcher, trebuchet, slingshot

(1) powerful **catapult**, (2) **catapult** mechanism

The army used a **catapult** to launch large rocks over the castle walls.

stardom

n. the status or quality of being famous, especially for being an actor, a singer, etc.

synonym: fame, acclaim, celebrity

(1) rise to **stardom**, (2) chance at **stardom**

The actress shot to **stardom** in a few years.

pronounce

v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

synonym: articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

soar

v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

synonym: fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights

The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

sow

v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

synonym : plant, scatter, seed

(1) **sow** wheat in a field, (2) **sow** discord

She carefully **sowed** the seeds in the garden.

oat

n. a species of cereal grain that seed is grown for making porridge and other dishes or being fed to animals

synonym : cereal, grain

(1) **oat** flour, (2) organic **oat** flake

Oat bran is a rich source of soluble dietary fiber.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym : agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

midlife

n. the period of life between young adulthood and old age, typically characterized by a sense of maturity, stability, and sometimes, dissatisfaction or restlessness

(1) **midlife** depression, (2) **midlife** changes

Many people go through a **midlife** crisis and contemplate major life changes.

prima

adj. of the highest quality or importance; primary or first in rank or position

synonym : primary, first-rate, top-notch

(1) **prima** facie, (2) **prima** donna

The **prima** ballerina wowed the audience with her graceful performance.

donna

n. (also used as "prima donna") a title of respect given in Italy to a woman of rank or nobility; a woman of distinction or importance

synonym : woman, lady, female

(1) prima **donna** attitude, (2) prima **donna** personality

Her prima **donna** behavior on the movie set was well known, making it difficult for directors to work with her.

superhero

n. a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

(1) **superhero** movies, (2) **superhero** comics

Superman is a classic **superhero** known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.

reinvent

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

synonym : recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

commend

v. to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust or hand over something to someone else

synonym : praise, applaud, compliment

(1) **commend** a job well done, (2) **commend** him for his bravery

The coach **commended** the team for fighting until the end and never giving up.

crotch

n. the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals

synonym : groin, loin, genitals

(1) **crotch** portion, (2) **crotch** of trousers

She kicked him hard in the **crotch**.

shameless

adj. without shame or embarrassment; showing no remorse or guilt for one's actions or behaviors

synonym : brazen, unashamed, audacious

(1) **shameless** behavior, (2) **shameless** liar

He acted in a **shameless** way, not caring that his actions hurt others.

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.

reconstruct

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

synonym : rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text

They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

acronym

n. a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

synonym : abbreviation, initialism, shortcut

(1) **acronym** definition, (2) use an **acronym**

RADAR is an **acronym** for radio detection and ranging.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym : stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

enlightened

adj. having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook

synonym : educated, informed, aware

(1) **enlightened** age, (2) make an **enlightened** decision

The **enlightened** teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.

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**.

indefinable

adj. not able to be clearly defined or described; having qualities or characteristics that are difficult to articulate or understand

synonym : indescribable, ineffable, elusive

(1) **indefinable** feeling, (2) **indefinable** art

The exact cause of his illness was **indefinable**, and the doctors could not diagnose it.

spellbound

adj. completely captivated or enchanted by something or someone; held under a powerful or magical spell

synonym : enraptured, captivated, entranced

(1) **spellbound** audience, (2) **spellbound** by her beauty

I was absolutely **spellbound** by the beauty of the sunset.

imperfectly

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

synonym : amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease

He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

inexplicable

adj. unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling

synonym : incomprehensible, mysterious, unaccountable

(1) **inexplicable** event, (2) **inexplicable** decision

The reason for his sudden disappearance from work was **inexplicable**.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym : goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

unconventional

adj. not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards

synonym : nontraditional, avant-garde, bizarre

(1) in an **unconventional** manner, (2) **unconventional** ideas

Her **unconventional** approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.

limitless

adj. without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

synonym : boundless, infinite, unrestricted

(1) for a **limitless** time, (2) **limitless** potential

The possibilities for scientific discovery are **limitless**.

tortuous

adj. full of twists and turns; not direct or straightforward; excessively complicated

synonym : twisted, convoluted, winding

(1) **tortuous** road, (2) **tortuous** path

The hiker had a difficult time navigating the **tortuous** mountain trail.

mystic

adj. having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension

synonym : secret, mystical, supernatural

(1) **mystic** teaching, (2) medieval **mystic**

He is interested in the **mystic** rites of that religion.

recite

v. to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,

synonym : repeat, replicate, recount

(1) **recite** a charm, (2) **recite** a long list of the article

He could **recite** all of Shakespeare's works.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym : applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

impart

v. to expose or inform; to provide a portion of

synonym : pass on, give, bestow

(1) **impart** a secret, (2) **impart** basic knowledge

She had knowledge she couldn't wait to **impart**.

enlighten

v. to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense

synonym : inform, educate, illuminate

(1) **enlighten** legions of people, (2) **enlighten** other countries

The teacher sought to **enlighten** her students by introducing them to new ideas and perspectives.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym : boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym : unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

enlightenment

n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

synonym : civilization, awareness, sophistication

(1) spiritual **enlightenment**, (2) **enlightenment** activity

He finally brought his **enlightenment** to perfection.

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.

callous

adj. insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation

synonym : cold, heartless, unfeeling

(1) **callous** person, (2) **callous** remark

The supervisor's **callous** behavior towards his employees resulted in high turnover rates.

citadel

n. a fortress, typically on high ground, used to protect and defend a city, town, or other strategic location

synonym : fortress, stronghold, bastion

(1) medieval **citadel**, (2) fortress **citadel**

The ancient **citadel** provided a vantage point for soldiers to watch over the city.

futile

adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

synonym : useless, worthless, ineffective

(1) **futile** talk, (2) make a **futile** protest

It was **futile** to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

tamper

v. to interfere with something in a way that causes damage or unauthorized alteration; to meddle with or manipulate something without permission or authority; (noun) a tool or device used for interfering with or altering something in a way that is unauthorized or illegal

synonym : meddle, fiddle, monkey

(1) **tamper** with evidence, (2) **tamper-resistant**

It's important not to **tamper** with the settings on your

computer unless you know what you're doing.

cultivate

v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
synonym : boost, foster, nurture

(1) **cultivate** a field, (2) **cultivate** relationships

University is a great place to **cultivate** our minds and expertise.

chakra

n. any of the seven energy centers in the human body, according to traditional Indian medicine and yoga philosophy

synonym : energy point, center, vortex

(1) **chakra** meditation, (2) healing **chakra**

Many people believe in the power of balancing their **chakras** for spiritual and physical wellness.

unimaginable

adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

synonym : unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

unimportant

adj. not important

synonym : inconsiderable, inconsequential, insignificant

(1) **unimportant** information, (2) **unimportant** event

He regretted having undertaken the **unimportant** job without thinking about the consequences.

obsessive

adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

synonym : compulsive, fixated, besetting

(1) **obsessive-compulsive** disorder, (2) **obsessive** thoughts

Her **obsessive** behavior towards perfectionism often led to

burnout.

Session 2: Spelling

1. mu___e under your breath
v. to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately
2. mu___e a reply
v. to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately
3. no asp_____on for fame
n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
4. ta___r with evidence
v. to interfere with something in a way that causes damage or unauthorized alteration; to meddle with or manipulate something without permission or authority; (noun) a tool or device used for interfering with or altering something in a way that is unauthorized or illegal
5. co_____e the listener
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
6. medieval my___c
adj. having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension
7. pe___e influence
v. to sell or promote something or spread an idea or story, often in a persistent or aggressive way
8. co_____e in arms
n. a close associate, friend, or companion, especially one who shares one's interests, beliefs, or political convictions; a fellow member of an organization, especially a military or political group, who shares a common cause or objective

ANSWERS: 1. mumble, 2. mumble, 3. aspiration, 4. tamper, 5. confuse, 6. mystic, 7. peddle, 8. comrade

9. su_____ro movies *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
10. make a fu___e protest *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
11. c__p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
12. enl_____ed age *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
13. fi___y language *adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene
14. ce___c treatment *n.* relating to a condition in which the body's immune system reacts to gluten, a protein found in wheat, barley, and rye; of or in or belonging to the cavity of the abdomen
15. to_____us road *adj.* full of twists and turns; not direct or straightforward; excessively complicated
16. spe_____nd by her beauty *adj.* completely captivated or enchanted by something or someone; held under a powerful or magical spell
17. unc_____nal ideas *adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
18. ob_____ve-compulsive disorder *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

ANSWERS: 9. superhero, 10. futile, 11. clap, 12. enlightened, 13. filthy, 14. celiac, 15. tortuous, 16. spellbound, 17. unconventional, 18. obsessive

19. chance at st_____m *n.* the status or quality of being famous, especially for being an actor, a singer, etc.
20. ind_____ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
21. pr_____ce a name *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
22. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
23. en_____en legions of people *v.* to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense
24. imp_____ly known disease *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
25. di_____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
26. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
27. healing ch____a *n.* any of the seven energy centers in the human body, according to traditional Indian medicine and yoga philosophy
28. car_____or adjustment *n.* a device in an internal combustion engine that mixes air and gasoline to create a combustible mixture for the engine to run smoothly
29. ac_____m definition *n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

ANSWERS: 19. stardom, 20. industrialize, 21. pronounce, 22. reinvent, 23. enlighten, 24. imperfectly, 25. disturb, 26. flourish, 27. chakra, 28. carburetor, 29. acronym

30. in an unc_____nal manner *adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
31. ce___c artery *n.* relating to a condition in which the body's immune system reacts to gluten, a protein found in wheat, barley, and rye; of or in or belonging to the cavity of the abdomen
32. pr__a donna *adj.* of the highest quality or importance; primary or first in rank or position
33. spiritual enl_____ent *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
34. ind_____ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
35. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
36. raw food ve__n *n.* a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons
37. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
38. li_____ss potential *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
39. mi_____e depression *n.* the period of life between young adulthood and old age, typically characterized by a sense of maturity, stability, and sometimes, dissatisfaction or restlessness
40. to_____us path *adj.* full of twists and turns; not direct or straightforward; excessively complicated

ANSWERS: 30. unconventional, 31. celiac, 32. prima, 33. enlightenment, 34. industrialize, 35. confuse, 36. vegan, 37. flourish, 38. limitless, 39. midlife, 40. tortuous

41. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
42. pr_____ce a judgment *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
43. s_w discord *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
44. s_w wheat in a field *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
45. enl_____ent activity *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
46. rec_____ct an image *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
47. cr____h of trousers *n.* the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals
48. de_____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
49. ca_____lt mechanism *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
50. ob_____ve thoughts *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
51. im____t basic knowledge *v.* to expose or inform; to provide a portion of

ANSWERS: 41. terrify, 42. pronounce, 43. sow, 44. sow, 45. enlightenment, 46. reconstruct, 47. crotch, 48. descend, 49. catapult, 50. obsessive, 51. impart

52. ca____s person *adj.* insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation
53. act of gen____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
54. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
55. im__t a secret *v.* to expose or inform; to provide a portion of
56. imp____ly developed *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
57. rise to st____m *n.* the status or quality of being famous, especially for being an actor, a singer, etc.
58. bustling met____is *n.* a large and densely populated city, typically the most important city or the capital of a country or region; a major center of commerce, culture, and activity
59. uni____nt event *adj.* not important
60. ca____s remark *adj.* insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation

ANSWERS: 52. callous, 53. generosity, 54. tweet, 55. impart, 56. imperfectly, 57. stardom, 58. metropolis, 59. unimportant, 60. callous

61. em_____sh a room *v.* to make something more beautiful, interesting, or attractive by adding decorative details or features; to exaggerate or enhance the truth or significance of something
62. a__n to the prior experiences *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
63. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
64. cr___h portion *n.* the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals
65. make an enl_____ed decision *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
66. boundless gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
67. su_____ro comics *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
68. medieval ci_____l *n.* a fortress, typically on high ground, used to protect and defend a city, town, or other strategic location
69. fu___e talk *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
70. gr_____e with problem *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
71. cu_____te a field *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants

ANSWERS: 61. embellish, 62. akin, 63. obsess, 64. crotch, 65. enlightened, 66. generosity, 67. superhero, 68. citadel, 69. futile, 70. grapple, 71. cultivate

83. powerful ca_____lt *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
84. pe___e drugs *v.* to sell or promote something or spread an idea or story, often in a persistent or aggressive way
85. co_____d a job well done *v.* to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust or hand over something to someone else
86. for a li_____ss time *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
87. em_____sh a story *v.* to make something more beautiful, interesting, or attractive by adding decorative details or features; to exaggerate or enhance the truth or significance of something
88. res_____ul cook in town *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
89. re___e a long list of the article *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
90. pr__a facie *adj.* of the highest quality or importance; primary or first in rank or position
91. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
92. ch___a meditation *n.* any of the seven energy centers in the human body, according to traditional Indian medicine and yoga philosophy
93. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

ANSWERS: 83. catapult, 84. peddle, 85. commend, 86. limitless, 87. embellish, 88. resourceful, 89. recite, 90. prima, 91. terrify, 92. chakra, 93. reinvent

94. gr____e with each other *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
95. shout "eu___a!" *n.* exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight
96. ve__n lifestyle *n.* a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons
97. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
98. ind_____le art *adj.* not able to be clearly defined or described; having qualities or characteristics that are difficult to articulate or understand
99. car_____or cleaning *n.* a device in an internal combustion engine that mixes air and gasoline to create a combustible mixture for the engine to run smoothly
100. uni_____ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
101. pr_____e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
102. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
103. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

ANSWERS: 94. grapple, 95. eureka, 96. vegan, 97. obsess, 98. indefinable, 99. carburetor, 100. unimaginable, 101. provoke, 102. clap, 103. descend

104. gadget te___es *n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
105. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
106. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
107. a__n to anger *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
108. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
109. trusted co_____e *n.* a close associate, friend, or companion, especially one who shares one's interests, beliefs, or political convictions; a fellow member of an organization, especially a military or political group, who shares a common cause or objective
110. t__l to make a living *v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
111. rec_____ct the original text *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
112. re___e a charm *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,

ANSWERS: 104. techie, 105. numb, 106. aspiration, 107. akin, 108. tweet, 109. comrade, 110. toil, 111. reconstruct, 112. recite

113. aspiring te___es *n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
114. sh_____ss liar *adj.* without shame or embarrassment; showing no remorse or guilt for one's actions or behaviors
115. sp___l out luxuriously on the sofa *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
116. met_____is skyline *n.* a large and densely populated city, typically the most important city or the capital of a country or region; a major center of commerce, culture, and activity
117. co_____d him for his bravery *v.* to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust or hand over something to someone else
118. ta___r-resistant *v.* to interfere with something in a way that causes damage or unauthorized alteration; to meddle with or manipulate something without permission or authority; (noun) a tool or device used for interfering with or altering something in a way that is unauthorized or illegal
119. organic o_t flake *n.* a species of cereal grain that seed is grown for making porridge and other dishes or being fed to animals
120. prima do__a attitude *n.* (also used as "prima donna") a title of respect given in Italy to a woman of rank or nobility; a woman of distinction or importance

ANSWERS: 113. techie, 114. shameless, 115. sprawl, 116. metropolis, 117. commend, 118. tamper, 119. oat, 120. donna

121. Ne_____an mechanics *adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
122. uni_____nt information *adj.* not important
123. mi_____e changes *n.* the period of life between young adulthood and old age, typically characterized by a sense of maturity, stability, and sometimes, dissatisfaction or restlessness
124. o_t flour *n.* a species of cereal grain that seed is grown for making porridge and other dishes or being fed to animals
125. fi___y streets *adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene
126. ine_____ble event *adj.* unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling
127. s__r in popularity *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
128. use an ac_____m *n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
129. spe_____nd audience *adj.* completely captivated or enchanted by something or someone; held under a powerful or magical spell
130. uni_____ble depths *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

ANSWERS: 121. Newtonian, 122. unimportant, 123. midlife, 124. oat, 125. filthy, 126. inexplicable, 127. soar, 128. acronym, 129. spellbound, 130. unimaginable

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The hiker had a difficult time navigating the _____ mountain trail.
adj. full of twists and turns; not direct or straightforward; excessively complicated
2. Her interests are _____ to mine.
adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin
3. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
4. The bird _____ through the sky, and its wings spread wide.
v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
5. She was _____ and found a solution to the problem on her own.
adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
6. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.
v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
7. He is interested in the _____ rites of that religion.
adj. having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding;
(noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension
8. I decided to _____ the plain white dress with some colorful accessories.
v. to make something more beautiful, interesting, or attractive by adding decorative details or features; to exaggerate or enhance the truth or significance of something

ANSWERS: 1. tortuous, 2. akin, 3. reinvent, 4. soared, 5. resourceful, 6. provoked, 7. mystic, 8. embellish

9. The _____ teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.
adj. having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
10. It was _____ to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.
adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
11. We worked together as _____ to finish the project on time.
n. a close associate, friend, or companion, especially one who shares one's interests, beliefs, or political convictions; a fellow member of an organization, especially a military or political group, who shares a common cause or objective
12. She tended to _____ when she was nervous or unsure of herself.
v. to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately
13. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.
v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
14. "_____ he exclaimed, finally solving the problem.
n. exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight
15. The teacher sought to _____ her students by introducing them to new ideas and perspectives.
v. to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense
16. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

ANSWERS: 9. enlightened, 10. futile, 11. comrades, 12. mumble, 13. descended, 14. Eureka!", 15. enlighten, 16. tweet

17. Her prima _____ behavior on the movie set was well known, making it difficult for directors to work with her.
- n.* (also used as "prima donna") a title of respect given in Italy to a woman of rank or nobility; a woman of distinction or importance
18. The motion of planets can be described using _____ mechanics.
- adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
19. He could _____ all of Shakespeare's works.
- v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
20. Paris is a romantic _____ famous for its art, fashion, and cuisine.
- n.* a large and densely populated city, typically the most important city or the capital of a country or region; a major center of commerce, culture, and activity
21. She struggled to _____ the word in a foreign language.
- v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
22. The possibilities for scientific discovery are _____.
- adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
23. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
- v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
24. The coach _____ the team for fighting until the end and never giving up.
- v.* to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust or hand over something to someone else

ANSWERS: 17. donna, 18. Newtonian, 19. recite, 20. metropolis, 21. pronounce, 22. limitless, 23. obsessed, 24. commended

25. The lush vegetation _____ across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.
v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
26. She carefully _____ the seeds in the garden.
v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
27. We _____ along with the singer's song.
v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
28. She kicked him hard in the _____.
n. the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals
29. The exact cause of his illness was _____ and the doctors could not diagnose it.
adj. not able to be clearly defined or described; having qualities or characteristics that are difficult to articulate or understand
30. He acted in a _____ way, not caring that his actions hurt others.
adj. without shame or embarrassment; showing no remorse or guilt for one's actions or behaviors
31. Her _____ approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.
adj. not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
32. It's important not to _____ with the settings on your computer unless you know what you're doing.
v. to interfere with something in a way that causes damage or unauthorized alteration; to meddle with or manipulate something without permission or authority; (noun) a tool or device used for interfering with or altering something in a way that is unauthorized or illegal

ANSWERS: 25. sprawls, 26. sowed, 27. clapped, 28. crotch, 29. indefinable, 30.

shameless, 31. unconventional, 32. tamper

33. He created an _____ shaped torso.

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

34. She had knowledge she couldn't wait to _____.

v. to expose or inform; to provide a portion of

35. The farmers _____ in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.

v. to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time

36. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

37. Her _____ behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.

adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

38. He is remembered for his _____ and civilization.

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

39. The supervisor's _____ behavior towards his employees resulted in high turnover rates.

adj. insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation

40. 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

ANSWERS: 33. imperfectly, 34. impart, 35. toiled, 36. disturb, 37. obsessive, 38. generosity, 39. callous, 40. filthy

41. His _____ disorder required him to follow a strict gluten-free diet.
- n.* relating to a condition in which the body's immune system reacts to gluten, a protein found in wheat, barley, and rye; of or in or belonging to the cavity of the abdomen
42. The _____ diet is based on plant-based foods.
- n.* a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons
43. Our company hired a _____ consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.
- n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
44. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
- v.* to frighten someone very much
45. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
- n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
46. My left arm became _____.
- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
47. They've decided to _____ a ruined castle.
- v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
48. The actress shot to _____ in a few years.
- n.* the status or quality of being famous, especially for being an actor, a singer, etc.

ANSWERS: 41. celiac, 42. vegan, 43. techie, 44. terrify, 45. aspiration, 46. numb, 47. reconstruct, 48. stardom

49. He needed to _____ with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.
- v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
50. ___ bran is a rich source of soluble dietary fiber.
- n. a species of cereal grain that seed is grown for making porridge and other dishes or being fed to animals
51. University is a great place to _____ our minds and expertise.
- v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
52. The ancient _____ provided a vantage point for soldiers to watch over the city.
- n. a fortress, typically on high ground, used to protect and defend a city, town, or other strategic location
53. He finally brought his _____ to perfection.
- n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
54. Superman is a classic _____ known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.
- n. a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
55. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
- v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
56. The army used a _____ to launch large rocks over the castle walls.
- n. a device used to hurl an object a long distance

ANSWERS: 49. grapple, 50. Oat, 51. cultivate, 52. citadel, 53. enlightenment, 54. superhero, 55. flourished, 56. catapult

57. Many people go through a _____ crisis and contemplate major life changes.
n. the period of life between young adulthood and old age, typically characterized by a sense of maturity, stability, and sometimes, dissatisfaction or restlessness
58. The mechanic is working on repairing the _____ of the vintage car.
n. a device in an internal combustion engine that mixes air and gasoline to create a combustible mixture for the engine to run smoothly
59. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
60. The nations of South East Asia will quickly _____ and catch up with the West.
v. to organize the production of something into an industry
61. The _____ ballerina wowed the audience with her graceful performance.
adj. of the highest quality or importance; primary or first in rank or position
62. He regretted having undertaken the _____ job without thinking about the consequences.
adj. not important
63. The complexity of scientific theories was _____ for most people.
adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
64. The street vendor _____ his wares to passing tourists.
v. to sell or promote something or spread an idea or story, often in a persistent or aggressive way

ANSWERS: 57. midlife, 58. carburetor, 59. confused, 60. industrialize, 61. prima, 62. unimportant, 63. unimaginable, 64. peddled

65. Many people believe in the power of balancing their _____ for spiritual and physical wellness.
- n.* any of the seven energy centers in the human body, according to traditional Indian medicine and yoga philosophy
66. The reason for his sudden disappearance from work was _____.
- adj.* unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling
67. I was absolutely _____ by the beauty of the sunset.
- adj.* completely captivated or enchanted by something or someone; held under a powerful or magical spell
68. RADAR is an _____ for radio detection and ranging.
- n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

ANSWERS: 65. chakras, 66. inexplicable, 67. spellbound, 68. acronym