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Session 1: Word List

adoption

n. the action or fact of legally taking another's child as one's own; the act of accepting with approval

synonym: fostering, acceptance, custody

(1) **adoption** assistance, (2) the **adoption** of a plan

The **adoption** process can be long and difficult, but it is worth it for the love of a child.

stepfather

n. a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father

synonym: stepdad, father figure, dad-in-law

(1) supportive **stepfather**, (2) **stepfather** role

I didn't get along with my **stepfather** when I was young, but now we're like best friends.

surrogate

adj. acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose

synonym: substitute, replacement, deputy

(1) **surrogate** pregnancy, (2) **surrogate** decision

The **surrogate** mother gave birth to a healthy baby for the couple who couldn't conceive independently.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after

considering options

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

sperm

n. the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal

synonym : seed, semen, seminal fluid

(1) man with a low **sperm** count, (2) production of **sperm**

The male **sperm** fertilizes the female egg.

donation

n. a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them

synonym : contribution, gift, subsidy

(1) make a **donation**, (2) political **donation**

He made a generous **donation** to the charity.

donor

n. a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person

synonym : contributor, patron, supporter

(1) a transfusion of **donor** blood, (2) an unnamed **donor**

His body rejected the liver of the **donor**.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym : cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology**

class.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym: equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**

Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

uncertain

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

synonym: doubtful, skeptical, pending

(1) numerous **uncertain** factors, (2) take an **uncertain** attitude

She was **uncertain** about her friend's intentions.

fertility

n. the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants

synonym: richness, pregnancy, productivity

(1) soil **fertility**, (2) **fertility** above replacement

The sperm count is used as an indicator of male **fertility**.

timeline

n. a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom

synonym : agenda, timetable, chronology

(1) **timeline** of science history, (2) lay out a **timeline**

He imposed a **timeline** on the project.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym : behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research

Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

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.

lesbian

n. a woman who is attracted romantically and sexually to other women

synonym : gay woman, female homosexual, tribade

(1) **lesbian** love, (2) **lesbian** relationship

The **lesbian** couple was denied the right to marry due to the conservative laws in their state.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym : characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success"

rigorously.

abstract

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

synonym : conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science

The invention of the camera triggered the development of **abstract** painting.

illustrate

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

synonym : demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it has been.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym : approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym : reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

spare

adj. additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone

synonym: extra, excess, (verb) afford

(1) **spare** parts, (2) **spare** cost

I made plans to spend my **spare** time beneficially.

jar

n. a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

synonym: container, vessel, pot

(1) a **jar** of jam, (2) a water **jar**

He placed the coins in a **jar** to save for a trip.

belly

n. the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft

synonym: stomach, abdomen, gut

(1) the **belly** of the ship, (2) with an empty **belly**

She had a tattoo just above her **belly** button.

trunk

n. the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow

synonym: body, chest, torso

(1) the **trunk** of the tree, (2) the **trunk** of the body

Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the **trunk**.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

- tale** *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
synonym : canard, fiction, fable
(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror
Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.
- insemination** *n.* the process of introducing semen into the reproductive system, typically to fertilize an egg and initiate a pregnancy
synonym : fertilization, insemination, impregnation
(1) artificial **insemination**, (2) bovine **insemination**
The couple opted for donor **insemination** after struggling with infertility.
- vet** *n.* (also a veterinarian) a person who has a medical degree trained to examine and take care of the health of animals; (verb) to carefully examine, investigate, or evaluate someone or something, often for the purpose of determining suitability or eligibility
synonym : veterinarian, inspector, examiner
(1) **vet** clinic, (2) **vet** check-up
We had to take our dog to the **vet** because she was not feeling well.
- semen** *n.* the fluid that contains sperm and is ejaculated during sexual activity, which may fertilize an egg and lead to pregnancy
synonym : sperm, reproductive fluid, seed
(1) **semen** donation, (2) **semen** volume
After undergoing a **semen** analysis, the doctor told him that he had a low sperm count.
- cow** *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
synonym : bovine, cattle, kine
(1) **cow** herd, (2) dairy **cow**

The farmer milked the **cows** every morning before breakfast.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

diverse

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

synonym: manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents

New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym: exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness

That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

underlying

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

synonym: fundamental, latent, basic

(1) an **underlying** motive, (2) an **underlying** cause of an accident

The **underlying** principle of every business was identical.

disapprove

v. to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone

synonym: object, reject, condemn

(1) **disapprove** of the government, (2) publicly **disapprove**
I **disapprove** of my friend's decision to drop out of school and pursue a career in music instead.

reject

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

synonym: decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise
The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

genetic

adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes

synonym: hereditary, genetical, inborn

(1) have **genetic** testing, (2) a **genetic** disorder

Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the **genetic** code.

heteronormative

adj. denoting or relating to a worldview that assumes heterosexual relationships as the norm or default, often excluding or marginalizing other sexual orientations or gender identities

(1) **heteronormative** society, (2) **heteronormative** assumptions

The film challenged traditional gender roles by critiquing **heteronormative** ideals.

consist

v. to be composed or made up of

synonym: lie in, comprise, exist

(1) **consist** mainly of cells, (2) **consist** only in knowing facts

This examination **consists** of five problems to solve.

genetically

adv. in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

synonym: hereditary, inherited, family-related

(1) **genetically** inherited traits, (2) **genetically** manipulated plant

The **genetically** modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel

sympathy with someone or something

synonym : connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym : shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

synonym : response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

outburst

n. a sudden, violent, and uncontrolled expression of emotion, usually anger or excitement; a sudden release of energy or feeling

synonym : outcry, eruption, explosion

(1) **outburst** of applause, (2) violent **outburst**

My boss's sudden **outburst** shocked and scared me.

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**.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

counselor

n. a person trained to give advice and help people deal with personal or emotional problems

synonym : advisor, consultant, therapist

(1) **counselor** office, (2) admissions **counselor**

She is a school **counselor** dedicated to helping students navigate academic and personal challenges.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym : talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym : convey, share, transmit

- (1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,
(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

theoretical

adj. relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience

synonym : conceptual, conjectural, ideal

- (1) **theoretical** models, (2) **theoretical** physicist

Absolute zero is the lowest **theoretical** temperature.

well-meant

adj. characterized by good intentions or a sincere desire to do good, even if the outcome is not successful or desired

synonym : well-intentioned, thoughtful, considerate

- (1) **well-meant** advice, (2) **well-meant** criticism

Despite his **well-meant** intentions, his actions ended up causing more harm than good.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

- (1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym : client, recipient, subject

- (1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

paradox

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

synonym : incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

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

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

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym : luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a water j_r | <i>n.</i> a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials |
| 2. personal na_____ve | <i>n.</i> a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story |
| 3. le_____n relationship | <i>n.</i> a woman who is attracted romantically and sexually to other women |
| 4. the te_____ue applied to construction | <i>n.</i> a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill |
| 5. the be__y of the ship | <i>n.</i> the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft |
| 6. se__n donation | <i>n.</i> the fluid that contains sperm and is ejaculated during sexual activity, which may fertilize an egg and lead to pregnancy |
| 7. soil fe_____ty | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants |
| 8. ill_____te a story | <i>v.</i> to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation |
| 9. the qu__t for truth | <i>n.</i> a long or challenging search for something |

ANSWERS: 1. jar, 2. narrative, 3. lesbian, 4. technique, 5. belly, 6. semen, 7. fertility, 8. illustrate, 9. quest

10. artificial ins_____ion *n.* the process of introducing semen into the reproductive system, typically to fertilize an egg and initiate a pregnancy
11. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
12. t__e of horror *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
13. ad_____on assistance *n.* the action or fact of legally taking another's child as one's own; the act of accepting with approval
14. re___t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
15. het_____ive assumptions *adj.* denoting or relating to a worldview that assumes heterosexual relationships as the norm or default, often excluding or marginalizing other sexual orientations or gender identities
16. violent ou_____st *n.* a sudden, violent, and uncontrolled expression of emotion, usually anger or excitement; a sudden release of energy or feeling
17. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
18. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

ANSWERS: 10. insemination, 11. philosophy, 12. tale, 13. adoption, 14. reject, 15. heteronormative, 16. outburst, 17. refer, 18. concept

19. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
20. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
21. br____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
22. wel____nt advice *adj.* characterized by good intentions or a sincere desire to do good, even if the outcome is not successful or desired
23. me____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
24. a transfusion of do__r blood *n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person
25. c_w herd *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
26. the ar____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
27. supportive ste____er *n.* a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father
28. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 19. refer, 20. obvious, 21. brilliant, 22. well-meant, 23. mention, 24. donor, 25. cow, 26. argument, 27. stepfather, 28. relation

29. het_____ual relationship *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
30. le_____n love *n.* a woman who is attracted romantically and sexually to other women
31. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
32. have ge_____c testing *adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
33. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
34. wel_____nt criticism *adj.* characterized by good intentions or a sincere desire to do good, even if the outcome is not successful or desired
35. ste_____er role *n.* a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father
36. a ge_____c disorder *adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
37. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
38. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
39. production of sp__m *n.* the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal
40. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
41. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 29. heterosexual, 30. lesbian, 31. sibling, 32. genetic, 33. mention, 34. well-meant, 35. stepfather, 36. genetic, 37. reaction, 38. weird, 39. sperm, 40. grandparent, 41. improvisation

42. make a do____on *n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them
43. dairy c_w *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
44. a blazing ar____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
45. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
46. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
47. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
48. an und_____ng motive *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
49. fe_____ty above replacement *n.* the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants
50. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
51. co_____t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity

ANSWERS: 42. donation, 43. cow, 44. argument, 45. communicate, 46. relate, 47. yell, 48. underlying, 49. fertility, 50. yell, 51. conduct

52. a fairy t__e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
53. re___t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
54. political do_____on *n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them
55. ill_____te a key point *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
56. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
57. numerous un_____in factors *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
58. se__n volume *n.* the fluid that contains sperm and is ejaculated during sexual activity, which may fertilize an egg and lead to pregnancy
59. het_____ive society *adj.* denoting or relating to a worldview that assumes heterosexual relationships as the norm or default, often excluding or marginalizing other sexual orientations or gender identities
60. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
61. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
62. an und_____ng cause of an accident *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

ANSWERS: 52. tale, 53. reject, 54. donation, 55. illustrate, 56. immediately, 57. uncertain, 58. semen, 59. heteronormative, 60. define, 61. improvisation, 62. underlying

63. sp__e parts *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
64. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
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67. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
68. gen_____ly manipulated plant *adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity
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70. an ab_____ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
71. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 63. spare, 64. par, 65. timeline, 66. heterosexual, 67. communicate, 68. genetically, 69. genetically, 70. abstract, 71. relate

72. ab____ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
73. co_____or office *n.* a person trained to give advice and help people deal with personal or emotional problems
74. co_____t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
75. an unnamed do__r *n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person
76. the pa_____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
77. the tr__k of the body *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
78. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
79. pa_____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
80. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 72. abstract, 73. counselor, 74. conduct, 75. donor, 76. paradox, 77. trunk, 78. grandparent, 79. patient, 80. philosophy

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84. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
85. 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
86. cell and molecular bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
87. admissions co____or *n.* a person trained to give advice and help people deal with personal or emotional problems
88. br____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
89. su____te pregnancy *adj.* acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose
90. na____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
91. publicly dis____ve *v.* to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
92. co____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

ANSWERS: 81. quest, 82. trunk, 83. par, 84. define, 85. puberty, 86. biology, 87. counselor, 88. brilliant, 89. surrogate, 90. narrative, 91. disapprove, 92. construct

93. v_t check-up *n.* (also a veterinarian) a person who has a medical degree trained to examine and take care of the health of animals; (verb) to carefully examine, investigate, or evaluate someone or something, often for the purpose of determining suitability or eligibility
94. sp__e cost *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
95. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
96. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
97. French pa_____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
98. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
99. v_t clinic *n.* (also a veterinarian) a person who has a medical degree trained to examine and take care of the health of animals; (verb) to carefully examine, investigate, or evaluate someone or something, often for the purpose of determining suitability or eligibility
100. ou_____st of applause *n.* a sudden, violent, and uncontrolled expression of emotion, usually anger or excitement; a sudden release of energy or feeling

ANSWERS: 93. vet, 94. spare, 95. weird, 96. technique, 97. paradox, 98. concept, 99. vet, 100. outburst

101. a j_r of jam *n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials
102. the _____al models *adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience
103. barren of cr _____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
104. re _____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
105. trigger a re _____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
106. write him an answer imm _____ly *adv.* now or without delay
107. take an un _____in attitude *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
108. 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
109. di _____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

ANSWERS: 101. jar, 102. theoretical, 103. creative, 104. relation, 105. reaction, 106. immediately, 107. uncertain, 108. puberty, 109. discuss

110. have a si____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
111. a person of di____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
112. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
113. with an empty be__y *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
114. the ad____on of a plan *n.* the action or fact of legally taking another's child as one's own; the act of accepting with approval
115. evolutionary bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
116. pa____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
117. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
118. man with a low sp__m count *n.* the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal
119. di____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

ANSWERS: 110. sibling, 111. diverse, 112. decision, 113. belly, 114. adoption, 115. biology, 116. patient, 117. obvious, 118. sperm, 119. discuss

120. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
121. bovine ins_____ion *n.* the process of introducing semen into the reproductive system, typically to fertilize an egg and initiate a pregnancy
122. di_____e backgrounds *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
123. dis_____ve of the government *v.* to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
124. co_____t mainly of cells *v.* to be composed or made up of
125. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
126. co_____t only in knowing facts *v.* to be composed or made up of
127. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
128. su_____te decision *adj.* acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose
129. the _____al physicist *adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience
130. ti_____ne of science history *n.* a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom

ANSWERS: 120. construct, 121. insemination, 122. diverse, 123. disapprove, 124. consist, 125. creative, 126. consist, 127. decision, 128. surrogate, 129. theoretical, 130. timeline

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. There are many theories to explain this _____.
 - n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
2. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.
 - v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
3. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.
 - n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
4. He imposed a _____ on the project.
 - n.* a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom
5. Despite his _____ intentions, his actions ended up causing more harm than good.
 - adj.* characterized by good intentions or a sincere desire to do good, even if the outcome is not successful or desired
6. She is a school _____ dedicated to helping students navigate academic and personal challenges.
 - n.* a person trained to give advice and help people deal with personal or emotional problems
7. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.
 - v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity

ANSWERS: 1. paradox, 2. rejected, 3. technique, 4. timeline, 5. well-meant, 6. counselor, 7. conduct

8. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
adv. now or without delay
9. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
10. This examination _____ of five problems to solve.
v. to be composed or made up of
11. I made plans to spend my _____ time beneficially.
adj. additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
12. Absolute zero is the lowest _____ temperature.
adj. relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience
13. New York is a city with a _____ ethnic population.
adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
14. He identified as _____ and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.
adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
15. The _____ mother gave birth to a healthy baby for the couple who couldn't conceive independently.
adj. acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose

ANSWERS: 8. immediately, 9. improvisation, 10. consists, 11. spare, 12. theoretical, 13. diverse, 14. heterosexual, 15. surrogate

16. His body rejected the liver of the _____.

- n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person

17. He placed the coins in a ____ to save for a trip.

- n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

18. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.

- n.* a parent of one's father or mother

19. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.

- v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way

20. The farmer milked the ____ every morning before breakfast.

- n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

21. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

22. He made a generous _____ to the charity.

- n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them

23. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

- v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly

ANSWERS: 16. donor, 17. jar, 18. grandparents, 19. yelled, 20. cows, 21. discuss, 22. donation, 23. mentioned

24. Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the _____ code.
adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
25. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
26. I didn't get along with my _____ when I was young, but now we're like best friends.
n. a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father
27. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
28. The invention of the camera triggered the development of _____ painting.
adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
29. The male _____ fertilizes the female egg.
n. the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal
30. The film challenged traditional gender roles by critiquing _____ ideals.
adj. denoting or relating to a worldview that assumes heterosexual relationships as the norm or default, often excluding or marginalizing other sexual orientations or gender identities
31. Ghosts in folk _____ are almost always malicious.
n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

ANSWERS: 24. genetic, 25. constructs, 26. stepfather, 27. creative, 28. abstract, 29. sperm, 30. heteronormative, 31. tales

32. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

33. The sperm count is used as an indicator of male _____.

n. the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants

34. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

35. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

36. The _____ modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.

adv. in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

37. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

38. Ethics is a branch of _____.

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

39. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

ANSWERS: 32. obvious, 33. fertility, 34. par, 35. biology, 36. genetically, 37. argument, 38. philosophy, 39. siblings

40. The _____ couple was denied the right to marry due to the conservative laws in their state.
- n.* a woman who is attracted romantically and sexually to other women
41. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
- adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
42. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
- v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
43. The couple opted for donor _____ after struggling with infertility.
- n.* the process of introducing semen into the reproductive system, typically to fertilize an egg and initiate a pregnancy
44. She had a tattoo just above her _____ button.
- n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
45. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.
- n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
46. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
- n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
47. My boss's sudden _____ shocked and scared me.
- n.* a sudden, violent, and uncontrolled expression of emotion, usually anger or excitement; a sudden release of energy or feeling

ANSWERS: 40. lesbian, 41. weird, 42. communicate, 43. insemination, 44. belly, 45. reaction, 46. narrative, 47. outburst

48. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
49. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.
adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
50. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
51. After undergoing a _____ analysis, the doctor told him that he had a low sperm count.
n. the fluid that contains sperm and is ejaculated during sexual activity, which may fertilize an egg and lead to pregnancy
52. Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the _____.
n. the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
53. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
54. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.
n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
55. 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

ANSWERS: 48. concept, 49. brilliant, 50. relations, 51. semen, 52. trunk, 53. decision, 54. patient's, 55. puberty

56. The _____ principle of every business was identical.

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

57. She was _____ about her friend's intentions.

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

58. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

59. The _____ process can be long and difficult, but it is worth it for the love of a child.

n. the action or fact of legally taking another's child as one's own; the act of accepting with approval

60. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

61. The company's financial records _____ how successful it has been.

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

62. We had to take our dog to the ____ because she was not feeling well.

n. (also a veterinarian) a person who has a medical degree trained to examine and take care of the health of animals; (verb) to carefully examine, investigate, or evaluate someone or something, often for the purpose of determining suitability or eligibility

ANSWERS: 56. underlying, 57. uncertain, 58. define, 59. adoption, 60. relate, 61. illustrate, 62. vet

63. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.

n. a long or challenging search for something

64. I _____ of my friend's decision to drop out of school and pursue a career in music instead.

v. to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone

65. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

ANSWERS: 63. quest, 64. disapprove, 65. refer