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Session 1: Word List

fearless

adj. having no fear; brave

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

(1) **fearless** attitude, (2) **fearless** bravery

The **fearless** firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

corruptible

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

synonym : bribable, dishonest, venal

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

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

untouchable

adj. unable to be touched or approached; beyond reach or influence; belonging to a social caste in India considered too low or impure to be touched or associated with by higher castes

synonym : unreachable, inviolable, sacrosanct

(1) **untouchable** caste, (2) **untouchable** authority

The wealthy elite in society often feels **untouchable** and above the law.

cartel

n. a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits

synonym : syndicate, trust, monopoly

(1) **cartel** agreement, (2) drug **cartel**

The chocolate **cartel** was formed to control the price and supply of cocoa to chocolate manufacturers.

applaud

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

synonym : clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra

I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

detain

v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

synonym : hold, keep, detainment

(1) **detain** a terrorist, (2) **detain** for investigation

The police **detained** the suspect for questioning.

guerrilla

n. a member of small, independent soldiers or fighters who engage in irregular, often surprise attacks against enemy forces

synonym : partisan, rebel, insurgent

(1) an urban **guerrilla**, (2) **guerrilla** warfare

The government's efforts to suppress the **guerrilla** movement were met with resistance from local communities.

commando

n. a member of a special military unit or elite force specializing in unconventional warfare or covert operations; a style of clothing or undergarments without a waistband or fabric covering the legs

synonym : ranger, soldier, warrior

(1) special forces **commando**, (2) navy **commando**

The fearless **commando** completed the mission successfully, undetected by the enemy.

relive

v. to experience again or bring back the memory of a past event or time

synonym: revisit, recall, remember

(1) **relive** my youth, (2) **relive** moments

I like to watch old movies to **relive** memories of my childhood.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

synonym: immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

ache

v. to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain

synonym: hurt, throb, smart

(1) **ache** abominably, (2) **ache** all the time

I **ache** all over after running a marathon yesterday.

insomnia

n. the condition of being unable to sleep, usually a chronic one

synonym: sleeplessness, wakefulness, restlessness

(1) medication for **insomnia**, (2) alcohol-dependent **insomnia**

He suffered **insomnia** and loss of appetite after he began taking that medication.

paranoia

n. a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated

self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability

synonym: suspicion, mistrust, delusions

(1) encourage **paranoia**, (2) suffering from **paranoia**

His **paranoia** about being followed made him constantly look over his shoulder.

distrust

n. a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something

synonym: suspicion, doubt, misgiving

(1) **distrust** in politics, (2) growing **distrust**

The employee's consistent tardiness and lack of accountability made her coworkers develop **distrust** in her abilities.

downpour

n. a heavy rain that often starts suddenly

synonym: rainstorm, deluge, shower

(1) torrential **downpour**, (2) **downpour** of criticism

The concentrated **downpour** was so heavy that it was difficult to see more than a few feet in front of you.

assassin

n. a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money

synonym: killer, manslayer

(1) fall victim to an **assassin**, (2) would-be **assassin**

She hired an **assassin** to kill her opponent.

meridian

n. a circle or imaginary line on the Earth's surface, running from north to south and passing through both poles

synonym: longitude, line of longitude, great circle

(1) **meridian** altitude, (2) prime **meridian**

The **meridian** lines on a globe help with navigation and determining location.

barb

n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly

colored feather or hair

synonym : spine, barbed remark, sting

(1) **barb** wire, (2) aim a **barb**

The politician's words were full of **barbs** designed to hurt his opponent.

lookout

n. a person or group of people who are responsible for watching for danger or other potential threats and warning others of their presence

synonym : watchman, sentinel, guard

(1) **lookout** team, (2) on the **lookout** for danger

The **lookout** tower provided a clear view of the surrounding area.

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.

startle

v. to cause a sudden or unexpected reaction of surprise, alarm, or fear in someone, typically by means of a sudden and loud noise, movement, or event

synonym : frighten, shock, surprise

(1) **startle** for a moment, (2) **startle** the world

The loud bang outside the window caused him to **startle** and spill his coffee.

fury

n. intense and often violent anger

synonym : rage, wrath, ire

(1) market **fury**, (2) **fury** of the storm

The crowd's **fury** was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic

effect; a form of wordplay

synonym : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

kidnapping

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

synonym : abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

tarantula

n. a large, venomous spider with a round body and long, hairy legs

synonym : spider, arachnid, hairy spider

(1) keep **tarantulas** as pets, (2) fear a **tarantula**

The furry **tarantula** crawled across the floor, causing some to scream.

scorpion

n. a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting

synonym : arachnid, stinger

(1) **scorpion** fish, (2) poisonous **scorpion**

The **scorpion's** venom can be lethal to humans.

anaconda

n. a large non-venomous snake found in South America, known for its impressive size and ability to constrict its prey

synonym :

snake, serpent, python

(1) **anaconda** habitat, (2) giant **anaconda**

We encountered an enormous **anaconda** while exploring the Amazon rainforest.

jaguar

n. a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America

synonym: cat, feline, panther

(1) a wild **jaguar**, (2) a female **jaguar**

Humans have developed the **jaguar's** habitat over several decades.

rumor

n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

synonym: gossip, whisper, talk

(1) a false **rumor**, (2) **rumor** mill

There was a baseless **rumor** that the company was going bankrupt.

betray

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

synonym: fail, denounce, display

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

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

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym: envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

resentment

n. bitterness or indignation at being treated unfairly
synonym : bitterness, enmity, animosity

(1) abiding **resentment**, (2) bitter **resentment**

She felt **resentment** towards her boss for not giving her a promotion.

mistrust

v. to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone

synonym : doubt, suspect, question

(1) **mistrust** a young man, (2) **mistrust** the government

He **mistrusted** her apology because of her past lies.

piranha

n. a small freshwater fish that inhabit South American rivers that has sharp teeth and eats live animals

(1) swarm of **piranha**, (2) go **piranha** fishing

He thought she was a man-hungry **piranha**.

alligator

n. a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China

synonym : crocodile, caiman, gator

(1) **alligator** habitat, (2) **alligator** watch strap

Alligator skin is used to make purses, boots, and other luxury goods.

mangrove

n. a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

(1) **mangrove** forest, (2) **mangrove** swamp

The **mangrove** trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.

linger

v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

synonym : dawdle, tarry, loiter

(1) **linger** in the mind, (2) **linger** over your work

She **lingered** for a moment before leaving the room.

secrecy

n. the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

synonym: confidentiality, clandestineness, closeness

(1) government **secrecy**, (2) maintain **secrecy**

The company's **secrecy** surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

commotion

n. a state of confused and noisy disturbance

synonym: disturbance, fuss, uproar

(1) a few minutes of **commotion**, (2) make **commotion**

The **commotion** in the classroom made it hard for the teacher to teach.

dismantle

v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

synonym: take apart, demolish, take down

(1) **dismantle** a machine, (2) **dismantle** a system

The old building had to be **dismantled** because it was structurally unsound.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

contagious

adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

synonym: infectious, transmissible, communicable

(1) **contagious** enthusiasm, (2) **contagious** virus

The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

frailty

n. the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality

synonym: weakness, fragility, delicacy

(1) cognitive **frailty**, (2) **frailty** syndrome

The doctor warned us about the human body's **frailty** and the dangers of neglecting our health.

handcuff

n. a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process

synonym : shackle, bind, restraint

(1) **handcuff** his wrists, (2) break free from **handcuffs**

The police officer put **handcuffs** on the suspect before placing them in the squad car.

shriek

v. to make a loud and high-pitched cry or scream, often in response to a sudden shock, surprise, or pain; to shout or protest loudly and forcefully

synonym : yell, scream, screech

(1) **shriek** in fear, (2) **shriek** with laughter

The horror film was so scary that it made me **shriek** out loud more than once.

vibrate

v. to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

synonym : oscillate, convulse, jerk

(1) **vibrate** at a regular frequency, (2) **vibrate** with anger

During the flight, the wings of the plane **vibrate**.

Brexit

n. (short for "British exit") the United Kingdom's decision to leave the European Union (EU), which originates from a nationwide referendum held in the UK on June 23, 2016, in which 51.9% of voters chose to leave the EU

(1) **Brexit** referendum, (2) **Brexit** transition period

Many European citizens living in the UK are concerned about their rights post- **Brexit**.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. li___r over your work | <i>v.</i> to stay in a place or exist longer than expected |
| 2. me_____an altitude | <i>n.</i> a circle or imaginary line on the Earth's surface, running from north to south and passing through both poles |
| 3. pa_____ze a city | <i>v.</i> to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel |
| 4. ru__r mill | <i>n.</i> a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth |
| 5. a female ja___r | <i>n.</i> a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America |
| 6. vi_____e at a regular frequency | <i>v.</i> to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side |
| 7. go pi_____a fishing | <i>n.</i> a small freshwater fish that inhabit South American rivers that has sharp teeth and eats live animals |
| 8. lo_____t team | <i>n.</i> a person or group of people who are responsible for watching for danger or other potential threats and warning others of their presence |
| 9. con_____us virus | <i>adj.</i> able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease |

ANSWERS: 1. linger, 2. meridian, 3. paralyze, 4. rumor, 5. jaguar, 6. vibrate, 7. piranha, 8. lookout, 9. contagious

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| 10. mi____st the government | v. | to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone |
| 11. b__b wire | n. | a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair |
| 12. a__e abominably | v. | to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain |
| 13. in____t a computer with a virus | v. | to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism |
| 14. navy co____do | n. | a member of a special military unit or elite force specializing in unconventional warfare or covert operations; a style of clothing or undergarments without a waistband or fabric covering the legs |
| 15. fear a ta_____la | n. | a large, venomous spider with a round body and long, hairy legs |
| 16. al_____or watch strap | n. | a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China |
| 17. st_____e for a moment | v. | to cause a sudden or unexpected reaction of surprise, alarm, or fear in someone, typically by means of a sudden and loud noise, movement, or event |
| 18. be____y confidence | v. | to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally |

ANSWERS: 10. mistrust, 11. barb, 12. ache, 13. infect, 14. commando, 15. tarantula, 16. alligator, 17. startle, 18. betray

19. suffering from pa_____ia *n.* a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability
20. con_____us enthusiasm *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
21. ma_____ve forest *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
22. fall victim to an as_____in *n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
23. de____n a terrorist *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
24. government se_____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
25. keep ta_____las as pets *n.* a large, venomous spider with a round body and long, hairy legs
26. de____n for investigation *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
27. break free from ha_____ffs *n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process

ANSWERS: 19. paranoia, 20. contagious, 21. mangrove, 22. assassin, 23. detain, 24. secrecy, 25. tarantula, 26. detain, 27. handcuff

28. growing di____st *n.* a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something
29. an urban gu_____la *n.* a member of small, independent soldiers or fighters who engage in irregular, often surprise attacks against enemy forces
30. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
31. an_____da habitat *n.* a large non-venomous snake found in South America, known for its impressive size and ability to constrict its prey
32. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
33. market f__y *n.* intense and often violent anger
34. unt_____le caste *adj.* unable to be touched or approached; beyond reach or influence; belonging to a social caste in India considered too low or impure to be touched or associated with by higher castes
35. abiding res_____nt *n.* bitterness or indignation at being treated unfairly
36. alcohol-dependent in_____ia *n.* the condition of being unable to sleep, usually a chronic one
37. ca___l agreement *n.* a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits
38. ap_____d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

ANSWERS: 28. distrust, 29. guerrilla, 30. yell, 31. anaconda, 32. yell, 33. fury, 34. untouchable, 35. resentment, 36. insomnia, 37. cartel, 38. applaud

39. aim a b__b *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
40. be___y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
41. special forces co_____do *n.* a member of a special military unit or elite force specializing in unconventional warfare or covert operations; a style of clothing or undergarments without a waistband or fabric covering the legs
42. maintain se_____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
43. poisonous sc_____on *n.* a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting
44. a__e all the time *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
45. st_____e the world *v.* to cause a sudden or unexpected reaction of surprise, alarm, or fear in someone, typically by means of a sudden and loud noise, movement, or event
46. a wild ja___r *n.* a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America

ANSWERS: 39. barb, 40. betray, 41. commando, 42. secrecy, 43. scorpion, 44. ache, 45. startle, 46. jaguar

47. hu____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
48. ap____d his courage *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
49. mass kid_____ng *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
50. fe____ss attitude *adj.* having no fear; brave
51. fe____ss bravery *adj.* having no fear; brave
52. ma____ve swamp *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
53. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
54. medication for in____ia *n.* the condition of being unable to sleep, usually a chronic one
55. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
56. on the lo____t for danger *n.* a person or group of people who are responsible for watching for danger or other potential threats and warning others of their presence
57. fr____y syndrome *n.* the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality

ANSWERS: 47. humming, 48. applaud, 49. kidnapping, 50. fearless, 51. fearless, 52. mangrove, 53. pun, 54. insomnia, 55. pun, 56. lookout, 57. frailty

58. sh___k with laughter *v.* to make a loud and high-pitched cry or scream, often in response to a sudden shock, surprise, or pain; to shout or protest loudly and forcefully
59. prime me_____an *n.* a circle or imaginary line on the Earth's surface, running from north to south and passing through both poles
60. re___e moments *v.* to experience again or bring back the memory of a past event or time
61. gu_____la warfare *n.* a member of small, independent soldiers or fighters who engage in irregular, often surprise attacks against enemy forces
62. sh___k in fear *v.* to make a loud and high-pitched cry or scream, often in response to a sudden shock, surprise, or pain; to shout or protest loudly and forcefully
63. make co_____on *n.* a state of confused and noisy disturbance
64. mi_____st a young man *v.* to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone
65. encourage pa_____ia *n.* a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability
66. di_____st in politics *n.* a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something
67. swarm of pi_____a *n.* a small freshwater fish that inhabit South American rivers that has sharp teeth and eats live animals

ANSWERS: 58. shriek, 59. meridian, 60. relive, 61. guerrilla, 62. shriek, 63. commotion, 64. mistrust, 65. paranoia, 66. distrust, 67. piranha

68. a false ru__r *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
69. vi_____e with anger *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
70. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
71. f__y of the storm *n.* intense and often violent anger
72. do_____ur of criticism *n.* a heavy rain that often starts suddenly
73. je_____sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
74. cor_____le judges *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
75. kid_____ng attempt *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
76. sc_____on fish *n.* a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting
77. di_____le a machine *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
78. re___e my youth *v.* to experience again or bring back the memory of a past event or time
79. in___t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

ANSWERS: 68. rumor, 69. vibrate, 70. explode, 71. fury, 72. downpour, 73. jealousy, 74. corruptible, 75. kidnapping, 76. scorpion, 77. dismantle, 78. relive, 79. infect

80. bitter res_____nt *n.* bitterness or indignation at being treated unfairly
81. burn with je_____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
82. al_____or habitat *n.* a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China
83. li____r in the mind *v.* to stay in a place or exist longer than expected
84. cognitive fr_____y *n.* the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality
85. unt_____le authority *adj.* unable to be touched or approached; beyond reach or influence; belonging to a social caste in India considered too low or impure to be touched or associated with by higher castes
86. pa_____ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
87. giant an_____da *n.* a large non-venomous snake found in South America, known for its impressive size and ability to constrict its prey
88. Br____t referendum *n.* (short for "British exit") the United Kingdom's decision to leave the European Union (EU), which originates from a nationwide referendum held in the UK on June 23, 2016, in which 51.9% of voters chose to leave the EU

ANSWERS: 80. resentment, 81. jealousy, 82. alligator, 83. linger, 84. frailty, 85. untouchable, 86. paralyze, 87. anaconda, 88. Brexit

89. s__r to new heights *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
90. di_____le a system *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
91. drug ca____l *n.* a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits
92. ha_____ff his wrists *n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process
93. torrential do_____ur *n.* a heavy rain that often starts suddenly
94. Br____t transition period *n.* (short for "British exit") the United Kingdom's decision to leave the European Union (EU), which originates from a nationwide referendum held in the UK on June 23, 2016, in which 51.9% of voters chose to leave the EU
95. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
96. a few minutes of co_____on *n.* a state of confused and noisy disturbance

ANSWERS: 89. soar, 90. dismantle, 91. cartel, 92. handcuff, 93. downpour, 94. Brexit, 95. explode, 96. commotion

97. hu____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
98. would-be as____in *n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
99. s__r in popularity *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
100. cor____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

ANSWERS: 97. humming, 98. assassin, 99. soar, 100. corruptible

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She hired an _____ to kill her opponent.
n. a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money

2. The government's efforts to suppress the _____ movement were met with resistance from local communities.
n. a member of small, independent soldiers or fighters who engage in irregular, often surprise attacks against enemy forces

3. There was a baseless _____ that the company was going bankrupt.
n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

4. The comedian's _____ had the audience laughing out loud.
n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

5. The police _____ the suspect for questioning.
v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

6. The fearless _____ completed the mission successfully, undetected by the enemy.
n. a member of a special military unit or elite force specializing in unconventional warfare or covert operations; a style of clothing or undergarments without a waistband or fabric covering the legs

7. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.
v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

ANSWERS: 1. assassin, 2. guerrilla, 3. rumor, 4. pun, 5. detained, 6. commando, 7. infect

8. She felt _____ towards her boss for not giving her a promotion.
n. bitterness or indignation at being treated unfairly
9. The concentrated _____ was so heavy that it was difficult to see more than a few feet in front of you.
n. a heavy rain that often starts suddenly
10. The politician's words were full of _____ designed to hurt his opponent.
n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
11. The loud bang outside the window caused him to _____ and spill his coffee.
v. to cause a sudden or unexpected reaction of surprise, alarm, or fear in someone, typically by means of a sudden and loud noise, movement, or event
12. 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
13. The employee's consistent tardiness and lack of accountability made her coworkers develop _____ in her abilities.
n. a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something
14. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
15. _____ skin is used to make purses, boots, and other luxury goods.
n. a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China

ANSWERS: 8. resentment, 9. downpour, 10. barbs, 11. startle, 12. soared, 13. distrust, 14. humming, 15. Alligator

16. I _____ all over after running a marathon yesterday.

- v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain

17. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.

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

18. The disease is highly _____ and spreads quickly.

- adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

19. The _____ trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.

- n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

20. The horror film was so scary that it made me _____ out loud more than once.

- v.* to make a loud and high-pitched cry or scream, often in response to a sudden shock, surprise, or pain; to shout or protest loudly and forcefully

21. She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated _____.

- n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

22. I enthusiastically _____ my rival's achievement.

- v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

23. His _____ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

- n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

ANSWERS: 16. ache, 17. corruptible, 18. contagious, 19. mangrove, 20. shriek, 21. kidnapping, 22. applaud, 23. jealousy

24. The _____ venom can be lethal to humans.
- n.* a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting
25. Many European citizens living in the UK are concerned about their rights post-_____.
- n.* (short for "British exit") the United Kingdom's decision to leave the European Union (EU), which originates from a nationwide referendum held in the UK on June 23, 2016, in which 51.9% of voters chose to leave the EU
26. The chocolate _____ was formed to control the price and supply of cocoa to chocolate manufacturers.
- n.* a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits
27. The doctor warned us about the human body's _____ and the dangers of neglecting our health.
- n.* the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality
28. The _____ lines on a globe help with navigation and determining location.
- n.* a circle or imaginary line on the Earth's surface, running from north to south and passing through both poles
29. The crowd's _____ was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.
- n.* intense and often violent anger
30. I like to watch old movies to _____ memories of my childhood.
- v.* to experience again or bring back the memory of a past event or time

ANSWERS: 24. scorpion's, 25. Brexit, 26. cartel, 27. frailty, 28. meridian, 29. fury, 30. relive

31. The wealthy elite in society often feels _____ and above the law.
adj. unable to be touched or approached; beyond reach or influence; belonging to a social caste in India considered too low or impure to be touched or associated with by higher castes
32. The _____ firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.
adj. having no fear; brave
33. The venom from the snake bite _____ his arm.
v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
34. He suffered _____ and loss of appetite after he began taking that medication.
n. the condition of being unable to sleep, usually a chronic one
35. During the flight, the wings of the plane _____.
v. to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
36. He _____ her apology because of her past lies.
v. to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone
37. The company's _____ surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.
n. the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
38. The _____ tower provided a clear view of the surrounding area.
n. a person or group of people who are responsible for watching for danger or other potential threats and warning others of their presence

ANSWERS: 31. untouchable, 32. fearless, 33. paralyzed, 34. insomnia, 35. vibrate, 36. mistrusted, 37. secrecy, 38. lookout

39. The furry _____ crawled across the floor, causing some to scream.
n. a large, venomous spider with a round body and long, hairy legs
40. The _____ in the classroom made it hard for the teacher to teach.
n. a state of confused and noisy disturbance
41. Humans have developed the _____ habitat over several decades.
n. a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America
42. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.
v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
43. He felt _____ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.
v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
44. His _____ about being followed made him constantly look over his shoulder.
n. a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability
45. The police officer put _____ on the suspect before placing them in the squad car.
n. a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process
46. The old building had to be _____ because it was structurally unsound.
v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

ANSWERS: 39. tarantula, 40. commotion, 41. jaguar's, 42. yelled, 43. betrayed, 44. paranoia, 45. handcuffs, 46. dismantled

47. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.

- v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

48. She _____ for a moment before leaving the room.

- v.* to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

49. He thought she was a man-hungry _____.

- n.* a small freshwater fish that inhabit South American rivers that has sharp teeth and eats live animals

50. We encountered an enormous _____ while exploring the Amazon rainforest.

- n.* a large non-venomous snake found in South America, known for its impressive size and ability to constrict its prey

ANSWERS: 47. exploded, 48. lingered, 49. piranha, 50. anaconda