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Session 1: Word List

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**.

gloomy

adj. characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy

synonym: melancholy, dismal, dreary

(1) **gloomy** mood, (2) **gloomy** expression

The **gloomy** weather made staying motivated and happy throughout the day hard.

solvable

adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

synonym: attainable, resolvable, achievable

(1) **solvable** problem, (2) mathematically **solvable** equation

The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite **solvable** with a software update.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

monger

v. to sell or promote something, especially by using aggressive or exaggerated tactics; to peddle or deal in (usually negative) information, rumors, or gossip; (noun) a dealer, trader, or seller of a particular commodity or goods

synonym : peddle, sell, (noun) dealer

(1) fish- **monger**, (2) **monger** hate speech

Some politicians use fear to **monger** support for their policies.

astonished

adj. extremely surprised and upset

synonym : amazed, dumbfounded, flabbergasted

(1) **astonished** at the success, (2) cast **astonished** eyes

She was **astonished** by the news and could hardly believe it.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym : head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

multicultural

adj. relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)

synonym : diverse, varied, inclusive

(1) **multicultural** society, (2) **multicultural** education

The school is known for its **multicultural** student body.

frantic

adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

synonym: wild, frenzied, manic

(1) **frantic** pace, (2) with **frantic** haste

The mother was **frantic** as she searched for her lost child.

intellect

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

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

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

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

hipster

n. a person who follows a trend or style characterized by a particular subculture, particularly one that is associated with alternative music, fashion, and lifestyle practices

synonym: trendsetter, nonconformist, bohemian

(1) **hipster** fashion, (2) **hipster** lifestyle

She is always wearing vintage clothing and listening to vinyl records, a true **hipster** at heart.

infuriate

v. to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation

synonym: enrage, ire, provoke

(1) **infuriate** customers, (2) **infuriate** employees

His rude behavior **infuriated** many people at the party.

colorblind

adj. (of a person) unable to distinguish certain colors or used to describe a lack of racial or cultural bias

synonym: color-deficient, chromatic-impaired

(1) **colorblind** condition, (2) **colorblind** person

The company's HR policy advocates for a **colorblind** workplace where all employees are treated equally regardless of race.

extremism

n. the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered

acceptable or reasonable

synonym : fanaticism, radicalism, zealotry

(1) violent **extremism**, (2) political **extremism**

The rise of far-right **extremism** has sparked concern among many civil rights organizations.

overthrow

v. to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force

synonym : defeat, destroy, conquer

(1) **overthrow** the government, (2) **overthrow** the theory

The group aims to **overthrow** the military regime.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

unruly

adj. difficult or impossible to manage or control; disobedient; disorderly

synonym : naughty, defiant, disobedient

(1) **unruly** beast, (2) **unruly** behavior

The **unruly** children in the classroom made teaching difficult for the teacher.

tyrant

n. a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

synonym : despot, dictator, autocrat

(1) a domestic **tyrant**, (2) **tyrant** regime

The **tyrant's** rule was marked by oppression and fear.

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.

extremist

n. a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

synonym : radical, fanatic, zealot

(1) **extremist** political views, (2) radical **extremist**

The **extremist** group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.

riot

n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

synonym : disturbance, unrest, upheaval

(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas

The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

pious

adj. deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices

synonym : religious, devout, godly

(1) **pious** belief, (2) **pious** follower

The **pious** woman spent her days volunteering at the local church.

headscarf

n. a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons

synonym : hijab, shawl, veil

(1) traditional **headscarf**, (2) **headscarf** cloth

Some women choose to wear a **headscarf** as a symbol of their cultural identity and religious beliefs.

technocrat

n. an expert or specialist in the management or administration of technical and scientific affairs; someone who holds a position of authority based on their technical knowledge and expertise

synonym : specialist, expert, bureaucrat

(1) **technocrat** government, (2) visionary **technocrat**
The CEO of the tech company is a renowned **technocrat** who spearheaded numerous successful projects.

repress

v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories

synonym: suppress, control, curb

(1) cannot **repress** laughter, (2) **repress** gene expression
He **repressed** the memories of his traumatic childhood.

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.

imam

n. a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community

synonym: leader, cleric, spiritual guide

(1) **imam** of mosque, (2) spiritual **imam**

In some Muslim countries, the **imam's** position is appointed by the government.

jihad

n. a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle

synonym: struggle, holy war, crusade

(1) **jihad** of knowledge, (2) nonviolent **jihad**

Many scholars argue that the true meaning of **jihad** is to strive for personal betterment and to defend justice and peace.

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.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym : positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

paralysis

n. a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

synonym : immobility, stiffness, palsy

(1) moral **paralysis**, (2) **paralysis** in the leg

Massive demonstrations lead to total **paralysis** of transportation.

rewind

v. to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning

synonym : wind back, back up, reverse

(1) **rewind** a film, (2) manually **rewind** the tape

Please **rewind** the thread onto the reel.

deadlock

n. a state of impasse or stalemate, where no progress or agreement can be made between conflicting parties or viewpoints; a situation where future action or decision-making is halted

synonym : stalemate, gridlock, impasse

(1) political **deadlock**, (2) **deadlock** resolution

The negotiations came to a **deadlock** when neither party could reach an agreement.

pentagon

n. a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of

the U.S. military

synonym : five-sided shape, quinquangle

(1) equilateral **pentagon**, (2) **pentagon** building

The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided **pentagon**.

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.

truce

n. a cessation or suspension of hostilities between warring parties, usually for a specified period, as a treaty, armistice, or other agreement

synonym : ceasefire, armistice, peace

(1) temporary **truce**, (2) break a **truce**

The two sides agreed to a **truce** and set down their weapons.

smother

v. to cover or suffocate something or someone completely; to suppress or stifle a feeling or emotion

synonym : smother, suffocate, stifle

(1) **smother** flames, (2) **smother** a sneeze

She tried to **smother** her fears and doubts with positive affirmations.

liberalize

v. to make something more liberal, open, or permissive, typically in terms of laws, regulations, or social practices, allowing greater freedom, flexibility, or tolerance

synonym : liberate, relax, loosen

(1) **liberalize** drug laws, (2) **liberalize** regulations

The government decided to **liberalize** trade policies to boost economic growth.

restructure

v. to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively

synonym :

reorganize, revamp, reconstruct

(1) **restructure** sentence, (2) **restructure** my debts

The economic downturn made it necessary to **restructure** the business.

twinkle

v. to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way

synonym: sparkle, shine, glitter

(1) **twinkle** like a star, (2) the **twinkle** of the stars

His eyes **twinkled** with mischief.

intimacy

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

synonym: closeness, familiarity, nearness

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

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

tequila

n. a distilled spirit made primarily from the blue agave plant, typically produced in Mexico, known for its distinctive taste and often consumed neat, in cocktails, or as a shot

synonym: liquor, spirit

(1) **tequila** cocktail, (2) bottle of **tequila**

We ordered a round of **tequila** shots at the bar.

senator

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

synonym: legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

pact

n. a formal agreement between two or more parties

synonym: agreement, treaty, covenant

(1) a nonaggression **pact**, (2) aviation **pact**

The two countries made a **pact** to reduce their carbon emissions.

caveat

n. a warning against certain acts; (law) a formal notice filed with a court or officer to suspend a proceeding until the filer is given a hearing

synonym: warning, caution, admonition

(1) a **caveat** against unfair practices, (2) general **caveat**

We often ignore important **caveats** from nature.

distill

v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements

synonym: extract, condense, purify

(1) **distill** a liquid, (2) **distill** information

She decided to **distill** her thoughts into a more manageable list.

boardroom

n. a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets

synonym: meeting room, conference room, executive room

(1) **boardroom** meeting, (2) **boardroom** decision

The corporate **boardroom** was filled with tense silence as the CEO presented the new plan.

peril

n. serious and great danger or risk

synonym: hazard, danger, threat

(1) the **peril** of the sea, (2) environmental **peril**

Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in **peril**.

loom

v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

synonym: appear, come on, overshadow

(1) **loom** over the global economy, (2) **loom** on the horizon

The issue of divorce **loomed** large in his mind.

populate

v. to inhabit or occupy a particular area, region, or environment with a certain number or type of people, animals, or plants; to fill out or complete a form, document, or database with relevant information

synonym: inhabit, occupy, dwell

(1) **populate** the countryside, (2) **populate** the spreadsheet
Deer, squirrels, and birds primarily **populate** the forest.

hurdle

n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

synonym: obstacle, barrier, challenge

(1) overcome **hurdles**, (2) **hurdle** race

The company faced several **hurdles** in the development of its new product.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym: grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

promiscuous

adj. having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners;

not selective of a single class or person

synonym : indiscriminate, loose, promiscuous

(1) **promiscuous** bathing, (2) **promiscuous** lifestyle

He was known for his **promiscuous** behavior.

solver

n. a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem

synonym : thinker

(1) puzzle- **solver**, (2) linear **solver**

The flow **solver** is validated against the experiment.

pragmatist

n. a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals

synonym : realist, practical person, utilitarian

(1) **pragmatist** perspective, (2) a true **pragmatist**

As a **pragmatist**, she always focuses on finding practical solutions to problems.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym : bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym : shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

grub

n. the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously

synonym : larva, food, chow

(1) cook up some **grubs**, (2) **grub** for potatoes

The garden was infested with beetle **grubs**, causing damage to the plant roots.

petty

adj. of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters

synonym : minor, insignificant, trivial

(1) **petty** crime, (2) **petty** cash

The **petty** arguments between coworkers were causing a toxic work environment.

quintessence

n. the perfect example of a quality or class

synonym : essence, core, heart

(1) the **quintessence** of virtue, (2) **quintessence** of life

The **quintessence** of the author's writing is the depth of emotion conveyed.

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.

charismatic

adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

synonym : mesmerizing, alluring, captivating

(1) **charismatic** chairman, (2) **charismatic** personality

He was a **charismatic** leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

gutsy

adj. displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

synonym : courageous, brave, daring

(1) **gutsy** move, (2) **gutsy** performance

It was **gutsy** to quit her job and start her own business.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sense of op_____sm
n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
2. col_____nd person
adj. (of a person) unable to distinguish certain colors or used to describe a lack of racial or cultural bias
3. bottle of te_____a
n. a distilled spirit made primarily from the blue agave plant, typically produced in Mexico, known for its distinctive taste and often consumed neat, in cocktails, or as a shot
4. a domestic ty____t
n. a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person
5. political ex_____sm
n. the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
6. puzzle-so____r
n. a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
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ANSWERS: 1. optimism, 2. colorblind, 3. tequila, 4. tyrant, 5. extremism, 6. solver, 7. deadlock

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| 10. un___y behavior | <i>adj.</i> difficult or impossible to manage or control; disobedient; disorderly |
| 11. pa_____is in the leg | <i>n.</i> a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury |
| 12. cha_____ic chairman | <i>adj.</i> having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others |
| 13. ty___t regime | <i>n.</i> a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person |
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| 15. fr_____c pace | <i>adj.</i> marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied |
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ANSWERS: 8. doom, 9. infuriate, 10. unruly, 11. paralysis, 12. charismatic, 13. tyrant, 14. charismatic, 15. frantic, 16. Brexit, 17. grub

18. a true pra_____st *n.* a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals
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25. pi__s follower *adj.* deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices
26. de____n a terrorist *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
27. he_____rf cloth *n.* a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons

ANSWERS: 18. pragmatist, 19. pragmatist, 20. solver, 21. seize, 22. seize, 23. rethink, 24. quintessence, 25. pious, 26. detain, 27. headscarf

28. ho____y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
29. ov_____ow the theory *v.* to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
30. di_____l information *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
31. traditional he_____rf *n.* a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons
32. te_____a cocktail *n.* a distilled spirit made primarily from the blue agave plant, typically produced in Mexico, known for its distinctive taste and often consumed neat, in cocktails, or as a shot
33. l__m over the global economy *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
34. un____y beast *adj.* difficult or impossible to manage or control; disobedient; disorderly
35. build in_____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
36. spiritual i__m *n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
37. re_____s gene expression *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
38. cannot re_____s laughter *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories

ANSWERS: 28. horrify, 29. overthrow, 30. distill, 31. headscarf, 32. tequila, 33. loom, 34. unruly, 35. intimacy, 36. imam, 37. repress, 38. repress

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43. in_____te customers *v.* to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation
44. pe_____on building *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
45. g__b for potatoes *n.* the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously
46. gu__y move *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

ANSWERS: 39. Brexit, 40. superhero, 41. truce, 42. explode, 43. infuriate, 44. pentagon, 45. grub, 46. gutsy

47. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
48. cast ast_____ed eyes *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
49. aviation p__t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
50. in a sen_____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
51. cor_____le judges *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
52. i__m of mosque *n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
53. uni_____ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
54. qui_____nce of life *n.* the perfect example of a quality or class
55. se_____r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
56. ji__d of knowledge *n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle
57. po_____te the spreadsheet *v.* to inhabit or occupy a particular area, region, or environment with a certain number or type of people, animals, or plants; to fill out or complete a form, document, or database with relevant information

ANSWERS: 47. opportune, 48. astonished, 49. pact, 50. sentimental, 51. corruptible, 52. imam, 53. unimaginable, 54. quintessence, 55. senator, 56. jihad, 57. populate

58. col_____nd condition *adj.* (of a person) unable to distinguish certain colors or used to describe a lack of racial or cultural bias
59. sm_____r a sneeze *v.* to cover or suffocate something or someone completely; to suppress or stifle a feeling or emotion
60. junior se_____r *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
61. gl___y expression *adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy
62. a ca___t against unfair practices *n.* a warning against certain acts; (law) a formal notice filed with a court or officer to suspend a proceeding until the filer is given a hearing
63. gl___y mood *adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy
64. fish-mo___r *v.* to sell or promote something, especially by using aggressive or exaggerated tactics; to peddle or deal in (usually negative) information, rumors, or gossip; (noun) a dealer, trader, or seller of a particular commodity or goods
65. with fr_____c haste *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
66. the pe__l of the sea *n.* serious and great danger or risk

ANSWERS: 58. colorblind, 59. smother, 60. senator, 61. gloomy, 62. caveat, 63. gloomy, 64. monger, 65. frantic, 66. peril

67. tec_____at government *n.* an expert or specialist in the management or administration of technical and scientific affairs; someone who holds a position of authority based on their technical knowledge and expertise
68. general ca____t *n.* a warning against certain acts; (law) a formal notice filed with a court or officer to suspend a proceeding until the filer is given a hearing
69. ex_____st political views *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
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71. hu____e race *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
72. su_____ro comics *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
73. the agricultural yield per ca____a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
74. bo_____om meeting *n.* a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets
75. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

ANSWERS: 67. technocrat, 68. caveat, 69. extremist, 70. liberalize, 71. hurdle, 72. superhero, 73. capita, 74. boardroom, 75. explode

76. visionary tec_____at *n.* an expert or specialist in the management or administration of technical and scientific affairs; someone who holds a position of authority based on their technical knowledge and expertise
77. res_____re sentence *v.* to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively
78. r__t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
79. di_____l a liquid *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
80. violent ex_____sm *n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
81. gu__y performance *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
82. break a tr__e *n.* a cessation or suspension of hostilities between warring parties, usually for a specified period, as a treaty, armistice, or other agreement
83. equilateral pe_____on *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

ANSWERS: 76. technocrat, 77. restructure, 78. riot, 79. distill, 80. extremism, 81. gutsy, 82. truce, 83. pentagon

84. mul_____ral education *adj.* relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)
85. sm_____r flames *v.* to cover or suffocate something or someone completely; to suppress or stifle a feeling or emotion
86. hi_____r fashion *n.* a person who follows a trend or style characterized by a particular subculture, particularly one that is associated with alternative music, fashion, and lifestyle practices
87. so_____le problem *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
88. cor_____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
89. the tw_____e of the stars *v.* to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way
90. res_____re my debts *v.* to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively
91. nonviolent ji__d *n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle
92. pe__y crime *adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters

ANSWERS: 84. multicultural, 85. smother, 86. hipster, 87. solvable, 88. corruptible, 89. twinkle, 90. restructure, 91. jihad, 92. petty

93. bo_____om decision *n.* a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets
94. pro_____us lifestyle *adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
95. ast_____ed at the success *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
96. ov_____ow the government *v.* to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
97. hi_____r lifestyle *n.* a person who follows a trend or style characterized by a particular subculture, particularly one that is associated with alternative music, fashion, and lifestyle practices
98. moral pa_____is *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
99. manually re___d the tape *v.* to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning
100. a nonaggression p__t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
101. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
102. lib_____ze drug laws *v.* to make something more liberal, open, or permissive, typically in terms of laws, regulations, or social practices, allowing greater freedom, flexibility, or tolerance

ANSWERS: 93. boardroom, 94. promiscuous, 95. astonished, 96. overthrow, 97. hipster, 98. paralysis, 99. rewind, 100. pact, 101. optimism, 102. liberalize

103. mo___r hate speech *v.* to sell or promote something, especially by using aggressive or exaggerated tactics; to peddle or deal in (usually negative) information, rumors, or gossip; (noun) a dealer, trader, or seller of a particular commodity or goods
104. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
105. mathematically so_____le equation *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
106. military di_____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
107. de_____ck resolution *n.* a state of impasse or stalemate, where no progress or agreement can be made between conflicting parties or viewpoints; a situation where future action or decision-making is halted
108. pro_____us bathing *adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
109. environmental pe__l *n.* serious and great danger or risk
110. sen_____al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

ANSWERS: 103. monger, 104. opportune, 105. solvable, 106. dictator, 107. deadlock, 108. promiscuous, 109. peril, 110. sentimental

111. overcome hu___es *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
112. pi__s belief *adj.* deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices
113. uni_____ble depths *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
114. radical ex_____st *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
115. po_____te the countryside *v.* to inhabit or occupy a particular area, region, or environment with a certain number or type of people, animals, or plants; to fill out or complete a form, document, or database with relevant information
116. tw_____e like a star *v.* to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way
117. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
118. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
119. re____d a film *v.* to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning

ANSWERS: 111. hurdle, 112. pious, 113. unimaginable, 114. extremist, 115. populate, 116. twinkle, 117. doom, 118. riot, 119. rewind

120. a di____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
121. human in _____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
122. I__m on the horizon *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
123. enrich my in _____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
124. de___n for investigation *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
125. on terms of in _____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
126. re____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
127. pe__y cash *adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters
128. ho____y victims *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
129. per ca___a sales *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
130. mul_____ral society *adj.* relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)

ANSWERS: 120. dictator, 121. intellect, 122. loom, 123. intellect, 124. detain, 125. intimacy, 126. rethink, 127. petty, 128. horrify, 129. capita, 130. multicultural

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ arguments between coworkers were causing a toxic work environment.
adj. of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters
2. The two sides agreed to a _____ and set down their weapons.
n. a cessation or suspension of hostilities between warring parties, usually for a specified period, as a treaty, armistice, or other agreement
3. The _____ weather made staying motivated and happy throughout the day hard.
adj. characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy
4. As a _____ she always focuses on finding practical solutions to problems.
n. a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals
5. The school is known for its _____ student body.
adj. relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)
6. Deer, squirrels, and birds primarily _____ the forest.
v. to inhabit or occupy a particular area, region, or environment with a certain number or type of people, animals, or plants; to fill out or complete a form, document, or database with relevant information

ANSWERS: 1. petty, 2. truce, 3. gloomy, 4. pragmatist, 5. multicultural, 6. populate

7. She decided to _____ her thoughts into a more manageable list.
v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
8. In some Muslim countries, the _____ position is appointed by the government.
n. a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
9. The economic downturn made it necessary to _____ the business.
v. to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively
10. The series of terrorist attacks _____ the entire nation.
v. to shock or disgust greatly
11. Massive demonstrations lead to total _____ of transportation.
n. a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
12. She was _____ by the news and could hardly believe it.
adj. extremely surprised and upset
13. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.
adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
14. The corporate _____ was filled with tense silence as the CEO presented the new plan.
n. a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets
15. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.
v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

ANSWERS: 7. distill, 8. imam's, 9. restructure, 10. horrify, 11. paralysis, 12. astonished, 13. corruptible, 14. boardroom, 15. seize

16. He _____ the memories of his traumatic childhood.

v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories

17. The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite _____ with a software update.

adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

18. The police _____ the suspect for questioning.

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

19. He was known for his _____ behavior.

adj. having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person

20. We ordered a round of _____ shots at the bar.

n. a distilled spirit made primarily from the blue agave plant, typically produced in Mexico, known for its distinctive taste and often consumed neat, in cocktails, or as a shot

21. It was _____ to quit her job and start her own business.

adj. displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

22. The flow _____ is validated against the experiment.

n. a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem

23. Some politicians use fear to _____ support for their policies.

v. to sell or promote something, especially by using aggressive or exaggerated tactics; to peddle or deal in (usually negative) information, rumors, or gossip; (noun) a dealer, trader, or seller of a particular commodity or goods

ANSWERS: 16. repressed, 17. solvable, 18. detained, 19. promiscuous, 20. tequila, 21. gutsy, 22. solver, 23. monger

24. The hawkish _____ gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.
n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
25. Many scholars argue that the true meaning of _____ is to strive for personal betterment and to defend justice and peace.
n. a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle
26. GDP per _____ shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.
n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
27. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
28. 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
29. The two countries made a _____ to reduce their carbon emissions.
n. a formal agreement between two or more parties
30. He was a _____ leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.
adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
31. His eyes _____ with mischief.
v. to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way

ANSWERS: 24. senator, 25. jihad, 26. capita, 27. doom, 28. Brexit, 29. pact, 30. charismatic, 31. twinkled

32. The garden was infested with beetle _____ causing damage to the plant roots.
n. the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously
33. The _____ children in the classroom made teaching difficult for the teacher.
adj. difficult or impossible to manage or control; disobedient; disorderly
34. The _____ woman spent her days volunteering at the local church.
adj. deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices
35. The _____ of the author's writing is the depth of emotion conveyed.
n. the perfect example of a quality or class
36. They were looking for _____ in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.
n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
37. The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided _____.
n. a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
38. The complexity of scientific theories was _____ for most people.
adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
39. Some women choose to wear a _____ as a symbol of their cultural identity and religious beliefs.
n. a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons

ANSWERS: 32. grubs, 33. unruly, 34. pious, 35. quintessence, 36. intimacy, 37. pentagon, 38. unimaginable, 39. headscarf

40. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.
n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
41. The company's HR policy advocates for a _____ workplace where all employees are treated equally regardless of race.
adj. (of a person) unable to distinguish certain colors or used to describe a lack of racial or cultural bias
42. The rise of far-right _____ has sparked concern among many civil rights organizations.
n. the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
43. The government decided to _____ trade policies to boost economic growth.
v. to make something more liberal, open, or permissive, typically in terms of laws, regulations, or social practices, allowing greater freedom, flexibility, or tolerance
44. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
45. Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in _____.
n. serious and great danger or risk
46. The group aims to _____ the military regime.
v. to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
47. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 40. optimism, 41. colorblind, 42. extremism, 43. liberalize, 44. dictator, 45. peril, 46. overthrow, 47. opportune

48. The issue of divorce _____ large in his mind.
v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
49. His rude behavior _____ many people at the party.
v. to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation
50. We often ignore important _____ from nature.
n. a warning against certain acts; (law) a formal notice filed with a court or officer to suspend a proceeding until the filer is given a hearing
51. She tried to _____ her fears and doubts with positive affirmations.
v. to cover or suffocate something or someone completely; to suppress or stifle a feeling or emotion
52. She is always wearing vintage clothing and listening to vinyl records, a true _____ at heart.
n. a person who follows a trend or style characterized by a particular subculture, particularly one that is associated with alternative music, fashion, and lifestyle practices
53. The _____ group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.
n. a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
54. The CEO of the tech company is a renowned _____ who spearheaded numerous successful projects.
n. an expert or specialist in the management or administration of technical and scientific affairs; someone who holds a position of authority based on their technical knowledge and expertise

ANSWERS: 48. loomed, 49. infuriated, 50. caveats, 51. smother, 52. hipster, 53. extremist, 54. technocrat

55. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
56. The company faced several _____ in the development of its new product.
n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
57. The negotiations came to a _____ when neither party could reach an agreement.
n. a state of impasse or stalemate, where no progress or agreement can be made between conflicting parties or viewpoints; a situation where future action or decision-making is halted
58. The mother was _____ as she searched for her lost child.
adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
59. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.
adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
60. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
61. The _____ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
62. The _____ rule was marked by oppression and fear.
n. a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

ANSWERS: 55. exploded, 56. hurdles, 57. deadlock, 58. frantic, 59. sentimental, 60. intellect, 61. riots, 62. tyrant's

63. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

64. 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

65. Please _____ the thread onto the reel.

v. to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning

ANSWERS: 63. rethink, 64. superhero, 65. rewind