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Session 1: Word List

mortify

v. to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires

synonym: humiliate, embarrass, shame

(1) **mortify** his ego, (2) **mortify** the body

My parents used to **mortify** me by telling embarrassing stories about me in front of my friends.

inopportune

adj. coming at an inconvenient or inappropriate time; not well-timed or poorly chosen; awkward or unwelcome

synonym: unfavorable, inconvenient, untimely

(1) **inopportune** arrival, (2) **inopportune** interruption

The rainstorm came at an **inopportune** time, ruining their outdoor wedding plans.

ingest

v. to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge

synonym: swallow, consume, devour

(1) **ingest** food, (2) **ingest** medication

People who compulsively **ingest** non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica.

forebear

n. an ancestor or a precursor

synonym: ancestor, predecessor, forefather

(1) a **forebear** of one of the tribes, (2) **forebear** predecessor
His **forebear** was one of the first settlers in the area.

ocular

adj. relating to the eyes or vision; visual; pertaining to or connected with the sense of sight

synonym: visual, optical, ophthalmic

(1) **ocular** examination, (2) **ocular** symptoms

After using the new **ocular** lens, the photographer took extremely sharp and detailed pictures.

shunt

v. to redirect or transfer something, often a flow of liquid or gas, to an alternative path or conduit; to move someone or something aside or out of the way; (noun) a device used to divert or redirect the flow of something, usually electrical current or fluid

synonym: redirect, divert, reroute

(1) **shunt** surgery, (2) **shunt** the output wavelength

The railway workers had to **shunt** the train to a different track to clear the tracks.

toggle

n. a switch, button, or lever that can be used to turn a device or feature on or off or to switch between different options or modes; (verb) to switch between two different states, options, or modes, often repeatedly

synonym: switch, lever, button

(1) **toggle** condition, (2) **toggle** between two options

You need to use the **toggle** button to switch between the night and day modes on the app.

compost

n. a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil

synonym: fertilizer, humus, manure

(1) organic **compost**, (2) **compost** pile

You can add coffee grounds and crushed eggshells to your

compost to improve the pH balance.

homemaking

n. the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker

synonym : housekeeping, domestic management

(1) traditional **homemaking** skills, (2) **homemaking** tools

Homemaking duties can include anything from cooking and cleaning to managing household finances.

sweetheart

n. an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished

synonym : darling, beloved, love

(1) **sweetheart** deal, (2) **sweetheart** romance

I can always rely on my **sweetheart** to lift my mood when feeling down.

chilly

adj. unpleasantly cool or cold; giving a feeling of coldness; lacking warmth or friendliness in manner

synonym : cool, frigid, icy

(1) **chilly** atmosphere, (2) **chilly** response

I must bundle up in a warm coat and scarf to bear the **chilly** winter weather.

resonant

adj. tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling

synonym : echoing, reverberating, resonating

(1) **resonant** with the sound, (2) **resonant** cavity

The **resonant** frequency of the guitar string was measured with a tuner.

prostitute

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

synonym : hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**

She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

solicit

v. to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty

synonym: request, seek, ask

(1) **solicit** advice, (2) **solicit** patronage

The company **solicited** donations from its employees for the charity event.

tease

v. to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

synonym: bully, annoy, provoke

(1) **tease** the children, (2) **tease** wool

This ad is intended to **tease** a competing product.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

needless

adj. describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

synonym: unnecessary, pointless, superfluous

(1) **needless** argument, (2) **needless** waste

This **needless** paperwork is wasting our time and resources.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

neuropeptide

n. a type of molecule that is made up of chains of amino acids and is involved in transmitting messages between neurons in the brain and nervous system

(1) **neuropeptide** receptor, (2) **neuropeptide** release

Experiments with **neuropeptide** inhibitors have shown promising results in alleviating chronic pain.

hippocampus

n. a major component of the brain of humans and other vertebrates that is part of the limbic system and is vital for memory

(1) involvement of the **hippocampus**, (2) neurons in the **hippocampus**

The **hippocampus** is crucial for learning and memory storage.

reconstitute

v. to restore to a former or original state; to make something new again

synonym: reform, revive, renew

(1) **reconstitute** an image, (2) **reconstitute** old memories

The dry soup mix was **reconstituted** by adding hot water.

vegan

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

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

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

meme

n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

synonym: buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

noteworthy

adj. deserving of attention, interest, or acclaim; significant or remarkable

synonym : remarkable, significant, notable

(1) **noteworthy** achievement, (2) **noteworthy** event

The artist's latest work received **noteworthy** critical acclaim.

carnival

n. a public enjoyment and celebration, usually held in the street, featuring music, dancing, and various forms of entertainment

synonym : fair, festival, celebration

(1) **carnival** parade, (2) **carnival** atmosphere

The traveling **carnival** is coming to our town next week.

nanny

n. a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis

synonym : childcare provider, babysitter, nurse

(1) part-time **nanny**, (2) professional **nanny**

She works as a **nanny** for a family with two young children.

whiskey

n. a type of distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains, typically barley, corn, rye, or wheat, aged in barrels and often consumed straight or with mixers

synonym : bourbon, scotch, rye

(1) bootleg **whiskey**, (2) **whiskey** barrel

I enjoy a glass of **whiskey** on the rocks after a long day.

convent

n. a community of nuns, usually living together in a religious order under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym : abbey, monastery, nunnery

(1) **convent** school, (2) nunnery **convent**

The old **convent** was converted into a hotel and retained some original features.

dichotomy

n. a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts

synonym : division, duality, contrast

(1) moral **dichotomy**, (2) psychological **dichotomy**

The **dichotomy** between good and evil is common in literature and philosophy.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

straightaway

adv. immediately or without any delay or hesitation; without any deviation or detour

synonym : directly, immediately, straight

(1) turn **straightaway**, (2) go **straightaway**

I accelerated **straightaway** to catch up to the car ahead of me on the highway.

tuck

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

synonym : insert, wrap, pinch

(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another cigarette

You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

bastardize

v. to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something

synonym: corrupt, debase, pervert

(1) **bastardize** a recipe, (2) **bastardize** culture

We do not want to **bastardize** the text's original meaning through poor translations.

nun

n. a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

synonym: sister, religious, monastic

(1) **nun** habit, (2) meditating **nun**

The cloistered **nun** devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

mechanize

v. to equip with machinery or automatic equipment; to replace human labor with machines or automation in industry or other processes; to make a job or a procedure more systematic or efficient by the use of tools or technology

synonym: automate, motorize, robotize

(1) **mechanize** operations, (2) **mechanize** agriculture

The factory **mechanized** its production line to increase efficiency and reduce labor costs.

industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

synonym: motorize

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

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and

catch up with the West.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

proscribe

v. to prohibit, forbid, or outlaw by formal or authoritative action; to condemn or denounce as dangerous, harmful, or unacceptable; to ban or forbid the use, possession, or practice of something

synonym: prohibit, ban, forbid

(1) **proscribe** a practice, (2) **proscribe** any discriminatory behavior

The school board **proscribed** the use of cell phones during class hours.

barbecue

n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

synonym: grill, cookout, outdoor cooking

(1) **barbecue** sauce, (2) **barbecue** grill

The **barbecue** at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

anorexia

n. a serious eating disorder characterized by an intense fear of gaining weight or becoming overweight, along with a persistent refusal to eat an adequate amount of food resulting in significant weight loss, malnutrition, and a wide range of physical and psychological consequences

synonym: eating disorder

(1) **anorexia** symptoms, (2) **anorexia** treatment

Many people suffer from **anorexia** nervosa and require

professional treatment to recover.

wholesome

adj. good for or likely to improve your health; conducive to or characterized by physical or moral well-being

synonym : healthy, decent, nutrient

(1) **wholesome** ingredients, (2) live a **wholesome** lifestyle
His honesty wielded a **wholesome** influence on those around him.

lucrative

adj. producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding

synonym : profitable, moneymaking, remunerative

(1) **lucrative** deal, (2) **lucrative** market

Investing in real estate can be a **lucrative** business if done correctly.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

sober

adj. not drunk or affected by alcohol; dignified in manner or character and committed to keeping promises

synonym : calm, lucid, temperate

(1) **sober** discussion, (2) as **sober** as a judge

He led a **sober** life.

fiance

n. a person who is engaged to be married

synonym : groom-to-be, betrothed, intended

(1) **fiance** visa, (2) meeting with the **fiance's** family

My **fiance** and I are looking for a new apartment after our wedding.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym : vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

fraternity

n. a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation

synonym: brotherhood, association, society

(1) the medical **fraternity**, (2) **fraternity** party

My college students join a **fraternity** to make connections and build a sense of community.

hangover

n. the unpleasant physical and mental effects a person experiences after consuming too much alcohol; a lasting effect or aftereffect of something

synonym: headache, aftereffect, hang-up

(1) **hangover** cure, (2) severe **hangover**

After drinking too much at the party, he woke up with a terrible **hangover**.

gondola

n. a long, narrow, flat-bottomed boat or a cabin suspended from an overhead cable, typically used for transportation or recreation purposes, especially in Venice, Italy; a type of lift that transports skiers up the mountain

(1) **gondola** lift, (2) Venetian **gondola**

Tourists enjoyed a scenic ride in the **gondola**, taking in the breathtaking views of the snowy mountains.

dud

n. any product, project, or person that doesn't perform or live up to expectations; a rejected or useless item, especially an explosive device that fails to detonate

synonym: failure, flop, duff

(1) **dud** grenade, (2) **dud** investment

The new product turned out to be a **dud** and could have sold better in the market.

remorse

n. a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done

synonym: guilt, anguish, regret

(1) **remorse** of conscience, (2) sincere **remorse**

I always remember that event with bitter **remorse**.

pimp

n. a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker

synonym: pandar, procurer, hustler

(1) **pimp** lifestyle, (2) **pimp** culture

The lazy **pimp** controlled and exploited the women working for him.

Session 2: Spelling

1. me_____ze agriculture
v. to equip with machinery or automatic equipment; to replace human labor with machines or automation in industry or other processes; to make a job or a procedure more systematic or efficient by the use of tools or technology
2. em_____r the secretary to do the same
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
3. ch____y atmosphere
adj. unpleasantly cool or cold; giving a feeling of coldness; lacking warmth or friendliness in manner
4. a fo_____ar of one of the tribes
n. an ancestor or a precursor
5. d_d grenade
n. any product, project, or person that doesn't perform or live up to expectations; a rejected or useless item, especially an explosive device that fails to detonate
6. ino_____ne arrival
adj. coming at an inconvenient or inappropriate time; not well-timed or poorly chosen; awkward or unwelcome
7. apex pr_____or
n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
8. swe_____rt romance
n. an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
9. ve__n lifestyle
n. a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons

ANSWERS: 1. mechanize, 2. empower, 3. chilly, 4. forebear, 5. dud, 6. inopportune, 7. predator, 8. sweetheart, 9. vegan

10. ca____al atmosphere *n.* a public enjoyment and celebration, usually held in the street, featuring music, dancing, and various forms of entertainment
11. lu_____ve deal *adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
12. wh_____me ingredients *adj.* good for or likely to improve your health; conducive to or characterized by physical or moral well-being
13. p__p culture *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
14. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
15. moral di_____my *n.* a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts
16. an_____ia treatment *n.* a serious eating disorder characterized by an intense fear of gaining weight or becoming overweight, along with a persistent refusal to eat an adequate amount of food resulting in significant weight loss, malnutrition, and a wide range of physical and psychological consequences
17. a male pro_____te *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

ANSWERS: 10. carnival, 11. lucrative, 12. wholesome, 13. pimp, 14. grandchild, 15. dichotomy, 16. anorexia, 17. prostitute

18. fi___e visa *n.* a person who is engaged to be married
19. rec_____ute an image *v.* to restore to a former or original state; to make something new again
20. professional na__y *n.* a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis
21. lu_____ve market *adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
22. ino_____ne interruption *adj.* coming at an inconvenient or inappropriate time; not well-timed or poorly chosen; awkward or unwelcome
23. t__k a baby in the blanket *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
24. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
25. religious m__e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
26. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 18. fiance, 19. reconstitute, 20. nanny, 21. lucrative, 22. inopportune, 23. tuck, 24. sham, 25. meme, 26. doe

27. Venetian go_____a
n. a long, narrow, flat-bottomed boat or a cabin suspended from an overhead cable, typically used for transportation or recreation purposes, especially in Venice, Italy; a type of lift that transports skiers up the mountain
28. live a wh_____me lifestyle
adj. good for or likely to improve your health; conducive to or characterized by physical or moral well-being
29. r_t with age
v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
30. turn str_____way
adv. immediately or without any delay or hesitation; without any deviation or detour
31. mo_____y the body
v. to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires
32. wh_____y barrel
n. a type of distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains, typically barley, corn, rye, or wheat, aged in barrels and often consumed straight or with mixers
33. so_____t patronage
v. to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty
34. ne_____ss argument
adj. describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

ANSWERS: 27. gondola, 28. wholesome, 29. rot, 30. straightaway, 31. mortify, 32. whiskey, 33. solicit, 34. needless

35. ba____ue sauce *n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
36. ind____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
37. not____hy event *adj.* deserving of attention, interest, or acclaim; significant or remarkable
38. ca____al parade *n.* a public enjoyment and celebration, usually held in the street, featuring music, dancing, and various forms of entertainment
39. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
40. gra____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
41. p__p lifestyle *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
42. meditating n_n *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
43. psychological di____my *n.* a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts
44. bas____ze culture *v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something

ANSWERS: 35. barbecue, 36. industrious, 37. noteworthy, 38. carnival, 39. rot, 40. grandchild, 41. pimp, 42. nun, 43. dichotomy, 44. bastardize

45. to___e between two options *n.* a switch, button, or lever that can be used to turn a device or feature on or off or to switch between different options or modes; (verb) to switch between two different states, options, or modes, often repeatedly
46. in___t medication *v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
47. the medical fra____ty *n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
48. pronounce m__e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
49. go____a lift *n.* a long, narrow, flat-bottomed boat or a cabin suspended from an overhead cable, typically used for transportation or recreation purposes, especially in Venice, Italy; a type of lift that transports skiers up the mountain
50. raw food ve__n *n.* a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons

ANSWERS: 45. toggle, 46. ingest, 47. fraternity, 48. meme, 49. gondola, 50. vegan

51. meeting with the fi___e's family *n.* a person who is engaged to be married
52. an___ia symptoms *n.* a serious eating disorder characterized by an intense fear of gaining weight or becoming overweight, along with a persistent refusal to eat an adequate amount of food resulting in significant weight loss, malnutrition, and a wide range of physical and psychological consequences
53. ha_____er cure *n.* the unpleasant physical and mental effects a person experiences after consuming too much alcohol; a lasting effect or aftereffect of something
54. ind_____ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
55. co_____t pile *n.* a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil
56. so__r discussion *adj.* not drunk or affected by alcohol; dignified in manner or character and committed to keeping promises
57. sincere re_____e *n.* a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done
58. fo_____ar predecessor *n.* an ancestor or a precursor
59. re_____e of conscience *n.* a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done
60. in___t food *v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge

ANSWERS: 51. fiance, 52. anorexia, 53. hangover, 54. industrialize, 55. compost, 56. sober, 57. remorse, 58. forebear, 59. remorse, 60. ingest

61. involvement of the hip_____us *n.* a major component of the brain of humans and other vertebrates that is part of the limbic system and is vital for memory
62. rec_____ute old memories *v.* to restore to a former or original state; to make something new again
63. ne_____ss waste *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
64. oc____r examination *adj.* relating to the eyes or vision; visual; pertaining to or connected with the sense of sight
65. nunnery co_____t *n.* a community of nuns, usually living together in a religious order under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
66. bas_____ze a recipe *v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
67. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
68. fra_____ty party *n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
69. re_____nt cavity *adj.* tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling

ANSWERS: 61. hippocampus, 62. reconstitute, 63. needless, 64. ocular, 65. convent, 66. bastardize, 67. industrious, 68. fraternity, 69. resonant

70. mo____y his ego *v.* to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires
71. n_n habit *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
72. t__k into another cigarette *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
73. hom_____ng tools *n.* the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker
74. not_____hy achievement *adj.* deserving of attention, interest, or acclaim; significant or remarkable
75. neurons in the hip_____us *n.* a major component of the brain of humans and other vertebrates that is part of the limbic system and is vital for memory
76. to___e condition *n.* a switch, button, or lever that can be used to turn a device or feature on or off or to switch between different options or modes; (verb) to switch between two different states, options, or modes, often repeatedly
77. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 70. mortify, 71. nun, 72. tuck, 73. homemaking, 74. noteworthy, 75. hippocampus, 76. toggle, 77. sham

78. pr_____be any discriminatory behavior
79. traditional hom_____ng skills
80. sh__t surgery
81. sh__t the output wavelength
82. te__e wool
83. sexual pr_____ors
- v. to prohibit, forbid, or outlaw by formal or authoritative action; to condemn or denounce as dangerous, harmful, or unacceptable; to ban or forbid the use, possession, or practice of something
- n. the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker
- v. to redirect or transfer something, often a flow of liquid or gas, to an alternative path or conduit; to move someone or something aside or out of the way; (noun) a device used to divert or redirect the flow of something, usually electrical current or fluid
- v. to redirect or transfer something, often a flow of liquid or gas, to an alternative path or conduit; to move someone or something aside or out of the way; (noun) a device used to divert or redirect the flow of something, usually electrical current or fluid
- v. to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
- n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

ANSWERS: 78. proscribe, 79. homemaking, 80. shunt, 81. shunt, 82. tease, 83. predator

84. swe_____rt deal *n.* an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
85. pr_____be a practice *v.* to prohibit, forbid, or outlaw by formal or authoritative action; to condemn or denounce as dangerous, harmful, or unacceptable; to ban or forbid the use, possession, or practice of something
86. ind_____ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
87. bootleg wh_____y *n.* a type of distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains, typically barley, corn, rye, or wheat, aged in barrels and often consumed straight or with mixers
88. d_d investment *n.* any product, project, or person that doesn't perform or live up to expectations; a rejected or useless item, especially an explosive device that fails to detonate
89. neu_____ide receptor *n.* a type of molecule that is made up of chains of amino acids and is involved in transmitting messages between neurons in the brain and nervous system
90. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
91. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
92. neu_____ide release *n.* a type of molecule that is made up of chains of amino acids and is involved in transmitting messages between neurons in the brain and nervous system

ANSWERS: 84. sweetheart, 85. proscribe, 86. industrialize, 87. whiskey, 88. dud, 89. neuropeptide, 90. creditor, 91. empower, 92. neuropeptide

93. go str_____way
adv. immediately or without any delay or hesitation; without any deviation or detour
94. oc____r symptoms
adj. relating to the eyes or vision; visual; pertaining to or connected with the sense of sight
95. severe ha_____er
n. the unpleasant physical and mental effects a person experiences after consuming too much alcohol; a lasting effect or aftereffect of something
96. ba_____ue grill
n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
97. so_____t advice
v. to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty
98. buck and d_e
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
99. pro_____te street
n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
100. bankrupt cr_____or
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
101. ch____y response
adj. unpleasantly cool or cold; giving a feeling of coldness; lacking warmth or friendliness in manner

ANSWERS: 93. straightaway, 94. ocular, 95. hangover, 96. barbecue, 97. solicit, 98. doe, 99. prostitute, 100. creditor, 101. chilly

102. organic co____t
- n.* a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil
103. co____t school
- n.* a community of nuns, usually living together in a religious order under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
104. me____ze operations
- v.* to equip with machinery or automatic equipment; to replace human labor with machines or automation in industry or other processes; to make a job or a procedure more systematic or efficient by the use of tools or technology
105. as so__r as a judge
- adj.* not drunk or affected by alcohol; dignified in manner or character and committed to keeping promises
106. part-time na__y
- n.* a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis
107. te__e the children
- v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
108. re____nt with the sound
- adj.* tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling

ANSWERS: 102. compost, 103. convent, 104. mechanize, 105. sober, 106. nanny, 107. tease, 108. resonant

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ between good and evil is common in literature and philosophy.
n. a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts
2. _____ duties can include anything from cooking and cleaning to managing household finances.
n. the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker
3. After using the new _____ lens, the photographer took extremely sharp and detailed pictures.
adj. relating to the eyes or vision; visual; pertaining to or connected with the sense of sight
4. The school board _____ the use of cell phones during class hours.
v. to prohibit, forbid, or outlaw by formal or authoritative action; to condemn or denounce as dangerous, harmful, or unacceptable; to ban or forbid the use, possession, or practice of something
5. I enjoy a glass of _____ on the rocks after a long day.
n. a type of distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains, typically barley, corn, rye, or wheat, aged in barrels and often consumed straight or with mixers
6. The _____ frequency of the guitar string was measured with a tuner.
adj. tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling

ANSWERS: 1. dichotomy, 2. Homemaking, 3. ocular, 4. proscribed, 5. whiskey, 6. resonant

7. My parents used to _____ me by telling embarrassing stories about me in front of my friends.
- v.* to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires
8. His honesty wielded a _____ influence on those around him.
- adj.* good for or likely to improve your health; conducive to or characterized by physical or moral well-being
9. Investing in real estate can be a _____ business if done correctly.
- adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
10. You can add coffee grounds and crushed eggshells to your _____ to improve the pH balance.
- n.* a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil
11. The railway workers had to _____ the train to a different track to clear the tracks.
- v.* to redirect or transfer something, often a flow of liquid or gas, to an alternative path or conduit; to move someone or something aside or out of the way; (noun) a device used to divert or redirect the flow of something, usually electrical current or fluid
12. The lazy _____ controlled and exploited the women working for him.
- n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
13. He led a _____ life.
- adj.* not drunk or affected by alcohol; dignified in manner or character and committed to keeping promises

ANSWERS: 7. mortify, 8. wholesome, 9. lucrative, 10. compost, 11. shunt, 12. pimp, 13. sober

14. I accelerated _____ to catch up to the car ahead of me on the highway.
adv. immediately or without any delay or hesitation; without any deviation or detour
15. I must bundle up in a warm coat and scarf to bear the _____ winter weather.
adj. unpleasantly cool or cold; giving a feeling of coldness; lacking warmth or friendliness in manner
16. The _____ at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.
n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
17. Experiments with _____ inhibitors have shown promising results in alleviating chronic pain.
n. a type of molecule that is made up of chains of amino acids and is involved in transmitting messages between neurons in the brain and nervous system
18. This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet _____.
n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
19. You should _____ your shirt into your trousers.
v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
20. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 14. straightaway, 15. chilly, 16. barbecue, 17. neuropeptide, 18. meme, 19. tuck, 20. industrious

21. The old _____ was converted into a hotel and retained some original features.
n. a community of nuns, usually living together in a religious order under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
22. His _____ was one of the first settlers in the area.
n. an ancestor or a precursor
23. The dry soup mix was _____ by adding hot water.
v. to restore to a former or original state; to make something new again
24. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
25. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
26. She works as a _____ for a family with two young children.
n. a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis
27. The artist's latest work received _____ critical acclaim.
adj. deserving of attention, interest, or acclaim; significant or remarkable
28. My _____ and I are looking for a new apartment after our wedding.
n. a person who is engaged to be married
29. The cloistered ____ devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.
n. a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

ANSWERS: 21. convent, 22. forebear, 23. reconstituted, 24. empowered, 25. doe, 26. nanny, 27. noteworthy, 28. fiancée, 29. nun

30. The _____ diet is based on plant-based foods.
- n.* a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons
31. I always remember that event with bitter _____.
- n.* a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done
32. The data he prepared was completely _____.
- n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
33. The rainstorm came at an _____ time, ruining their outdoor wedding plans.
- adj.* coming at an inconvenient or inappropriate time; not well-timed or poorly chosen; awkward or unwelcome
34. The company _____ donations from its employees for the charity event.
- v.* to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty
35. Tourists enjoyed a scenic ride in the _____ taking in the breathtaking views of the snowy mountains.
- n.* a long, narrow, flat-bottomed boat or a cabin suspended from an overhead cable, typically used for transportation or recreation purposes, especially in Venice, Italy; a type of lift that transports skiers up the mountain
36. This ad is intended to _____ a competing product.
- v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

ANSWERS: 30. vegan, 31. remorse, 32. sham, 33. inopportune, 34. solicited, 35. gondola, 36. tease

37. I can always rely on my _____ to lift my mood when feeling down.
n. an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
38. The new product turned out to be a ____ and could have sold better in the market.
n. any product, project, or person that doesn't perform or live up to expectations; a rejected or useless item, especially an explosive device that fails to detonate
39. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
40. The nations of South East Asia will quickly _____ and catch up with the West.
v. to organize the production of something into an industry
41. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.
v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
42. After drinking too much at the party, he woke up with a terrible _____.
n. the unpleasant physical and mental effects a person experiences after consuming too much alcohol; a lasting effect or aftereffect of something
43. My college students join a _____ to make connections and build a sense of community.
n. a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
44. This _____ paperwork is wasting our time and resources.
adj. describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

ANSWERS: 37. sweetheart, 38. dud, 39. creditor, 40. industrialize, 41. rot, 42. hangover, 43. fraternity, 44. needless

45. The factory _____ its production line to increase efficiency and reduce labor costs.
- v. to equip with machinery or automatic equipment; to replace human labor with machines or automation in industry or other processes; to make a job or a procedure more systematic or efficient by the use of tools or technology
46. The traveling _____ is coming to our town next week.
- n. a public enjoyment and celebration, usually held in the street, featuring music, dancing, and various forms of entertainment
47. People who compulsively _____ non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica.
- v. to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
48. You need to use the _____ button to switch between the night and day modes on the app.
- n. a switch, button, or lever that can be used to turn a device or feature on or off or to switch between different options or modes; (verb) to switch between two different states, options, or modes, often repeatedly
49. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
- n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
50. She turned to _____ to make ends meet.
- n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

ANSWERS: 45. mechanized, 46. carnival, 47. ingest, 48. toggle, 49. predator's, 50. prostitute

51. Many people suffer from _____ nervosa and require professional treatment to recover.

- n.* a serious eating disorder characterized by an intense fear of gaining weight or becoming overweight, along with a persistent refusal to eat an adequate amount of food resulting in significant weight loss, malnutrition, and a wide range of physical and psychological consequences

52. The _____ is crucial for learning and memory storage.

- n.* a major component of the brain of humans and other vertebrates that is part of the limbic system and is vital for memory

53. We do not want to _____ the text's original meaning through poor translations.

- v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something

54. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.

- n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

ANSWERS: 51. anorexia, 52. hippocampus, 53. bastardize, 54. grandchild