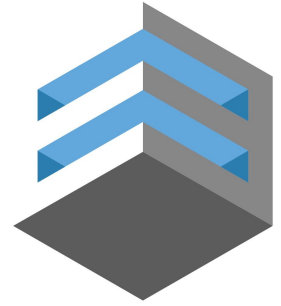


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Session 1: Word List

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.

paradoxical

adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
synonym: contradictory, conflicting, perplexing

(1) a **paradoxical** anecdote, (2) apparently **paradoxical** it is **paradoxical** that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.

smuggle

v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

(1) **smuggle** drugs, (2) **smuggle** herself out of a country
He was able to **smuggle** a gun inside the prison.

censor

n. a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing

information

synonym : suppressor, scrutineer, examiner

(1) **cancel** a book, (2) **cancel** a TV program

The newspaper editor decided to **cancel** the controversial headline to avoid backlash.

coffin

n. a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin

synonym : casket, box, chest

(1) **coffin** lid, (2) wooden **coffin**

The priest prayed over the **coffin** before it was lowered into the ground.

wail

v. to make a prolonged, high-pitched cry expressing grief, pain, or anger

synonym : moan, keen, lament

(1) **wail** in sorrow, (2) **wail** in pain

The baby **wailed** loudly, signaling its hunger.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym : conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

tweet

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

synonym : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

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

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

raze

v. to tear down or demolish completely

synonym : destroy, demolish, erase

(1) **raze** a forest, (2) **raze** a city to the ground

The old building was **razed** to make way for a new one.

authoritarian

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

synonym : dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government

The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

penguin

n. a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait

(1) Adelie **penguin**, (2) **penguin** habitat

We took a boat tour to witness the magnificent **penguin** colony along the rugged coastline.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym : activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

peasant

n. a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

synonym : farmer, laborer, rustic

(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**

Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a **peasant**, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

uprising

n. a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority

synonym : revolt, rebellion, insurgency

(1) stage an **uprising**, (2) violent **uprising**

The anti-government **uprising** was successful in overthrowing the regime.

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.

hashtag

n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

(1) marked with a **hashtag**, (2) trending **hashtag**

Our brand's campaign uses a unique **hashtag** to track engagement and reach.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym: discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

segregate

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

synonym: isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.

boycott

v. to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change;
(noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use

a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change

synonym : protest, abstain, avoid

(1) **boycott** campaign, (2) **boycott** the discussion

Many people have decided to **boycott** the company due to their unethical practices.

mimeograph

n. a duplicating machine used primarily in the past to make copies of written or printed material, which involves the transfer of ink from a stencil onto paper

synonym : duplicator, copy machine

(1) **mimeograph** ink, (2) **mimeograph** paper

The church secretary used a **mimeograph** machine to print the weekly church bulletin.

leaflet

n. a small, thin piece of paper or other material, often used for advertising or informational purposes; a small branch or part of a leaf

synonym : pamphlet, brochure, flier

(1) information **leaflet**, (2) political **leaflet**

The environmental group handed out **leaflets** to raise awareness of the dangers of deforestation.

sneaking

adj. characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner

synonym : sneaky, furtive, covert

(1) **sneaking** suspicion, (2) a **sneaking** sense of satisfaction

He had a **sneaking** admiration for his rival's work, even though they were competitors.

daunting

adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

synonym : intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task

My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

carpool

n. a group of people who regularly travel together in one vehicle, typically to commute to work or school

synonym: ride-share, car-sharing, lift-share

(1) **carpool** lane, (2) **carpool** program

I'm looking for a **carpool** buddy to share the drive to the conference.

minefield

n. an area or situation that contains a hidden danger or risk, particularly a literal minefield of explosives or a figurative minefield of potential problems or missteps

synonym: hazard, danger, obstacle course

(1) enter a political **minefield**, (2) navigate the **minefield**

The corporate restructuring process was a **minefield** with many obstacles that needed to be navigated.

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.

concession

n. something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park

synonym: agreement, compromise, deal

(1) an oil **concession**, (2) make a **concession**

The movie theater offered a special **concession** for seniors on Tuesdays.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

austerity

n. the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt

synonym: frugality, nonindulgence, rigor

(1) impose **austerity**, (2) economic **austerity**

The government's **austerity** measures have resulted in widespread protests and discontent.

tedious

adj. tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature

synonym: boring, monotonous, dull

(1) **tedious** task, (2) **tedious** routine

The work of data entry can be **tedious**, but it is important for maintaining accurate records.

painstaking

adj. cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort

synonym: detailed, meticulous, conscientious

(1) **painstaking** research, (2) a **painstaking** student

The training of a hawk was a **painstaking** process.

discontent

n. dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval

synonym: dissatisfaction, unrest, displeasure

(1) political **discontent**, (2) widespread **discontent**

The worker's **discontent** with their wages led to a strike.

picket

n. a pointed wooden or metal stake driven into the ground used as a support or for marking an area or boundary; a group of people, typically strikers or protestors, stationed or moving around in front of a workplace, government building, or other location, to demonstrate opposition or

to pick up supporters

synonym : fence, stake, lookout

(1) **picket** sign, (2) cross the **picket** line

The farmer built a **picket** fence around his garden to keep the animals out.

circumcise

v. to remove the foreskin of a male's penis, often as a religious or cultural ritual

synonym : cut, remove, excise

(1) **circumcise** a newborn, (2) **circumcise** a child

It is common in some cultures to **circumcise** infant boys as a rite of passage.

instructive

adj. serving to provide knowledge or information; tending to instruct or educate

synonym : educational, informative, enlightening

(1) **instructive** example, (2) **instructive** video

The book provided **instructive** advice on how to improve your public speaking skills.

converge

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

synonym : congregate, assemble, concentrate

(1) **converge** of a series, (2) **converge** from different points

The two rivers **converge** into one near this area.

strangle

v. to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea

synonym : choke, suffocate, throttle

(1) **strangle** a cry, (2) **strangle** economic growth

The killer used his hands to **strangle** his victim.

exert

v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play

synonym : exert, apply, use

(1) **exert** control, (2) **exert** influence

He **exerted** himself to lift the heavyweight.

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.

hobble

v. to walk with difficulty, often due to injury or disability; to hamper or impede someone's progress or movement

synonym : limp, fetter, shuffle

(1) **hobble** down the street, (2) **hobble** due to injury

She had to **hobble** with crutches after breaking her ankle.

stifle

v. to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation

synonym : smother, suppress, suffocate

(1) **stifle** a laugh, (2) **stifle** creativity

The oppressive regime tried to **stifle** free speech and dissent.

choke

v. to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

synonym : strangle, suffocate, clog

(1) **choke** with anger, (2) **choke** off the blood supply

The baby started to **choke** on a piece of apple.

livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym : occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

worthless

adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

synonym : valueless, useless, pointless

(1) **worthless** stock, (2) **worthless** coin

The product was found to be **worthless** as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.

bedrock

n. the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium

synonym: foundation, foundation stone, base

(1) **bedrock** foundation, (2) **bedrock** geology

The **bedrock** beneath the soil is extremely solid and stable.

bravery

n. courage in the face of danger

synonym: courage, valor, heroism

(1) **bravery** against the enemy, (2) **bravery** under fire

His **bravery** in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a sn_____ng sense of satisfaction | <i>adj.</i> characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner |
| 2. cir_____se a newborn | <i>v.</i> to remove the foreskin of a male's penis, often as a religious or cultural ritual |
| 3. st_____le economic growth | <i>v.</i> to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea |
| 4. ins_____ve example | <i>adj.</i> serving to provide knowledge or information; tending to instruct or educate |
| 5. widespread dis_____nt | <i>n.</i> dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval |
| 6. in_____te the quality of his life | <i>v.</i> to introduce new methods, ideas, or products |
| 7. wo_____ss coin | <i>adj.</i> having no value or usefulness; not worth considering |
| 8. st_____le a cry | <i>v.</i> to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea |
| 9. se_____te boys and girls | <i>v.</i> to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic |

ANSWERS: 1. sneaking, 2. circumcise, 3. strangle, 4. instructive, 5. discontent, 6. innovate, 7. worthless, 8. strangle, 9. segregate

10. co____ge from different points *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
11. pi___t sign *n.* a pointed wooden or metal stake driven into the ground used as a support or for marking an area or boundary; a group of people, typically strikers or protestors, stationed or moving around in front of a workplace, government building, or other location, to demonstrate opposition or to pick up supporters
12. ex__t influence *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
13. aut_____ian practice *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
14. an oil con_____on *n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park
15. political le____t *n.* a small, thin piece of paper or other material, often used for advertising or informational purposes; a small branch or part of a leaf
16. co___n lid *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin

ANSWERS: 10. converge, 11. picket, 12. exert, 13. authoritarian, 14. concession, 15. leaflet, 16. coffin

17. a par_____al anecdote *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
18. sm_____e drugs *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
19. un_____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
20. Adelie pe_____n *n.* a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait
21. ov_____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
22. violent up_____ng *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
23. ce____r a book *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
24. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
25. w__l in sorrow *v.* to make a prolonged, high-pitched cry expressing grief, pain, or anger

ANSWERS: 17. paradoxical, 18. smuggle, 19. unleash, 20. penguin, 21. overlook, 22. uprising, 23. censor, 24. tweet, 25. wail

26. mim_____ph ink *n.* a duplicating machine used primarily in the past to make copies of written or printed material, which involves the transfer of ink from a stencil onto paper
27. liv_____od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
28. un_____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
29. pe_____n habitat *n.* a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait
30. cha_____ic personality *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
31. wooden co____n *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
32. r__e a forest *v.* to tear down or demolish completely
33. ov_____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
34. br_____y under fire *n.* courage in the face of danger
35. ex__t control *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
36. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 26. mimeograph, 27. livelihood, 28. unleash, 29. penguin, 30. charismatic, 31. coffin, 32. raze, 33. overlook, 34. bravery, 35. exert, 36. mobilize

37. face the da_____ng reality *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
38. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
39. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
40. trending ha_____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
41. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
42. bo_____t the discussion *v.* to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
43. cor_____le judges *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
44. se_____te by race *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
45. ins_____ve video *adj.* serving to provide knowledge or information; tending to instruct or educate

ANSWERS: 37. daunting, 38. empower, 39. empower, 40. hashtag, 41. tweet, 42. boycott, 43. corruptible, 44. segregate, 45. instructive

46. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
47. make a con_____on *n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park
48. navigate the mi_____ld *n.* an area or situation that contains a hidden danger or risk, particularly a literal minefield of explosives or a figurative minefield of potential problems or missteps
49. te_____s routine *adj.* tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature
50. r__e a city to the ground *v.* to tear down or demolish completely
51. economic au_____ty *n.* the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt
52. be_____k foundation *n.* the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium
53. exploited pe_____t *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

ANSWERS: 46. mobilize, 47. concession, 48. minefield, 49. tedious, 50. raze, 51. austerity, 52. bedrock, 53. peasant

54. seem like a da_____ng task *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
55. political dis_____nt *n.* dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval
56. apparently par_____al *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
57. ho___e due to injury *v.* to walk with difficulty, often due to injury or disability; to hamper or impede someone's progress or movement
58. cir_____se a child *v.* to remove the foreskin of a male's penis, often as a religious or cultural ritual
59. ca_____l lane *n.* a group of people who regularly travel together in one vehicle, typically to commute to work or school
60. marked with a ha_____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
61. information le_____t *n.* a small, thin piece of paper or other material, often used for advertising or informational purposes; a small branch or part of a leaf
62. ch___e with anger *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

ANSWERS: 54. daunting, 55. discontent, 56. paradoxical, 57. hobble, 58. circumcise, 59. carpool, 60. hashtag, 61. leaflet, 62. choke

63. ov_____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
64. te_____s task *adj.* tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature
65. sn_____ng suspicion *adj.* characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner
66. ce____r a TV program *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
67. ch__e off the blood supply *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
68. enter a political mi_____ld *n.* an area or situation that contains a hidden danger or risk, particularly a literal minefield of explosives or a figurative minefield of potential problems or missteps
69. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
70. ca_____l program *n.* a group of people who regularly travel together in one vehicle, typically to commute to work or school
71. br_____y against the enemy *n.* courage in the face of danger

ANSWERS: 63. overwhelm, 64. tedious, 65. sneaking, 66. censor, 67. choke, 68. minefield, 69. innovate, 70. carpool, 71. bravery

72. cross the pi___t line *n.* a pointed wooden or metal stake driven into the ground used as a support or for marking an area or boundary; a group of people, typically strikers or protestors, stationed or moving around in front of a workplace, government building, or other location, to demonstrate opposition or to pick up supporters
73. cha_____ic chairman *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
74. aut_____ian government *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
75. cannot re_____s laughter *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
76. co_____ge of a series *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
77. impose au_____ty *n.* the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt
78. stage an up_____ng *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
79. re_____s gene expression *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories

ANSWERS: 72. picket, 73. charismatic, 74. authoritarian, 75. repress, 76. converge, 77. austerity, 78. uprising, 79. repress

80. cor_____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
81. a means of liv_____od *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
82. wo_____ss stock *adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
83. be_____k geology *n.* the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium
84. sm_____e herself out of a country *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
85. pai_____ng research *adj.* cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
86. st____e creativity *v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
87. ho____e down the street *v.* to walk with difficulty, often due to injury or disability; to hamper or impede someone's progress or movement
88. bo_____t campaign *v.* to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
89. st____e a laugh *v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation

ANSWERS: 80. corruptible, 81. livelihood, 82. worthless, 83. bedrock, 84. smuggle, 85. painstaking, 86. stifle, 87. hobble, 88. boycott, 89. stifle

90. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
91. mim_____ph paper *n.* a duplicating machine used primarily in the past to make copies of written or printed material, which involves the transfer of ink from a stencil onto paper
92. a pai_____ng student *adj.* cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
93. w__l in pain *v.* to make a prolonged, high-pitched cry expressing grief, pain, or anger
94. pe_____t class *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

ANSWERS: 90. overwhelm, 91. mimeograph, 92. painstaking, 93. wail, 94. peasant

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Many people have decided to _____ the company due to their unethical practices.
 - v.* to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change

2. We took a boat tour to witness the magnificent _____ colony along the rugged coastline.
 - n.* a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait

3. The baby _____ loudly, signaling its hunger.
 - v.* to make a prolonged, high-pitched cry expressing grief, pain, or anger

4. He had a _____ admiration for his rival's work, even though they were competitors.
 - adj.* characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner

5. The _____ leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.
 - adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

6. The _____ beneath the soil is extremely solid and stable.
 - n.* the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium

ANSWERS: 1. boycott, 2. penguin, 3. wailed, 4. sneaking, 5. authoritarian, 6. bedrock

7. The government's _____ measures have resulted in widespread protests and discontent.
- n.* the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt
8. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.
- v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
9. He was a _____ leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.
- adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
10. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.
- v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
11. My homework was _____ and complex, but it was also intriguing.
- adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
12. He was able to _____ a gun inside the prison.
- v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
13. The school board decided to _____ students by the ability to meet their needs better.
- v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

ANSWERS: 7. austerity, 8. innovate, 9. charismatic, 10. overlook, 11. daunting, 12. smuggle, 13. segregate

14. The baby started to _____ on a piece of apple.
- v. to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
15. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.
- v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
16. Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a _____ but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.
- n. a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
17. it is _____ that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.
- adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
18. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
- n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
19. He _____ the memories of his traumatic childhood.
- v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
20. The oppressive regime tried to _____ free speech and dissent.
- v. to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
21. The general was still reluctant to _____ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.
- v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

ANSWERS: 14. choke, 15. overwhelm, 16. peasant, 17. paradoxical, 18. tweet, 19. repressed, 20. stifle, 21. unleash

22. I'm looking for a _____ buddy to share the drive to the conference.
- n.* a group of people who regularly travel together in one vehicle, typically to commute to work or school
23. 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
24. The anti-government _____ was successful in overthrowing the regime.
- n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
25. The killer used his hands to _____ his victim.
- v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
26. The product was found to be _____ as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.
- adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
27. The movie theater offered a special _____ for seniors on Tuesdays.
- n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park
28. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.
- adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
29. The environmental group handed out _____ to raise awareness of the dangers of deforestation.
- n.* a small, thin piece of paper or other material, often used for advertising or informational purposes; a small branch or part of a leaf

ANSWERS: 22. carpool, 23. empowered, 24. uprising, 25. strangle, 26. worthless, 27. concession, 28. corruptible, 29. leaflets

30. His _____ in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.
n. courage in the face of danger
31. The priest prayed over the _____ before it was lowered into the ground.
n. a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
32. I could no longer earn my own _____.
n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
33. The military _____ troops to the border.
v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
34. The book provided _____ advice on how to improve your public speaking skills.
adj. serving to provide knowledge or information; tending to instruct or educate
35. He _____ himself to lift the heavyweight.
v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
36. It is common in some cultures to _____ infant boys as a rite of passage.
v. to remove the foreskin of a male's penis, often as a religious or cultural ritual
37. Our brand's campaign uses a unique _____ to track engagement and reach.
n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

ANSWERS: 30. bravery, 31. coffin, 32. livelihood, 33. mobilized, 34. instructive, 35. exerted, 36. circumcise, 37. hashtag

38. The training of a hawk was a _____ process.

adj. cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort

39. The newspaper editor decided to _____ the controversial headline to avoid backlash.

n. a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

40. The farmer built a _____ fence around his garden to keep the animals out.

n. a pointed wooden or metal stake driven into the ground used as a support or for marking an area or boundary; a group of people, typically strikers or protestors, stationed or moving around in front of a workplace, government building, or other location, to demonstrate opposition or to pick up supporters

41. The work of data entry can be _____ but it is important for maintaining accurate records.

adj. tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature

42. The two rivers _____ into one near this area.

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

43. She had to _____ with crutches after breaking her ankle.

v. to walk with difficulty, often due to injury or disability; to hamper or impede someone's progress or movement

44. The church secretary used a _____ machine to print the weekly church bulletin.

n. a duplicating machine used primarily in the past to make copies of written or printed material, which involves the transfer of ink from a stencil onto paper

ANSWERS: 38. painstaking, 39. censor, 40. picket, 41. tedious, 42. converge, 43. hobble, 44. mimeograph

45. The old building was _____ to make way for a new one.

v. to tear down or demolish completely

46. The corporate restructuring process was a _____ with many obstacles that needed to be navigated.

n. an area or situation that contains a hidden danger or risk, particularly a literal minefield of explosives or a figurative minefield of potential problems or missteps

47. The worker's _____ with their wages led to a strike.

n. dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval

ANSWERS: 45. razed, 46. minefield, 47. discontent