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Session 1: Word List

quake

v. to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time

synonym: shake, trembler, tremor

(1) **quake** in his boots, (2) **quake** with cold

The earth began to **quake**, and he knew he had to leave the building immediately.

malaise

n. a general feeling of discomfort, illness, or unease whose exact cause is difficult to identify

synonym: unease, discomfort, dissatisfaction

(1) emotional **malaise**, (2) societal **malaise**

The country is experiencing economic **malaise**.

synchronize

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

synonym: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

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.

relish

v. to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation

synonym: enjoy, savor, taste

(1) **relish** my food, (2) **relish** every bite

He **relished** the opportunity to try the exotic dishes at the new restaurant.

emancipation

n. the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence

synonym: liberation, freedom, release

(1) self- **emancipation**, (2) history of **emancipation**

His **emancipation** from his parents was a defining moment and gave him newfound freedom.

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**.

mockery

n. the act of ridiculing or making fun of someone or something, often in a contemptuous or mocking manner

synonym: ridicule, derision, taunt

(1) **mockery** of the situation, (2) public **mockery**

The comedian's **mockery** of the recent political scandal drew laughs from the crowd.

flare

v. to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface

synonym: blaze, ignite, light up

(1) **flare** up into a major crisis, (2) the **flare** of a match

The Sun **flared** and caused a sudden brightening in the sky.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

fishy

adj. suspicious or untrustworthy; having the qualities or taste of fish

synonym: suspicious, shady, questionable

(1) **fishy** smell, (2) **fishy** evidence

The politician's explanation for his sudden wealth seemed **fishy** to the reporters.

nourish

v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

synonym: feed, sustain, nurture

(1) **nourish** damaged skin, (2) **nourish** hope

The mother used her breast milk to **nourish** the baby.

distracted

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

synonym: preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

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.

immortality

n. the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
synonym: endless life, timelessness, agelessness

(1) the **immortality** of the soul, (2) achieve **immortality**

Many people believe in the concept of **immortality** and an afterlife.

vulgar

adj. not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions

synonym: crude, nasty, tasteless

(1) **vulgar** language, (2) **vulgar** content

She was offended by his **vulgar** gesture.

demagogue

n. a political leader who gains power and popularity by appealing to people's emotions, prejudices, and biases, often by making false and misleading claims

synonym: agitator, rabble-rouser, provocateur

(1) religious **demagogue**, (2) charismatic **demagogue**

The **demagogue's** divisive rhetoric was meant to stir up anger and hatred.

prologue

n. an introduction to a literary work, typically one that sets the background or provides explanations of the events that follow

synonym: introduction, preface, opening

(1) **prologue** to the battle, (2) recite a **prologue**

The **prologue** of the play provides important background information for the audience.

kaleidoscope

n. a toy or optical instrument made up of mirrors and pieces of colored glass or plastic, which produce changing patterns and images when rotated; a constantly changing succession of different things or events

(1) **kaleidoscope** of cultures, (2) **kaleidoscope** pattern

The **kaleidoscope** of colors in the sunset was breathtaking.

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.

fundamentalist

n. a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

synonym: extremist, zealot, hardliner

(1) **fundamentalist** church, (2) political **fundamentalist**

He is a religious **fundamentalist** and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.

cling

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

synonym: stick, adhere, attach

(1) **cling** onto power, (2) **cling** tightly to the skin

He **clings** to the hope that he will find a job soon.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym: attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

hospitable

adj. friendly and generous to visitors or guests

synonym: benevolent, generous, gracious

(1) **hospitable** environment, (2) a **hospitable** welcome

He is a good-natured and **hospitable** man.

concede

v. to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly

synonym: admit, acknowledge, allow

(1) **concede** a territory, (2) **concede** a point

He had to **concede** defeat after losing the game.

dwindle

v. to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

synonym : shrink, decrease, fade

(1) **dwindle** in importance, (2) **dwindle** to almost nothing
The crowds at the festival **dwindled** as the night went on.

gruel

n. a thin, often watery, and bland porridge-like food made by boiling cereal grains or breadcrumbs in water or milk; a simple and unappetizing dish

synonym : porridge, mush, broth

(1) bland **gruel**, (2) cornmeal **gruel**

The hungry child was given a bowl of warm **gruel** to eat.

interdependent

adj. depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected

synonym : interconnected, interrelated, mutual

(1) **interdependent** systems, (2) develop **interdependent** skills

In nature, all living things are **interdependent** and rely on each other for survival.

erratic

adj. characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality

synonym : unpredictable, irregular, unstable

(1) **erratic** behavior, (2) **erratic** movements

The stock market has been behaving in an **erratic** manner, making it difficult for investors to predict future trends.

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.

dogma

n. a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted

synonym : doctrine, tenet, creed

(1) religious **dogma**, (2) the secret **dogma**

All members strictly followed the **dogma** of the organization.

obfuscate

v. to make something unclear, confusing, or difficult to understand; to intentionally obscure or muddle information

synonym: confuse, blur, obscure

(1) **obfuscate** the truth, (2) **obfuscate** the evidence

The politician intentionally **obfuscated** the details of his plan to avoid criticism.

deflect

v. to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone

synonym: deter, redirect, sidetrack

(1) **deflect** a blow, (2) **deflect** his criticism

The soccer player was able to **deflect** the ball away from the goal.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

spruce

n. a type of evergreen tree with short, stiff needles and small cones, often used as a decorative or ornamental tree; (adjective) neat, clean, or tidy in appearance

synonym: fir, pine, (verb) clean

(1) **spruce** appearance, (2) **spruce** forest

The **spruce** tree was the perfect addition to the family's Christmas decorations.

condescend

v. to behave or speak in a way that shows feelings of superiority or patronizing towards others; to do something that is considered beneath one's dignity or status

synonym: patronize, stoop, lower oneself

(1) **condescend** to acknowledge, (2) **condescend** to their level

Despite his vast knowledge, he never **condescends** to his students, explaining complex topics simply and understandably.

dogmatic

adj. characterized by strong and unwavering opinions or beliefs that are often expressed with force and without consideration for alternative viewpoints or evidence

synonym: authoritative, doctrinal, opinionated

(1) **dogmatic** beliefs, (2) **dogmatic** approach

The company's old **dogmatic** policies were the cause of its downfall.

inexplicable

adj. unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling

synonym: incomprehensible, mysterious, unaccountable

(1) **inexplicable** event, (2) **inexplicable** decision

The reason for his sudden disappearance from work was **inexplicable**.

demagoguery

n. the practice of gaining power or influence through impassioned appeals to the emotions and prejudices of a group rather than through rational or factual argument; the use of manipulative or inflammatory rhetoric to sway public opinion

synonym: charisma, manipulation, exploitation

(1) racial **demagoguery**, (2) rise of **demagoguery**

The politician's **demagoguery** was met with skepticism by many voters.

xenophobia

n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

synonym: fear, hatred, aversion

(1) suffer from **xenophobia**, (2) linguistic **xenophobia**

The **xenophobia** in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.

resentment

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

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

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

unheard

adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

synonym: unknown, obscure

(1) an **unheard** story, (2) previously **unheard-of** economic development

The **unheard** melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.

seduce

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

synonym: tempt, lure, entice

(1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind

He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.

roundup

n. a systematic gathering or collection of things, animals, or people; a large-scale operation conducted by law enforcement officials to arrest or detain a number of individuals; a type of article or report that summarizes information on a particular topic

synonym: summary, gathering, assembly

(1) **roundup** of criminals, (2) weekly **roundup**

The annual **roundup** of cattle on the ranch is a busy time for the cowboys.

deport

v. to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime

synonym: expel, banish, repatriate

(1) **deport** a refugee, (2) **deport** dissidents from the party

The government has decided to **deport** illegal immigrants back to their home countries.

secession

n. the act of withdrawing or breaking away from a larger organization or group, particularly a political body or a larger country or state; the process of becoming separate or independent

synonym: separation, withdrawal, departure

(1) **secession** movement, (2) peaceful **secession**

The southern states' **secession** during the Civil War sparked a long and bloody conflict.

exaggerate

v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

synonym: overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

vengeful

adj. feeling or showing a strong desire for revenge; vindictive

synonym: retaliatory, revengeful, vindictive

(1) feel **vengeful** toward him, (2) **vengeful** actions

She was **vengeful** and always sought revenge on those who wronged her.

thirst

n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

synonym: craving, desire, appetite

(1) a burning **thirst**, (2) **thirst** for authority

He read books to quench his **thirst** for knowledge.

tempt

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

synonym: entice, lure, attract

(1) **tempt** young people, (2) **tempt** the taste buds

Though he was evil, he never **tempted** his friends into wrongdoing.

impersonal

adj. lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to

an object or concept rather than a specific person

synonym : detached, unemotional

(1) **impersonal** communication, (2) **impersonal** treatment

The high-rise office building had an **impersonal** atmosphere, making it feel corporate and uninviting.

cherish

v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

synonym : treasure, value, hold dear

(1) **cherish** a stuffed animal, (2) **cherish** relationships

She **cherished** the memories of her childhood.

purge

v. to remove or get rid of something, especially that is unwanted or impure

synonym : cleanse, clear, eliminate

(1) **purge** the system, (2) **purge** his sins

The government tried to **purge** corrupt officials from the bureaucracy.

summon

v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

synonym : call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

ominous

adj. giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding

synonym : foreboding, portentous, ominous

(1) an **ominous** silence, (2) **ominous** sign

The **ominous** clouds in the sky foretold of an approaching storm.

shimmer

v. to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten

synonym : gleam, glimmer, flash

(1) **shimmer** with tears, (2) **shimmer** in the moonlight
The sunlight made the water in the pool **shimmer** like diamonds.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. cl__g onto power v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
2. dis_____ed by a conversation *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
3. linguistic xen_____ia *n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
4. se___e him into crime v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
5. societal ma_____e *n.* a general feeling of discomfort, illness, or unease whose exact cause is difficult to identify
6. se_____on movement *n.* the act of withdrawing or breaking away from a larger organization or group, particularly a political body or a larger country or state; the process of becoming separate or independent
7. te__t the taste buds v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
8. the fl__e of a match v. to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface

ANSWERS: 1. cling, 2. distracted, 3. xenophobia, 4. seduce, 5. malaise, 6. secession, 7. tempt, 8. flare

9. pr____ue to the battle *n.* an introduction to a literary work, typically one that sets the background or provides explanations of the events that follow
10. se____e her mind *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
11. er____c movements *adj.* characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality
12. do____ic beliefs *adj.* characterized by strong and unwavering opinions or beliefs that are often expressed with force and without consideration for alternative viewpoints or evidence
13. un____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
14. er____c behavior *adj.* characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality
15. de____t a refugee *v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime
16. de____t a blow *v.* to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone
17. qu__e with cold *v.* to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time

ANSWERS: 9. prologue, 10. seduce, 11. erratic, 12. dogmatic, 13. unleash, 14. erratic, 15. deport, 16. deflect, 17. quake

18. ob_____te the evidence *v.* to make something unclear, confusing, or difficult to understand; to intentionally obscure or muddle information
19. public mo_____y *n.* the act of ridiculing or making fun of someone or something, often in a contemptuous or mocking manner
20. th____t for authority *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
21. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
22. bland gr__l *n.* a thin, often watery, and bland porridge-like food made by boiling cereal grains or breadcrumbs in water or milk; a simple and unappetizing dish
23. abiding res_____nt *n.* bitterness or indignation at being treated unfairly
24. a hos_____le welcome *adj.* friendly and generous to visitors or guests
25. no_____h hope *v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
26. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
27. syn_____ze our watches *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
28. ob_____te the truth *v.* to make something unclear, confusing, or difficult to understand; to intentionally obscure or muddle information
29. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 18. obfuscate, 19. mockery, 20. thirst, 21. trait, 22. gruel, 23. resentment, 24. hospitable, 25. nourish, 26. rot, 27. synchronize, 28. obfuscate, 29. opportune

30. a burning th___t *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
31. pu__e his sins *v.* to remove or get rid of something, especially that is unwanted or impure
32. feel ve_____ul toward him *adj.* feeling or showing a strong desire for revenge; vindictive
33. de_____t his criticism *v.* to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone
34. ov_____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
35. re___h every bite *v.* to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation
36. su___n a city council *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
37. ine_____ble decision *adj.* unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling
38. ind_____ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
39. an om_____s silence *adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
40. dw_____e in importance *v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
41. fi__y smell *adj.* suspicious or untrustworthy; having the qualities or taste of fish
42. kal_____ope of cultures *n.* a toy or optical instrument made up of mirrors and pieces of colored glass or plastic, which produce changing patterns and images when rotated; a constantly changing succession of different things or events

ANSWERS: 30. thirst, 31. purge, 32. vengeful, 33. deflect, 34. overlook, 35. relish, 36. summon, 37. inexplicable, 38. industrialize, 39. ominous, 40. dwindle, 41. fishy, 42. kaleidoscope

43. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
44. the secret do__a *n.* a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted
45. fun_____ist church *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
46. suffer from xen_____ia *n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
47. om_____s sign *adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
48. exa_____te story *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
49. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
50. religious do__a *n.* a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted
51. ind_____ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
52. ch_____h relationships *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
53. mo_____y of the situation *n.* the act of ridiculing or making fun of someone or something, often in a contemptuous or mocking manner
54. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature

ANSWERS: 43. opportune, 44. dogma, 45. fundamentalist, 46. xenophobia, 47. ominous, 48. exaggerate, 49. innovate, 50. dogma, 51. industrialize, 52. cherish, 53. mockery, 54. trait

55. religious de_____ue *n.* a political leader who gains power and popularity by appealing to people's emotions, prejudices, and biases, often by making false and misleading claims
56. rise of dem_____ry *n.* the practice of gaining power or influence through impassioned appeals to the emotions and prejudices of a group rather than through rational or factual argument; the use of manipulative or inflammatory rhetoric to sway public opinion
57. pu__e the system *v.* to remove or get rid of something, especially that is unwanted or impure
58. co_____e a point *v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
59. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
60. self-ema_____ion *n.* the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence
61. con_____nd to acknowledge *v.* to behave or speak in a way that shows feelings of superiority or patronizing towards others; to do something that is considered beneath one's dignity or status
62. un_____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
63. con_____nd to their level *v.* to behave or speak in a way that shows feelings of superiority or patronizing towards others; to do something that is considered beneath one's dignity or status

ANSWERS: 55. demagogue, 56. demagoguery, 57. purge, 58. concede, 59. innovate, 60. emancipation, 61. condescend, 62. unleash, 63. condescend

64. ve____ul actions *adj.* feeling or showing a strong desire for revenge; vindictive
65. the imm_____ty of the soul *n.* the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
66. an un____d story *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
67. di____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
68. do____ic approach *adj.* characterized by strong and unwavering opinions or beliefs that are often expressed with force and without consideration for alternative viewpoints or evidence
69. vu____r language *adj.* not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions
70. ro____p of criminals *n.* a systematic gathering or collection of things, animals, or people; a large-scale operation conducted by law enforcement officials to arrest or detain a number of individuals; a type of article or report that summarizes information on a particular topic
71. qu__e in his boots *v.* to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time
72. syn_____ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

ANSWERS: 64. vengeful, 65. immortality, 66. unheard, 67. disrupt, 68. dogmatic, 69. vulgar, 70. roundup, 71. quake, 72. synchronize

73. develop int_____ent skills *adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected
74. su___n a lawyer *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
75. ine_____ble event *adj.* unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling
76. sh_____r in the moonlight *v.* to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten
77. recite a pr_____ue *n.* an introduction to a literary work, typically one that sets the background or provides explanations of the events that follow
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81. vu____r content *adj.* not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions
82. ov_____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
83. de____t dissidents from the party *v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime

ANSWERS: 73. interdependent, 74. summon, 75. inexplicable, 76. shimmer, 77. prologue, 78. exaggerate, 79. dwindle, 80. tempt, 81. vulgar, 82. overlook, 83. deport

84. sp___e appearance *n.* a type of evergreen tree with short, stiff needles and small cones, often used as a decorative or ornamental tree; (adjective) neat, clean, or tidy in appearance
85. no_____h damaged skin *v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
86. fl__e up into a major crisis *v.* to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface
87. previously un_____d-of economic development *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
88. fi__y evidence *adj.* suspicious or untrustworthy; having the qualities or taste of fish
89. cornmeal gr__l *n.* a thin, often watery, and bland porridge-like food made by boiling cereal grains or breadcrumbs in water or milk; a simple and unappetizing dish
90. get dis_____ed by an urgent matter *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
91. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
92. political fun_____ist *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

ANSWERS: 84. spruce, 85. nourish, 86. flare, 87. unheard, 88. fishy, 89. gruel, 90. distracted, 91. rot, 92. fundamentalist

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98. hos_____le environment *adj.* friendly and generous to visitors or guests
99. history of ema_____ion *n.* the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence
100. imp_____al communication *adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person
101. sh_____r with tears *v.* to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten

ANSWERS: 93. disrupt, 94. demagogue, 95. interdependent, 96. resentment, 97. kaleidoscope, 98. hospitable, 99. emancipation, 100. impersonal, 101. shimmer

102. achieve imm_____ty
103. peaceful se_____on
104. sp___e forest
105. weekly ro_____p
106. co_____e a territory
107. emotional ma_____e
108. imp_____al treatment
109. in___n civilians
- n.* the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
- n.* the act of withdrawing or breaking away from a larger organization or group, particularly a political body or a larger country or state; the process of becoming separate or independent
- n.* a type of evergreen tree with short, stiff needles and small cones, often used as a decorative or ornamental tree; (adjective) neat, clean, or tidy in appearance
- n.* a systematic gathering or collection of things, animals, or people; a large-scale operation conducted by law enforcement officials to arrest or detain a number of individuals; a type of article or report that summarizes information on a particular topic
- v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
- n.* a general feeling of discomfort, illness, or unease whose exact cause is difficult to identify
- adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person
- v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 102. immortality, 103. secession, 104. spruce, 105. roundup, 106. concede, 107. malaise, 108. impersonal, 109. intern

110. cl__g tightly to the skin *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
111. re___h my food *v.* to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation
112. medical in___n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
113. ch_____h a stuffed animal *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
114. racial dem_____ry *n.* the practice of gaining power or influence through impassioned appeals to the emotions and prejudices of a group rather than through rational or factual argument; the use of manipulative or inflammatory rhetoric to sway public opinion

ANSWERS: 110. cling, 111. relish, 112. intern, 113. cherish, 114. demagoguery

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His _____ from his parents was a defining moment and gave him newfound freedom.
n. the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence
2. He _____ the opportunity to try the exotic dishes at the new restaurant.
v. to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation
3. He _____ to the hope that he will find a job soon.
v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
4. The earth began to _____ and he knew he had to leave the building immediately.
v. to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time
5. The _____ melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.
adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
6. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
7. The _____ in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.
n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
8. The hungry child was given a bowl of warm _____ to eat.
n. a thin, often watery, and bland porridge-like food made by boiling cereal grains or breadcrumbs in water or milk; a simple and unappetizing dish

ANSWERS: 1. emancipation, 2. relished, 3. clings, 4. quake, 5. unheard, 6. interned, 7. xenophobia, 8. gruel

9. She was offended by his _____ gesture.

adj. not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions

10. She _____ the memories of her childhood.

v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

11. He is a good-natured and _____ man.

adj. friendly and generous to visitors or guests

12. The country is experiencing economic _____.

n. a general feeling of discomfort, illness, or unease whose exact cause is difficult to identify

13. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

14. The government has decided to _____ illegal immigrants back to their home countries.

v. to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime

15. The mother used her breast milk to _____ the baby.

v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

16. The reason for his sudden disappearance from work was _____.

adj. unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling

ANSWERS: 9. vulgar, 10. cherished, 11. hospitable, 12. malaise, 13. disrupt, 14. deport, 15. nourish, 16. inexplicable

17. The politician's _____ was met with skepticism by many voters.
- n.* the practice of gaining power or influence through impassioned appeals to the emotions and prejudices of a group rather than through rational or factual argument; the use of manipulative or inflammatory rhetoric to sway public opinion
18. The _____ of the play provides important background information for the audience.
- n.* an introduction to a literary work, typically one that sets the background or provides explanations of the events that follow
19. The comedian's _____ of the recent political scandal drew laughs from the crowd.
- n.* the act of ridiculing or making fun of someone or something, often in a contemptuous or mocking manner
20. The nations of South East Asia will quickly _____ and catch up with the West.
- v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
21. The annual _____ of cattle on the ranch is a busy time for the cowboys.
- n.* a systematic gathering or collection of things, animals, or people; a large-scale operation conducted by law enforcement officials to arrest or detain a number of individuals; a type of article or report that summarizes information on a particular topic
22. She felt _____ towards her boss for not giving her a promotion.
- n.* bitterness or indignation at being treated unfairly
23. All members strictly followed the _____ of the organization.
- n.* a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted

ANSWERS: 17. demagoguery, 18. prologue, 19. mockery, 20. industrialize, 21. roundup, 22. resentment, 23. dogma

24. The _____ clouds in the sky foretold of an approaching storm.

adj. giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding

25. The crowds at the festival _____ as the night went on.

v. to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

26. Despite his vast knowledge, he never _____ to his students, explaining complex topics simply and understandably.

v. to behave or speak in a way that shows feelings of superiority or patronizing towards others; to do something that is considered beneath one's dignity or status

27. The stock market has been behaving in an _____ manner, making it difficult for investors to predict future trends.

adj. characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality

28. I was so _____ by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

29. The politician's explanation for his sudden wealth seemed _____ to the reporters.

adj. suspicious or untrustworthy; having the qualities or taste of fish

30. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

31. Though he was evil, he never _____ his friends into wrongdoing.

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

ANSWERS: 24. ominous, 25. dwindled, 26. condescends, 27. erratic, 28. distracted, 29. fishy, 30. opportune, 31. tempted

32. The sunlight made the water in the pool _____ like diamonds.
v. to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten
33. The southern states' _____ during the Civil War sparked a long and bloody conflict.
n. the act of withdrawing or breaking away from a larger organization or group, particularly a political body or a larger country or state; the process of becoming separate or independent
34. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.
n. a particular feature of your nature
35. He read books to quench his _____ for knowledge.
n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
36. The chairperson was responsible for _____ committees.
v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
37. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly _____.
v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
38. She was _____ and always sought revenge on those who wronged her.
adj. feeling or showing a strong desire for revenge; vindictive
39. The _____ tree was the perfect addition to the family's Christmas decorations.
n. a type of evergreen tree with short, stiff needles and small cones, often used as a decorative or ornamental tree; (adjective) neat, clean, or tidy in appearance

ANSWERS: 32. shimmer, 33. secession, 34. traits, 35. thirst, 36. summoning, 37. synchronized, 38. vengeful, 39. spruce

40. The Sun _____ and caused a sudden brightening in the sky.
- v. to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface
41. He had to _____ defeat after losing the game.
- v. to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
42. The politician intentionally _____ the details of his plan to avoid criticism.
- v. to make something unclear, confusing, or difficult to understand; to intentionally obscure or muddle information
43. In nature, all living things are _____ and rely on each other for survival.
- adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected
44. She _____ the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.
- v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
45. The soccer player was able to _____ the ball away from the goal.
- v. to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone
46. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.
- v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
47. Many people believe in the concept of _____ and an afterlife.
- n.* the state or quality of being able to live or last forever

ANSWERS: 40. flared, 41. concede, 42. obfuscated, 43. interdependent, 44. exaggerated, 45. deflect, 46. innovate, 47. immortality

48. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will ____.
- v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
49. The _____ divisive rhetoric was meant to stir up anger and hatred.
- n.* a political leader who gains power and popularity by appealing to people's emotions, prejudices, and biases, often by making false and misleading claims
50. The _____ of colors in the sunset was breathtaking.
- n.* a toy or optical instrument made up of mirrors and pieces of colored glass or plastic, which produce changing patterns and images when rotated; a constantly changing succession of different things or events
51. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.
- v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
52. 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
53. The government tried to _____ corrupt officials from the bureaucracy.
- v.* to remove or get rid of something, especially that is unwanted or impure
54. He is a religious _____ and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.
- n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
55. The high-rise office building had an _____ atmosphere, making it feel corporate and uninviting.
- adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person

ANSWERS: 48. rot, 49. demagogue's, 50. kaleidoscope, 51. overlook, 52. unleash, 53. purge, 54. fundamentalist, 55. impersonal

56. The company's old _____ policies were the cause of its downfall.

adj. characterized by strong and unwavering opinions or beliefs that are often expressed with force and without consideration for alternative viewpoints or evidence

57. He tried to _____ her with his charm and good looks.

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

ANSWERS: 56. dogmatic, 57. seduce