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Session 1: Word List

guinea

n. a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

synonym : coin, money, currency

(1) **guinea** coins, (2) **guinea** pig

The cost of the antique vase is three **guineas**.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym : murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

polygyny

n. a specific form of polygamy where a man has multiple wives or female partners simultaneously; a mating system in which one male mate with multiple females, while each female typically mates with only one male

synonym : polyandry, polygamy, polyamory

(1) **polygyny** practice, (2) **polygyny** system

The cultural practice of **polygyny** was common among the tribal communities, allowing the head of the family to have multiple wives.

ache

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

synonym: hurt, throb, smart

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

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

harem

n. a part of the household in some Muslim societies that is reserved for wives, concubines, and female relatives; the group of women who live in this part and are under the protection of a man; a group of women associated with one man

synonym: seraglio, zenana, women's quarters

(1) **harem** costume, (2) royal **harem**

The sultan's **harem** was a secluded palace where his wives and concubines lived.

adultery

n. voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse

synonym: infidelity, cheating, unfaithfulness

(1) commit **adultery**, (2) **adultery** scandal

She knew that having an affair with her neighbor would be considered **adultery** and could end her marriage.

distinctly

adv. in a way that is clearly or noticeably different or separates from something else; in a way that is unmistakably or unequivocally defined or identifiable

synonym: clearly, obviously, unmistakably

(1) **distinctly** remember, (2) **distinctly** different

The **distinctly** floral scent of the perfume lingered in the air long after the wearer had left the room.

orchestrate

v. to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly; (noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music

synonym: plan, coordinate, arrange

(1) **orchestrate** a takeover, (2) **orchestrate** the political reinstatement

He carefully **orchestrated** the details of his business plan.

limbic

adj. of or relating to the system of the brain that supports a variety of functions, including emotion, behavior, long-term memory, and olfaction

(1) **limbic** cortex, (2) **limbic** epilepsy

The **limbic** brain region responded readily to negative or sad sounds.

craving

n. a strong desire of wanting something

synonym: desire, appetite, longing

(1) **craving** for revenge, (2) curb our **cravings**

I have a **craving** for nicotine.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

swipe

v. to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort

synonym: flick, brush, pinch

(1) **swipe** a card, (2) **swipe** left on a dating app

He tried to **swipe** the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.

selfie

n. a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media

synonym: self-portrait, self-photo, self-snap

(1) **selfie** stick, (2) pose for a **selfie**

She took a **selfie** in front of the famous tower and shared it

on the app.

primal

adj. of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

synonym: original, fundamental, basic

(1) **primal** eras, (2) **primal** fear

The **primal** instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.

awaken

v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

synonym: rouse, arouse, revive

(1) **awaken** at daybreak, (2) **awaken** a child

The friend's death **awakens** them.

dopamine

n. a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension

(1) **dopamine-inhibiting** agent, (2) antagonism of **dopamine**

The drug controls the level of **dopamine** in the brain.

serotonin

n. a neurotransmitter (= a chemical that carries nerve impulses) involved in, e.g., sleep, emotion, and memory

(1) **serotonin** drug, (2) **serotonin** levels

The medicine works by boosting **serotonin** levels in the brain.

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.

constellation

n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

synonym: asterism, array, pattern

(1) the stars of the Scorpion **constellation**, (2) northern **constellation**

Navigators still use the Little Bear **constellation** at sea.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

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.

reckless

adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

synonym: impetuous, irresponsible, thoughtless

(1) **reckless** driving, (2) in a **reckless** manner

Reckless youth makes rueful age.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

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**.

commute

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

synonym: travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

oblige

v. to force or require someone to do something through legal, social, or moral obligations; to voluntarily do something to help or please someone; to be indebted or grateful to someone

synonym: compel, require, force

(1) **oblige** him to reject, (2) **oblige** a request

As a citizen, we must **oblige** to the laws of the land.

kinship

n. the state or fact of being related to someone

synonym: family, relationship, connection

(1) **kinship** ties, (2) **kinship** relations

She felt a sense of **kinship** with her new colleagues.

plow

n. a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

synonym: plough, cultivator, hoe

(1) **plow** equipment, (2) deeply **plow** the soil

The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the **plow**.

egalitarian

adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

synonym : equalitarian, democratic, fair

(1) **egalitarian** society, (2) **egalitarian** principles

The company prides itself on being an **egalitarian** workplace with equal employment opportunities.

butler

n. a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties

synonym : valet, majordomo, manservant

(1) **butler** service, (2) household **butler**

The personal **butler** announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.

crooked

adj. not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

synonym : bent, curved, twisted

(1) **crooked** smile, (2) **crooked** line

The table leg was **crooked**, causing all the cups to slide to one side.

uneasy

adj. causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

synonym : anxious, troubled, nervous

(1) have **uneasy** eyes, (2) **uneasy** relationship

He was **uneasy** about the situation and didn't know what to do.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop

yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

unquenchable

adj. unable to be satisfied or appeased; impossible to extinguish or put an end to

synonym: insatiable, never-ending

(1) **unquenchable** enthusiasm, (2) **unquenchable** desire

Her **unquenchable** thirst for knowledge motivated her to pursue a research career.

adaptable

adj. able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations

synonym: flexible, adjustable, elastic

(1) **adaptable** enough for the environment, (2) an **adaptable** person

We seek a candidate who possesses **adaptable** fighting potential.

primordial

adj. existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe

synonym: ancient, original, primary

(1) **primordial** forms of life, (2) **primordial** gas

The discovery of the **primordial** soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.

psychotherapy

n. the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist

(1) field of **psychotherapy**, (2) **psychotherapy** for depression

He took **psychotherapy** to help him deal with his accident trauma.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

ubiquitous

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

synonym: universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

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.

dread

v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

synonym: fear, cringe, apprehend

(1) **dread** failure, (2) **dread** getting old

We all **dread** to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

self-doubt

n. lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself

synonym: insecurity, uncertainty, diffident

(1) overcome **self-doubt**, (2) spiral of **self-doubt**

I was filled with **self-doubt**.

ambiguity

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

synonym: uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing

The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

intimacy

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

synonym : closeness, familiarity, nearness

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

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

prolong

v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

synonym : extend, lengthen, stretch

(1) **prolong** the agony, (2) measures to **prolong** the lifespan

We need to **prolong** the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

breakup

n. the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections

synonym : breakdown, divorce, separation

(1) a **breakup** hug, (2) air **breakup**

He got over the big **breakup** with his wife.

inflict

v. to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something

synonym : impose, levy, administer

(1) **inflict** a heavier tax, (2) **inflict** a hard blow

The storm **inflicted** significant damage on the town.

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.

confide

v. to reveal private or secret information to someone; to trust someone with a confidence

synonym: trust, reveal, impart

(1) **confide** in you, (2) **confide** a secret

He **confided** in her, telling her his deepest secrets.

millennial

adj. relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

synonym: thousand, (noun) Generation Y

(1) **millennial** record, (2) the **millennial** reign

Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by **millennial-scale** changes in climate.

nuance

n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

synonym: shading, refinement, subtlety

(1) rich in **nuance**, (2) subtle cultural **nuance**

The painter has tried to express every **nuance** of the woman's expression in his work.

temperament

n. a person's nature or disposition, especially as it permanently affects their behavior

synonym: disposition, character, personality

(1) the **temperament** of an engineer, (2) a hysterical **temperament**

She has a calm **temperament** and never gets overly upset or angry.

pickle

n. vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation

synonym: jam, predicament, quagmire

(1) **pickle** a cucumber, (2) **pickle** barrel

The **pickle** must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a br____p hug
n. the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections
2. royal ha__m
n. a part of the household in some Muslim societies that is reserved for wives, concubines, and female relatives; the group of women who live in this part and are under the protection of a man; a group of women associated with one man
3. pri____al gas
adj. existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
4. 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
5. un___y relationship
adj. causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
6. se____in drug
n. a neurotransmitter (= a chemical that carries nerve impulses) involved in, e.g., sleep, emotion, and memory
7. environmental det____nt
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
8. ob___e a request
v. to force or require someone to do something through legal, social, or moral obligations; to voluntarily do something to help or please someone; to be indebted or grateful to someone

ANSWERS: 1. breakup, 2. harem, 3. primordial, 4. sham, 5. uneasy, 6. serotonin, 7. determinant, 8. oblige

9. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
10. aw___n a child *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
11. deeply re_____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
12. ki_____p relations *n.* the state or fact of being related to someone
13. in_____t a heavier tax *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
14. ha__m costume *n.* a part of the household in some Muslim societies that is reserved for wives, concubines, and female relatives; the group of women who live in this part and are under the protection of a man; a group of women associated with one man
15. measures to pr_____g the lifespan *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
16. sw__e left on a dating app *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
17. ega_____an principles *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

ANSWERS: 9. determinant, 10. awaken, 11. resonate, 12. kinship, 13. inflict, 14. harem, 15. prolong, 16. swipe, 17. egalitarian

18. curb our cr_____gs *n.* a strong desire of wanting something
19. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
20. psy_____apy for depression *n.* the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist
21. co_____e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
22. pr_____g the agony *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
23. field of psy_____apy *n.* the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist
24. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
25. unq_____ble enthusiasm *adj.* unable to be satisfied or appeased; impossible to extinguish or put an end to
26. ega_____an society *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
27. dr__d getting old *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
28. an ad_____le person *adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations

ANSWERS: 18. craving, 19. stumble, 20. psychotherapy, 21. commute, 22. prolong, 23. psychotherapy, 24. doe, 25. unquenchable, 26. egalitarian, 27. dread, 28. adaptable

29. a__e abominably *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
30. re___h my food *v.* to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation
31. co_____e in you *v.* to reveal private or secret information to someone; to trust someone with a confidence
32. po_____ny system *n.* a specific form of polygamy where a man has multiple wives or female partners simultaneously; a mating system in which one male mate with multiple females, while each female typically mates with only one male
33. cr_____d line *adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form
34. avoid am_____ty in writing *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
35. orc_____te the political reinstatement *v.* to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly; (noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music
36. li___c cortex *adj.* of or relating to the system of the brain that supports a variety of functions, including emotion, behavior, long-term memory, and olfaction

ANSWERS: 29. ache, 30. relish, 31. confide, 32. polygyny, 33. crooked, 34. ambiguity, 35. orchestrate, 36. limbic

37. mil_____al record *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
38. French pa_____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
39. re_____ss driving *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
40. ad_____ry scandal *n.* voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse
41. se____e stick *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
42. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
43. pr____l eras *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
44. household bu____r *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
45. cr_____d smile *adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

ANSWERS: 37. millennial, 38. paradox, 39. reckless, 40. adultery, 41. selfie, 42. ancestor, 43. primal, 44. butler, 45. crooked

46. the wh_____r of the leaves
v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
47. in a re_____ss manner
adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
48. the threats te_____y him
v. to frighten someone very much
49. unq_____ble desire
adj. unable to be satisfied or appeased; impossible to extinguish or put an end to
50. dis_____ly different
adv. in a way that is clearly or noticeably different or separates from something else; in a way that is unmistakably or unequivocally defined or identifiable
51. subtle cultural nu_____e
n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
52. op_____ne occasion
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
53. pi_____e barrel
n. vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
54. orc_____te a takeover
v. to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly; (noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music
55. re_____h every bite
v. to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation

ANSWERS: 46. whisper, 47. reckless, 48. terrify, 49. unquenchable, 50. distinctly, 51. nuance, 52. opportune, 53. pickle, 54. orchestrate, 55. relish

56. po____ny practice *n.* a specific form of polygamy where a man has multiple wives or female partners simultaneously; a mating system in which one male mate with multiple females, while each female typically mates with only one male
57. in____t a hard blow *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
58. te____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
59. have un____y eyes *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
60. co____e a secret *v.* to reveal private or secret information to someone; to trust someone with a confidence
61. pi____e a cucumber *n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
62. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
63. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
64. dis____ly remember *adv.* in a way that is clearly or noticeably different or separates from something else; in a way that is unmistakably or unequivocally defined or identifiable
65. pose for a se____e *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media

ANSWERS: 56. polygyny, 57. inflict, 58. terrify, 59. uneasy, 60. confide, 61. pickle, 62. ancestor, 63. opportune, 64. distinctly, 65. selfie

66. commit ad____ry *n.* voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse
67. nu____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
68. sw__e a card *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
69. overcome sel____bt *n.* lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself
70. on terms of in____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
71. p__w equipment *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
72. nu____e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
73. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
74. northern con_____ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

ANSWERS: 66. adultery, 67. nurture, 68. swipe, 69. self-doubt, 70. intimacy, 71. plow, 72. nurture, 73. trait, 74. constellation

75. ob___e him to reject *v.* to force or require someone to do something through legal, social, or moral obligations; to voluntarily do something to help or please someone; to be indebted or grateful to someone
76. pri_____al forms of life *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
77. the tem_____nt of an engineer *n.* a person's nature or disposition, especially as it permanently affects their behavior
78. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
79. spiral of sel_____bt *n.* lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself
80. air br_____p *n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections
81. cr_____g for revenge *n.* a strong desire of wanting something
82. the stars of the Scorpion
con_____ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
83. se_____in levels *n.* a neurotransmitter (= a chemical that carries nerve impulses) involved in, e.g., sleep, emotion, and memory
84. deeply p__w the soil *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

ANSWERS: 75. oblige, 76. primordial, 77. temperament, 78. trait, 79. self-doubt, 80. breakup, 81. craving, 82. constellation, 83. serotonin, 84. plow

93. 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
94. aw___n at daybreak *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
95. dr__d failure *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
96. ad_____le enough for the environment *adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
97. gu___a pig *n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
98. build in_____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
99. rich in nu___e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
100. ubi_____us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
101. re_____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
102. a__e all the time *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
103. ki_____p ties *n.* the state or fact of being related to someone

ANSWERS: 93. doe, 94. awaken, 95. dread, 96. adaptable, 97. guinea, 98. intimacy, 99. nuance, 100. ubiquitous, 101. resonate, 102. ache, 103. kinship

104. free from am_____ty *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
105. pr____l fear *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
106. a hysterical tem_____nt *n.* a person's nature or disposition, especially as it permanently affects their behavior
107. st_____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
108. answer in a wh_____r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
109. do_____ne-inhibiting agent *n.* a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension
110. antagonism of do_____ne *n.* a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension

ANSWERS: 104. ambiguity, 105. primal, 106. temperament, 107. stumble, 108. whisper, 109. dopamine, 110. dopamine

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I was filled with _____.
n. lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself

2. The discovery of the _____ soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.
adj. existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe

3. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.
v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

4. The sound _____ well in this theater.
v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

5. The company prides itself on being an _____ workplace with equal employment opportunities.
adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

6. The painter has tried to express every _____ of the woman's expression in his work.
n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

7. 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

ANSWERS: 1. self-doubt, 2. primordial, 3. nurture, 4. resonates, 5. egalitarian, 6. nuance, 7. sham

8. 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
9. As a citizen, we must _____ to the laws of the land.
- v.* to force or require someone to do something through legal, social, or moral obligations; to voluntarily do something to help or please someone; to be indebted or grateful to someone
10. Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by _____ changes in climate.
- adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
11. They were looking for _____ in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.
- n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
12. The personal _____ announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.
- n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
13. The storm _____ significant damage on the town.
- v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
14. He had to _____ two hours each way to get to work.
- v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

ANSWERS: 8. doe, 9. oblige, 10. millennial-scale, 11. intimacy, 12. butler, 13. inflicted, 14. commute

15. The _____ must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.
- n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
16. Her _____ thirst for knowledge motivated her to pursue a research career.
- adj.* unable to be satisfied or appeased; impossible to extinguish or put an end to
17. The table leg was _____ causing all the cups to slide to one side.
- adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form
18. She felt a sense of _____ with her new colleagues.
- n.* the state or fact of being related to someone
19. The cost of the antique vase is three _____.
- n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
20. He got over the big _____ with his wife.
- n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections
21. He tried to _____ the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.
- v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort

ANSWERS: 15. pickle, 16. unquenchable, 17. crooked, 18. kinship, 19. guineas, 20. breakup, 21. swipe

22. He _____ the opportunity to try the exotic dishes at the new restaurant.
v. to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation
23. He took _____ to help him deal with his accident trauma.
n. the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist
24. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
25. She knew that having an affair with her neighbor would be considered _____ and could end her marriage.
n. voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse
26. The _____ floral scent of the perfume lingered in the air long after the wearer had left the room.
adv. in a way that is clearly or noticeably different or separates from something else; in a way that is unmistakably or unequivocally defined or identifiable
27. She has a calm _____ and never gets overly upset or angry.
n. a person's nature or disposition, especially as it permanently affects their behavior
28. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.
n. a particular feature of your nature
29. The _____ instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.
adj. of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

ANSWERS: 22. relished, 23. psychotherapy, 24. opportune, 25. adultery, 26. distinctly, 27. temperament, 28. traits, 29. primal

30. The drug controls the level of _____ in the brain.
- n.* a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension
31. The sultan's _____ was a secluded palace where his wives and concubines lived.
- n.* a part of the household in some Muslim societies that is reserved for wives, concubines, and female relatives; the group of women who live in this part and are under the protection of a man; a group of women associated with one man
32. I have a _____ for nicotine.
- n.* a strong desire of wanting something
33. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.
- v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
34. The friend's death _____ them.
- v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
35. We all _____ to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.
- v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
36. The medicine works by boosting _____ levels in the brain.
- n.* a neurotransmitter (= a chemical that carries nerve impulses) involved in, e.g., sleep, emotion, and memory
37. He was _____ about the situation and didn't know what to do.
- adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

ANSWERS: 30. dopamine, 31. harem, 32. craving, 33. whispered, 34. awakens, 35. dread, 36. serotonin, 37. uneasy

38. She took a _____ in front of the famous tower and shared it on the app.
- n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
39. The _____ brain region responded readily to negative or sad sounds.
- adj.* of or relating to the system of the brain that supports a variety of functions, including emotion, behavior, long-term memory, and olfaction
40. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
41. I _____ all over after running a marathon yesterday.
- v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
42. We seek a candidate who possesses _____ fighting potential.
- adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
43. He _____ in her, telling her his deepest secrets.
- v.* to reveal private or secret information to someone; to trust someone with a confidence
44. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
- n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
45. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
- v.* to frighten someone very much

ANSWERS: 38. selfie, 39. limbic, 40. determinant, 41. ache, 42. adaptable, 43. confided, 44. ancestor, 45. terrify

46. He carefully _____ the details of his business plan.
- v. to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly;
 - (noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music
47. Sugar is _____ in food.
- adj. being or existing everywhere at once
48. She _____ over the tree root.
- v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
49. The _____ in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.
- n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
50. Navigators still use the Little Bear _____ at sea.
- n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
51. _____ youth makes rueful age.
- adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
52. We need to _____ the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.
- v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
53. The cultural practice of _____ was common among the tribal communities, allowing the head of the family to have multiple wives.
- n. a specific form of polygamy where a man has multiple wives or female partners simultaneously; a mating system in which one male mate with multiple females, while each female typically mates with only one male

ANSWERS: 46. orchestrated, 47. ubiquitous, 48. stumbled, 49. ambiguity, 50. constellation, 51. Reckless, 52. prolong, 53. polygyny

54. There are many theories to explain this _____.

- n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

55. The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the _____.

- n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

ANSWERS: 54. paradox, 55. plow