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Session 1: Word List

cartographer

v. a person who creates or produces maps, typically by gathering or analyzing geographic data and using specialized software or tools

synonym : mapmaker

(1) expert **cartographer**, (2) **cartographer's** tool

A **cartographer's** job requires a strong eye for detail and a deep understanding of geographic principles.

nerd

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

synonym : geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

mapmaking

n. the process of creating maps or charts, including the interpretation of symbols, features, and data and the use of various techniques and technologies to represent geographical or other information in visual form

synonym : cartography, map drawing

(1) digital **mapmaking**, (2) **mapmaking** technology

Many famous explorers were also skilled in the art of **mapmaking**.

scrabble

v. to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game

synonym : scramble, jumble, mix

(1) **scrabble** through her purse, (2) **scrabble** words

The kids eagerly **scrabbled** to find the hidden Easter eggs in the garden.

irresistible

adj. impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling

synonym : resistless, overpowering, compelling

(1) **irresistible** charm, (2) **irresistible** force

The aroma of freshly baked cookies was **irresistible** to her.

hurdle

n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

synonym : obstacle, barrier, challenge

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

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

strangulation

n. the act of choking or suffocating someone by compressing their throat; a condition in which blood flow is restricted to a particular organ or body part, leading to tissue death or injury

synonym : strangling, suffocation, asphyxiation

(1) **strangulation** of the victim, (2) signs of **strangulation**

He survived the **strangulation** but was left with permanent damage to his vocal cords.

noose

n. a loop or knot, typically made of rope, used for hanging or executing a person or animal; a trap or snare in which the neck catches the prey

synonym : loop, snare, halter

(1) **noose** knot, (2) hangman's **noose**

The criminal was caught in the **noose** of the law and faced

severe consequences for their actions.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

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.

intellect

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

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

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

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

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym: sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

disengage

v. to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

synonym: withdraw, separate, detach

(1) **disengage** the clutch, (2) **disengage** socially

He **disengaged** from the conversation and walked away.

iambic

adj. relating to or consisting of iambs; a metrical foot consisting of two syllables, with the first syllable short and the second syllable long

synonym : metrical, poetic, rhythmic

(1) regular **iambic** norm, (2) scene of **iambic** dialogue

The sonnet is written in **iambic** pentameter.

pentameter

n. a line of verse consisting of five metrical feet

synonym : metrical foot, verse line, poetic meter

(1) **pentameter** in poetry, (2) **pentameter** verse

The poem is written in iambic **pentameter**.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

causation

n. the action or relationship between an event or action and its effect or consequence; the explanation for why something happens

synonym : cause, reason, origin

(1) **causation** analysis, (2) direct **causation**

The **causation** of the disease is still under investigation by medical researchers.

enrich

v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

synonym : enhance, improve, augment

(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services

Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

slant

v. to lean or slope in a particular direction; to present or interpret information or a situation in a biased or distorted way

synonym : slope, tilt, incline

(1) **slant** upward, (2) **slant** a hat

The news article **slanted** the story in favor of one political party.

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

synonym: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force
Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

heft

v. to lift or hold something heavy to determine its weight or to test its heaviness or density; to assess or evaluate the significance or importance of something

synonym: lift, hoist, weigh

(1) **heft** a weight, (2) **heft** the cost

She **hefted** the hammer, ready to start the home renovation project.

cathedral

n. the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

synonym: church, basilica, temple

(1) **cathedral** school, (2) **cathedral** choir

The **cathedral's** stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym: learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

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.

spotty

adj. characterized by irregular or uneven distribution or coverage; of or relating to temporary blemishes or discolorations on the skin; inconsistent or unreliable in quality or performance

synonym : spotted, uneven, patchy

(1) **spotty** record, (2) **spotty** history

The **spotty** internet connection made it difficult to work from home without interruptions.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym : decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

coastline

n. the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea

synonym : shoreline, seashore, beach

(1) **coastline** erosion, (2) deeply indented **coastline**

The new resort was built along the **coastline**, offering stunning ocean views from every room.

underlie

v. to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below

synonym : govern, control, determine

(1) **underlie** the theory of the big bang, (2) **underlie** the current economic deadlock

His bitter experiences **underlie** his moral principles.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym : surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone

who knew her.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

waterfall

n. a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock

synonym: cascade, falls, rapids

(1) scenic **waterfall**, (2) a **waterfall** with a fall of ten feet

Years of river erosion have formed the uniquely shaped **waterfall** basin.

scorch

v. to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame

synonym: char, burn, singe

(1) **scorch** your clothes, (2) careful not to **scorch**

The sun **scorched** the desert, making it uninhabitable.

sphinx

n. a mythical creature with the head of a human and the body of a lion, known for its riddle-posing and guarding ancient treasures

(1) **sphinx** statue, (2) **sphinx** riddle

The Great **Sphinx** is a famous statue with a human's head and a lion's body.

fabricate

v. to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone

synonym: manufacture, assemble, falsify

(1) **fabricate** a chemical, (2) **fabricate** an excuse

The detective discovered that the witness had **fabricated** her story about the crime.

nostalgia

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

synonym: longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

solvable

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

synonym: attainable, resolvable, achievable

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

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

boson

n. a type of subatomic particle that follows Bose-Einstein statistics, which determine how identical particles with integer spins behave

synonym: photon, gluon, particle

(1) weak **boson**, (2) Higgs **boson**

The search for new **boson** particles is one of the most exciting areas of modern physics.

quark

n. a type of elementary particle and a fundamental constituent of matter that make up the heavier elementary particles, such as protons, neutrons, etc.; fresh unripened cheese of a smooth texture made from pasteurized milk, a starter, and rennet

(1) **quark** physics, (2) the antiparticle of a **quark**

The Big Bang theory states that **quark-gluon** plasma filled the entire universe before matter as we know it was created.

excitation

n. the state of being excited or stimulated; the process of producing an excited or stimulated state in something

synonym: stimulation, arousal, provocation

(1) the crowd's **excitation**, (2) neuronal **excitation**

The **excitation** energy of the electron determines the wavelength of light emitted during fluorescence.

permeate

v. to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something

synonym: penetrate, diffuse, infiltrate

(1) **permeate** the air, (2) **permeate** the fabric

The aroma of freshly baked bread **permeated** the entire bakery.

inextricable

adj. unable to be separated or escaped from

synonym: inescapable, inseparable, entangled

(1) an **inextricable** part of life, (2) form an **inextricable** bond

The knot was **inextricable**, and she had to use scissors to cut it.

jumble

v. to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things

synonym: mix, scramble, mess up

(1) **jumble** in some herbs and spices, (2) **jumble** together different colors

The children **jumbled** up the puzzle pieces and had to start over.

assassination

n. the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

synonym: murder, killing, execution

(1) failed **assassination** attempt, (2) **assassination** plot

The **assassination** of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.

nationalist

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

synonym: chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

emperor

n. the male ruler of an empire

synonym: ruler, king, dictator

(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor**

The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.

mustache

n. an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip

synonym: whisker

(1) a gray **mustache**, (2) big **mustache**

The actor's **mustache** has become an icon.

ultimatum

n. a final demand or proposal presented by one party to another, usually with a threat of serious consequences if the terms are not met

synonym: demand, requirement, condition

(1) **ultimatum** deadline, (2) an **ultimatum** for their rebellious teenager

The company issued an **ultimatum** to its employees, demanding a pay cut or face layoffs.

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.

Ottoman

n. a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table

synonym: Turkish Empire, footstool

(1) **Ottoman** Empire, (2) **ottoman** furniture

The **Ottoman** Sultan was considered the supreme ruler and held great authority.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

doodle

v. to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs

synonym: scribble, sketch, draw

(1) **doodle** my way through life, (2) **doodle** in a notebook

When on the phone, he likes to **doodle** little sketches in the margins of his notepad.

plural

n. the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person

synonym: multiple, numerous, several

(1) **plural** form, (2) **plural** culture

We use **plural** nouns when there is more than one of something

viol

n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

synonym: viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

detachment

n. a state of being disconnected or disinterested; impartiality or emotional distance; a military unit or formation that separates from a larger force and

operates independently

synonym: separation, aloofness, indifference

(1) **detachment** from reality, (2) emotional **detachment**

The **detachment** of the soldiers was evident as they carried out their mission with precision and focus.

meme

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

synonym: buzzword, trend

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

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

nihilist

n. a person who rejects all religious, moral, and political beliefs and values; a person who believes life is meaningless and void of purpose

synonym: anarchist, cynic, skeptic

(1) violent **nihilist**, (2) militant **nihilist**

The professor accused the student of being a **nihilist** for constantly challenging the course material.

reintroduce

v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

synonym: bring back, restore, reestablish

(1) **reintroduce** species, (2) **reintroduce** capital punishment

The government is planning to **reintroduce** wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

hearken

v. to listen attentively or carefully; to give heed or pay attention to something

synonym: listen, heed, pay attention

(1) **hearken** back to tradition, (2) **hearken** with delight

Please **hearken** to my words of advice before making a decision.

parisian

adj. of or from Paris, France; characteristic of Paris or its inhabitants

(1) **Parisian** celebrity, (2) **parisian** accent

The **Parisian** café had a charming atmosphere.

enlightenment

n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

synonym: civilization, awareness, sophistication

(1) spiritual **enlightenment**, (2) **enlightenment** activity

He finally brought his **enlightenment** to perfection.

tread

v. to step or walk on something

synonym: step, walk, pace

(1) **tread** water, (2) **tread** a similar path

He **treads** carefully on the slippery ice.

Session 2: Spelling

1. do___e my way through life
v. to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
2. scene of ia___c dialogue
adj. relating to or consisting of iambs; a metrical foot consisting of two syllables, with the first syllable short and the second syllable long
3. rei_____ce capital punishment
v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
4. di_____sh a reputation
v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
5. nat_____st sentiment
adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
6. di_____ct public opinion
v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
7. scenic wa_____ll
n. a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock
8. v__l instrument
n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
9. sc_____le words
v. to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game

ANSWERS: 1. doodle, 2. iambic, 3. reintroduce, 4. diminish, 5. nationalist, 6. distract, 7. waterfall, 8. viol, 9. scrabble

10. hangman's no__e *n.* a loop or knot, typically made of rope, used for hanging or executing a person or animal; a trap or snare in which the neck catches the prey
11. expert car_____her *v.* a person who creates or produces maps, typically by gathering or analyzing geographic data and using specialized software or tools
12. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
13. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
14. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
15. pl___l form *n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person
16. pe_____te the fabric *v.* to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something
17. st_____le economic growth *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
18. emotional det_____nt *n.* a state of being disconnected or disinterested; impartiality or emotional distance; a military unit or formation that separates from a larger force and operates independently

ANSWERS: 10. noose, 11. cartographer, 12. intellect, 13. mobilize, 14. astonishing, 15. plural, 16. permeate, 17. strangle, 18. detachment

19. st____le a cry *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
20. human in____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
21. ir____c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
22. em____r of Rome *n.* the male ruler of an empire
23. sp____x riddle *n.* a mythical creature with the head of a human and the body of a lion, known for its riddle-posing and guarding ancient treasures
24. he____n with delight *v.* to listen attentively or carefully; to give heed or pay attention to something
25. fa____te a chemical *v.* to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone
26. ul____um deadline *n.* a final demand or proposal presented by one party to another, usually with a threat of serious consequences if the terms are not met
27. big mu____he *n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip

ANSWERS: 19. strangle, 20. intellect, 21. ironic, 22. emperor, 23. sphinx, 24. hearken, 25. fabricate, 26. ultimatum, 27. mustache

28. sc____le through her purse *v.* to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game
29. sl__t a hat *v.* to lean or slope in a particular direction; to present or interpret information or a situation in a biased or distorted way
30. qu__k physics *n.* a type of elementary particle and a fundamental constituent of matter that make up the heavier elementary particles, such as protons, neutrons, etc.; fresh unripened cheese of a smooth texture made from pasteurized milk, a starter, and rennet
31. enl_____ent activity *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
32. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
33. sp___y history *adj.* characterized by irregular or uneven distribution or coverage; of or relating to temporary blemishes or discolorations on the skin; inconsistent or unreliable in quality or performance
34. weak bo__n *n.* a type of subatomic particle that follows Bose-Einstein statistics, which determine how identical particles with integer spins behave

ANSWERS: 28. scrabble, 29. slant, 30. quark, 31. enlightenment, 32. opportune, 33. spotty, 34. boson

35. op____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
36. nat_____st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
37. sp___x statue *n.* a mythical creature with the head of a human and the body of a lion, known for its riddle-posing and guarding ancient treasures
38. Higgs bo__n *n.* a type of subatomic particle that follows Bose-Einstein statistics, which determine how identical particles with integer spins behave
39. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
40. neuronal exc_____on *n.* the state of being excited or stimulated; the process of producing an excited or stimulated state in something
41. co_____ne erosion *n.* the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea
42. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
43. digital ma_____ng *n.* the process of creating maps or charts, including the interpretation of symbols, features, and data and the use of various techniques and technologies to represent geographical or other information in visual form

ANSWERS: 35. oppress, 36. nationalist, 37. sphinx, 38. boson, 39. opportune, 40. excitation, 41. coastline, 42. confuse, 43. mapmaking

44. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
45. mathematically so____le equation *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
46. spiritual enl____ent *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
47. tr__d a similar path *v.* to step or walk on something
48. ob____s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
49. a gray mu____he *n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
50. an ir____c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
51. religious m__e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
52. ma____ng technology *n.* the process of creating maps or charts, including the interpretation of symbols, features, and data and the use of various techniques and technologies to represent geographical or other information in visual form

ANSWERS: 44. quitter, 45. solvable, 46. enlightenment, 47. tread, 48. obsess, 49. mustache, 50. ironic, 51. meme, 52. mapmaking

53. en___h public services *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
54. violent ni_____st *n.* a person who rejects all religious, moral, and political beliefs and values; a person who believes life is meaningless and void of purpose
55. ju___e together different colors *v.* to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things
56. overcome hu___es *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
57. an ul_____um for their rebellious teenager *n.* a final demand or proposal presented by one party to another, usually with a threat of serious consequences if the terms are not met
58. h__t a weight *v.* to lift or hold something heavy to determine its weight or to test its heaviness or density; to assess or evaluate the significance or importance of something
59. ca_____al school *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
60. militant ni_____st *n.* a person who rejects all religious, moral, and political beliefs and values; a person who believes life is meaningless and void of purpose

ANSWERS: 53. enrich, 54. nihilist, 55. jumble, 56. hurdle, 57. ultimatum, 58. heft, 59. cathedral, 60. nihilist

61. ju___e in some herbs and spices *v.* to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things
62. ass_____ion plot *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
63. ot_____n furniture *n.* a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table
64. me_____ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
65. en___h a gas with a balloon *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
66. di_____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
67. un_____ie the current economic deadlock *v.* to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below
68. pe_____te the air *v.* to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something
69. Pa_____an celebrity *adj.* of or from Paris, France; characteristic of Paris or its inhabitants

ANSWERS: 61. jumble, 62. assassination, 63. Ottoman, 64. memorize, 65. enrich, 66. diminish, 67. underlie, 68. permeate, 69. parisian

70. str_____ion of the victim *n.* the act of choking or suffocating someone by compressing their throat; a condition in which blood flow is restricted to a particular organ or body part, leading to tissue death or injury
71. ca_____on analysis *n.* the action or relationship between an event or action and its effect or consequence; the explanation for why something happens
72. n__d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
73. di_____ge socially *v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
74. no_____ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
75. signs of str_____ion *n.* the act of choking or suffocating someone by compressing their throat; a condition in which blood flow is restricted to a particular organ or body part, leading to tissue death or injury
76. v__l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
77. a computer n__d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
78. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

ANSWERS: 70. strangulation, 71. causation, 72. nerd, 73. disengage, 74. nostalgia, 75. strangulation, 76. viol, 77. nerd, 78. quitter

79. irr_____ble force *adj.* impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling
80. former em_____r *n.* the male ruler of an empire
81. careful not to sc____h *v.* to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
82. h__t the cost *v.* to lift or hold something heavy to determine its weight or to test its heaviness or density; to assess or evaluate the significance or importance of something
83. fa_____te an excuse *v.* to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone
84. a wa_____ll with a fall of ten feet *n.* a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock
85. pa_____an accent *adj.* of or from Paris, France; characteristic of Paris or its inhabitants
86. make ast_____ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
87. deeply indented co_____ne *n.* the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea
88. pl____l culture *n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person

ANSWERS: 79. irresistible, 80. emperor, 81. scorch, 82. heft, 83. fabricate, 84. waterfall, 85. parisian, 86. astonishing, 87. coastline, 88. plural

89. irr_____ble charm *adj.* impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling
90. in_____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
91. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
92. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
93. det_____nt from reality *n.* a state of being disconnected or disinterested; impartiality or emotional distance; a military unit or formation that separates from a larger force and operates independently
94. try hard to me_____ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
95. he is ob____sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
96. regular ia____c norm *adj.* relating to or consisting of iambs; a metrical foot consisting of two syllables, with the first syllable short and the second syllable long
97. sc____h your clothes *v.* to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
98. Ot_____n Empire *n.* a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table

ANSWERS: 89. irresistible, 90. instruct, 91. confuse, 92. mobilize, 93. detachment, 94. memorize, 95. obsess, 96. iambic, 97. scorch, 98. Ottoman

99. rei_____ce species *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
100. un_____ie the theory of the big bang *v.* to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below
101. a warm no_____ia *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
102. do___e in a notebook *v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
103. he_____n back to tradition *v.* to listen attentively or carefully; to give heed or pay attention to something
104. an ine_____ble part of life *adj.* unable to be separated or escaped from
105. ca_____al choir *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
106. car_____her's tool *v.* a person who creates or produces maps, typically by gathering or analyzing geographic data and using specialized software or tools
107. op_____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
108. form an ine_____ble bond *adj.* unable to be separated or escaped from
109. failed ass_____ion attempt *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
110. pronounce m___e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

ANSWERS: 99. reintroduce, 100. underlie, 101. nostalgia, 102. doodle, 103. hearken,

104. inextricable, 105. cathedral, 106. cartographer, 107. oppress, 108. inextricable,
109. assassination, 110. meme

111. in____ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
112. the crowd's exc_____on *n.* the state of being excited or stimulated; the process of producing an excited or stimulated state in something
113. direct ca_____on *n.* the action or relationship between an event or action and its effect or consequence; the explanation for why something happens
114. sp____y record *adj.* characterized by irregular or uneven distribution or coverage; of or relating to temporary blemishes or discolorations on the skin; inconsistent or unreliable in quality or performance
115. tr__d water *v.* to step or walk on something
116. the antiparticle of a qu__k *n.* a type of elementary particle and a fundamental constituent of matter that make up the heavier elementary particles, such as protons, neutrons, etc.; fresh unripened cheese of a smooth texture made from pasteurized milk, a starter, and rennet
117. so_____le problem *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
118. di_____ge the clutch *v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
119. pen_____er verse *n.* a line of verse consisting of five metrical feet

ANSWERS: 111. instruct, 112. excitement, 113. causation, 114. spotty, 115. tread, 116. quark, 117. solvable, 118. disengage, 119. pentameter

120. no__e knot *n.* a loop or knot, typically made of rope, used for hanging or executing a person or animal; a trap or snare in which the neck catches the prey
121. sl__t upward *v.* to lean or slope in a particular direction; to present or interpret information or a situation in a biased or distorted way
122. pen_____er in poetry *n.* a line of verse consisting of five metrical feet
123. hu___e race *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
124. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

ANSWERS: 120. noose, 121. slant, 122. pentameter, 123. hurdle, 124. distract

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The actor's _____ has become an icon.
n. an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
2. The sun _____ the desert, making it uninhabitable.
v. to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
3. The knot was _____ and she had to use scissors to cut it.
adj. unable to be separated or escaped from
4. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
5. He survived the _____ but was left with permanent damage to his vocal cords.
n. the act of choking or suffocating someone by compressing their throat; a condition in which blood flow is restricted to a particular organ or body part, leading to tissue death or injury
6. The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite _____ with a software update.
adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
7. The _____ rally attracted thousands of supporters.
adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

ANSWERS: 1. mustache, 2. scorched, 3. inextricable, 4. opportune, 5. strangulation, 6. solvable, 7. nationalist

8. When on the phone, he likes to _____ little sketches in the margins of his notepad.
- v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
9. A _____ job requires a strong eye for detail and a deep understanding of geographic principles.
- v.* a person who creates or produces maps, typically by gathering or analyzing geographic data and using specialized software or tools
10. He _____ carefully on the slippery ice.
- v.* to step or walk on something
11. The aroma of freshly baked cookies was _____ to her.
- adj.* impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling
12. The ice cream truck's sound brought back _____ for my childhood.
- n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
13. The aroma of freshly baked bread _____ the entire bakery.
- v.* to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something
14. Please _____ to my words of advice before making a decision.
- v.* to listen attentively or carefully; to give heed or pay attention to something
15. The Big Bang theory states that _____ plasma filled the entire universe before matter as we know it was created.
- n.* a type of elementary particle and a fundamental constituent of matter that make up the heavier elementary particles, such as protons, neutrons, etc.; fresh unripened cheese of a smooth texture made from pasteurized milk, a starter, and rennet

ANSWERS: 8. doodle, 9. cartographer's, 10. treads, 11. irresistible, 12. nostalgia, 13. permeated, 14. hearken, 15. quark-gluon

16. Many famous explorers were also skilled in the art of _____.
- n.* the process of creating maps or charts, including the interpretation of symbols, features, and data and the use of various techniques and technologies to represent geographical or other information in visual form
17. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
18. The new resort was built along the _____ offering stunning ocean views from every room.
- n.* the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea
19. His bitter experiences _____ his moral principles.
- v.* to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below
20. The kids eagerly _____ to find the hidden Easter eggs in the garden.
- v.* to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game
21. The company faced several _____ in the development of its new product.
- n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
22. The criminal was caught in the _____ of the law and faced severe consequences for their actions.
- n.* a loop or knot, typically made of rope, used for hanging or executing a person or animal; a trap or snare in which the neck catches the prey

ANSWERS: 16. mapmaking, 17. intellect, 18. coastline, 19. underlie, 20. scrabbled, 21. hurdles, 22. noose

23. Lawyers need to _____ even the most minor provisions of the law.
v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
24. The professor accused the student of being a _____ for constantly challenging the course material.
n. a person who rejects all religious, moral, and political beliefs and values; a person who believes life is meaningless and void of purpose
25. The _____ of the soldiers was evident as they carried out their mission with precision and focus.
n. a state of being disconnected or disinterested; impartiality or emotional distance; a military unit or formation that separates from a larger force and operates independently
26. The sonnet is written in _____ pentameter.
adj. relating to or consisting of iambs; a metrical foot consisting of two syllables, with the first syllable short and the second syllable long
27. It was _____ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.
adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
28. The search for new _____ particles is one of the most exciting areas of modern physics.
n. a type of subatomic particle that follows Bose-Einstein statistics, which determine how identical particles with integer spins behave
29. Years of river erosion have formed the uniquely shaped _____ basin.
n. a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock

ANSWERS: 23. memorize, 24. nihilist, 25. detachment, 26. iambic, 27. ironic, 28. boson, 29. waterfall

30. The _____ of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.
n. the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
31. The news article _____ the story in favor of one political party.
v. to lean or slope in a particular direction; to present or interpret information or a situation in a biased or distorted way
32. Reading not only increases knowledge but also _____ life.
v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
33. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.
adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
34. The _____ café had a charming atmosphere.
adj. of or from Paris, France; characteristic of Paris or its inhabitants
35. We use _____ nouns when there is more than one of something
n. the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person
36. The Great _____ is a famous statue with a human's head and a lion's body.
n. a mythical creature with the head of a human and the body of a lion, known for its riddle-posing and guarding ancient treasures
37. He finally brought his _____ to perfection.
n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
38. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

ANSWERS: 30. assassination, 31. slanted, 32. enriches, 33. astonishing, 34. Parisian, 35. plural, 36. Sphinx, 37. enlightenment, 38. oppressed

39. He was, by nature, a cyber _____.

- n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

40. 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

41. The _____ internet connection made it difficult to work from home without interruptions.

- adj.* characterized by irregular or uneven distribution or coverage; of or relating to temporary blemishes or discolorations on the skin; inconsistent or unreliable in quality or performance

42. The company issued an _____ to its employees, demanding a pay cut or face layoffs.

- n.* a final demand or proposal presented by one party to another, usually with a threat of serious consequences if the terms are not met

43. This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet _____.

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

44. The _____ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

- n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

45. As people get old, their energies may _____.

- v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

ANSWERS: 39. nerd, 40. strangle, 41. spotty, 42. ultimatum, 43. meme, 44. viol, 45. diminish

46. The detective discovered that the witness had _____ her story about the crime.
- v. to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone
47. The _____ stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.
- n. the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
48. The _____ of the disease is still under investigation by medical researchers.
- n. the action or relationship between an event or action and its effect or consequence; the explanation for why something happens
49. The _____ Sultan was considered the supreme ruler and held great authority.
- n. a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table
50. The facility manager _____ the security guards to be on high alert.
- v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
51. Her remarks _____ the debate.
- v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
52. The government is planning to _____ wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.
- v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

ANSWERS: 46. fabricated, 47. cathedral's, 48. causation, 49. Ottoman, 50. instructed, 51. confused, 52. reintroduce

53. She _____ the hammer, ready to start the home renovation project.
- v. to lift or hold something heavy to determine its weight or to test its heaviness or density; to assess or evaluate the significance or importance of something
54. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
- v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
55. The military _____ troops to the border.
- v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
56. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
- n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
57. The _____ once lived in the vast palace.
- n. the male ruler of an empire
58. The _____ energy of the electron determines the wavelength of light emitted during fluorescence.
- n. the state of being excited or stimulated; the process of producing an excited or stimulated state in something
59. The children _____ up the puzzle pieces and had to start over.
- v. to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things
60. The poem is written in iambic _____.
- n. a line of verse consisting of five metrical feet

ANSWERS: 53. hefted, 54. obsessed, 55. mobilized, 56. quitter, 57. Emperor, 58. excitation, 59. jumbled, 60. pentameter

61. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

62. He _____ from the conversation and walked away.

v. to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

ANSWERS: 61. distract, 62. disengaged