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Session 1: Word List

mourn

v. to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone

synonym: grieve, lament, weep

(1) **mourn** with deep grief, (2) **mourn** death

We **mourned** the loss of our dear friend at the memorial service.

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.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

creak

v. to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,

synonym: squeak, scream, screech

(1) begin to **creak**, (2) shoes **creak**

The door **creaked** when I opened it slowly.

wreck

n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

synonym: collapse, destruction, devastation

(1) the house was a **wreck**, (2) a worthless **wreck**

The divers accidentally discovered a **wreck** on the ocean floor.

solitary

adj. existing, living, or doing without others

synonym: lonely, unsociable, singular

(1) use of **solitary** confinement, (2) a **solitary** traveler

He never uttered a **solitary** word.

plank

n. a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes

synonym: board, timber, beam

(1) oak **plank**, (2) **plank** exercise

He was ordered to walk the **plank** by the pirate captain.

plunge

v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

synonym: dive, drop, thrust

(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart

The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

vitality

n. the state of being strong and active; energy

synonym: energy, life, vigor

(1) **vitality** of youth, (2) the **vitality** of the company

The new gym membership has improved his **vitality** and overall health.

seep

v. to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually

synonym: leak, ooze, trickle

(1) **seep** cool and moist air, (2) **seep** into paper

The rain began to **seep** through the roof, causing damage to the walls and floors.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym: masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

nullify

v. to make something legally invalid or without effect; to cancel out, negate, or render something null (= the absence or lack of value, validity, or significance) and void

synonym: invalidate, cancel, annul

(1) **nullify** a vote, (2) **nullify** a law

The court can **nullify** a contract if it is found to be illegal.

slit

n. a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors

synonym: slash, incision, cut

(1) **slit** pocket, (2) **slit** the fabric

He made a small **slit** in the paper to fit it in the envelope.

reckon

v. to think or believe something

synonym: regard, imagine, suppose

(1) hard to **reckon**, (2) **reckon** the company as a rival

He **reckons** that corruption was rampant in the regime.

relapse

n. the fact of becoming ill or starting to misbehave again after making an improvement

synonym: degeneration, deterioration, retrogression

(1) biochemical **relapse**, (2) **relapse** prevention

He had a **relapse** because he was working through the night.

braid

n. a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration

synonym : plait, twist, weave

(1) **braid** hair, (2) elastic cord **braid**

She always wore her hair in a single **braid** down her back.

appalling

adj. causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant

synonym : shocking, horrifying, alarming

(1) **appalling** crimes, (2) **appalling** behavior

The condition of that old house was **appalling**.

innumerable

adj. too many to be counted

synonym : many, infinite, countless

(1) **innumerable** stars, (2) give **innumerable** interviews

We have overcome **innumerable** difficulties since our founding.

appall

v. to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay

synonym : shock, disgust, dismay

(1) **appall** the tourists, (2) **appall** me

The news of the massacre **appalled** the entire nation.

specter

n. a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety

synonym : ghost, phantom, apparition

(1) **specter** of death, (2) political **specter**

The **specter** of unemployment loomed over the young graduates as they exited the university.

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.

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.

catastrophic

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

synonym : fatal, disastrous, destructive

(1) victim of **catastrophic** injuries, (2) **catastrophic** climate change

The extinction rate of aquatic animals was **catastrophic**.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym : course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

interstice

n. a small space or gap between parts or objects, often within a larger structure; a break or interval between events or periods

synonym : gap, crevice, interval

(1) cracked **interstice**, (2) fill in the **interstice**

There was a small **interstice** between the two buildings, just enough space to squeeze through.

depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

synonym: sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

psychotic

adj. relating to or characterized by a loss of touch with reality; exhibiting or suffering from a severe mental disorder characterized by delusions, hallucinations, or disordered thinking

synonym: deranged, unstable, certifiable

(1) **psychotic** medication, (2) **psychotic** episode

Her husband's death caused her to experience a **psychotic** break.

plummet

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

synonym: drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

horrific

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

synonym: terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

bipolar

adj. of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness

(1) **bipolar** depression, (2) a **bipolar** semiconductor

The physician prescribed medication to treat **bipolar** disorder.

mania

n. a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for something

synonym : obsession, craze, frenzy

(1) start-up **mania**, (2) dance **mania**

The **mania** for collecting rare books led him to spend his savings on a first edition.

lithium

n. a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder

synonym : lithy, Li, salt

(1) **lithium** carbonate, (2) **lithium** mining

Lithium-ion batteries are commonly used in laptops, smartphones, and electric vehicles.

psychosis

n. a serious mental disorder characterized by a disconnection from reality, often including hallucinations, delusions, and a lack of insight into one's condition

synonym : madness, delusion, insanity

(1) **psychosis** treatment, (2) drug-induced **psychosis**

He was diagnosed with **psychosis** and was hospitalized for treatment.

cataleptic

adj. characterized by a state of extreme rigidity or immobility, often accompanied by a loss of consciousness or awareness; of or relating to a condition in which a person or animal appears to be in a state of suspended animation

synonym : trancelike, immobile, rigid

(1) **cataleptic** seizure, (2) **cataleptic** rigidity

The patient's **cataleptic** state made diagnosing her condition difficult for the doctors.

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.

blot

v. to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper

synonym: stain, smudge, mar

(1) **blot** my eyes, (2) **blot** anything out of existence

She tried to **blot** out the unpleasant memory with alcohol.

veil

n. a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

synonym: cover, mask, (verb) conceal

(1) **veil** of mystery, (2) **veil** her face

He lifted her **veil** with both hands.

haze

n. atmospheric moisture, dust, or smoke that makes it less clear; a state of mental confusion caused by lack of clarity

synonym: fog, mist, brume

(1) a **haze** of illusion, (2) **haze** of tears

We couldn't see him through the **haze** of smoke.

schizophrenia

n. a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

synonym: psychosis, disorder, mental illness

(1) **schizophrenia** spectrum disorder, (2) **schizophrenia** treatment

The **schizophrenia** patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.

exorcise

v. to expel or remove an evil or malicious spirit from a person, place, or object through a religious or spiritual ceremony; to rid oneself or others of something that is believed to have a negative influence or control

synonym: purge, expel, banish

(1) **exorcise** demons, (2) **exorcise** negative energy

The priest performed a ritual to **exorcise** the evil spirits from the haunted house.

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.

delusion

n. a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

synonym: hallucination, illusion, fantasy

(1) grand **delusion**, (2) labor under a **delusion**

He had a **delusion** that he was a millionaire.

communion

n. the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

synonym: affinity, intimacy, camaraderie

(1) **communion** with God, (2) spiritual **communion** with nature

We use this tableware in a **communion** service.

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.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

burdensome

adj. causing a heavy burden or load, physically or mentally taxing; difficult to bear or manage

synonym: heavy, onerous, cumbersome

(1) **burdensome** task, (2) **burdensome** load

The heavy backpack was **burdensome** on the long hike through the mountains.

secrecy

n. the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

synonym: confidentiality, clandestineness, closeness

(1) government **secrecy**, (2) maintain **secrecy**

The company's **secrecy** surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

convulse

v. to experience a sudden and violent contraction of the muscles, often caused by pain, illness, or emotional distress, or to make someone or something do this

synonym: spasm, tremble, seize

(1) **convulse** with laughter, (2) **convulse** with anger

He **convulsed** in pain as the injury was severe.

backstage

adj. relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life

synonym : behind-the-scenes, offstage, private

(1) **backstage** access, (2) **backstage** crew

The **backstage** preparations for the concert took hours to complete.

obsessive

adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

synonym : compulsive, fixated, besetting

(1) **obsessive-compulsive** disorder, (2) **obsessive** thoughts

Her **obsessive** behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.

compulsive

adj. relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

synonym : compelling, obsessive, uncontrollable

(1) **compulsive** gambling, (2) **compulsive** behavior

He had a **compulsive** need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.

exorcism

n. the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer

synonym : purification, cleansing, dispossession

(1) **exorcism** ceremony, (2) demonic **exorcism**

The priest performed an **exorcism** to rid the haunted house of its evil spirits.

ram

v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force

synonym :

crash, collide, slam

(1) **ram** the door open, (2) **ram** into the ice

The car **rammed** into the wall, causing significant damage.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

externalize

v. to give external form, expression, or material existence to something that was previously internal or subjective; to make explicit or apparent something that was previously unconscious or repressed

synonym: express, manifest, materialize

(1) **externalize** responsibilities, (2) **externalize** costs

It's important to **externalize** your feelings and not keep them bottled up.

dingy

adj. dark, gloomy, and dirty

synonym: gloomy, dirty, drab

(1) **dingy** apartment, (2) **dingy** lighting

The **dingy** room needed a fresh coat of paint.

electroshock

n. a medical treatment in which an electric current is passed through the brain to induce a seizure; also known as electroconvulsive therapy (ECT)

synonym: electroconvulsive therapy, shock treatment, ETC

(1) low voltage **electroshock**, (2) **electroshock** machine

The patient had to undergo **electroshock** therapy to treat their severe depression.

disorient

v. to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go

synonym: confuse, flummox, perplex

(1) **disorient** his audience, (2) **disorient** and wrong-foot

viewers

Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might **disorient** dolphins and whales.

downhill

adv. in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner

synonym : downslope

(1) ski **downhill**, (2) walk **downhill** to the beach

The family's finances have been going **downhill** since they lost their main source of income.

unbearable

adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

synonym : intolerable, insufferable, unendurable

(1) **unbearable** heat, (2) **unbearable** pain

The loss of his wife was an **unbearable** sorrow that he found hard to overcome.

cingulate

n. a part of the brain situated in the medial aspect of the cerebral cortex that is an integral part of the limbic system, which is involved with emotion formation and processing, learning, and memory

(1) a posterior **cingulate**, (2) ventral **cingulate** cortex

Researchers found marked differences in the anterior **cingulate** of the brain between species.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym : astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym : positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

overwhelm

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

synonym : conquer, crush, dominate

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

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

indigent

adj. lacking the necessities of life, especially food and shelter, or lacking the means to acquire them; poor or destitute

synonym : deprived, impoverished, needy

(1) **indigent** population, (2) **indigent** elderly

The charity organization provides aid and support to **indigent** communities.

impoverished

adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

synonym : destitute, bankrupt, famished

(1) **impoverished** nation, (2) **impoverished** family

The **impoverished** villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.

commensurate

adj. corresponding in size, extent, or degree; in proper proportion or relation to something else; appropriately or fairly measured or balanced about something

synonym : proportional, equivalent, corresponding

(1) **commensurate** salary, (2) **commensurate** with the

level of importance

A person's salary should be **commensurate** with their qualifications and experience.

slum

n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

synonym : shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

synonym : expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

firefighter

n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires

(1) forest **firefighter**, (2) decided to be a **firefighter**

The **firefighter** broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.

implausible

adj. difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable

synonym : incredulous, far-fetched, unbelievable

(1) **implausible** theory, (2) **implausible** excuse

The detective found the suspect's story **implausible** and decided to investigate further.

distaste

n. a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable

synonym : antipathy, aversion, disgust

(1) having a strong **distaste**, (2) popular **distaste** for corruption

She grimaced in **distaste** when someone said the insulting words.

misguided

adj. having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action

synonym : mistaken, wrong, erring

(1) **misguided** policies, (2) a **misguided** sense of duty

His **misguided** attempt to fix the problem only made it worse.

militate

v. to have a significant effect or influence on a situation, outcome, or decision; to operate or work against something

synonym : counter, oppose, contradict

(1) **militate** against the success, (2) **militate** for change

The overwhelming evidence **militates** against the defendant's claim of innocence.

toothpaste

n. a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath

synonym : paste, gel, dentifrice

(1) **toothpaste** hygiene product, (2) **toothpaste** tube

I always use mint-flavored **toothpaste** to refresh my mouth in the morning and at night.

repaint

v. to apply a new or fresh coat of paint

(1) **repaint** the wall, (2) **repaint** a house

She tried to **repaint** an incorrectly painted object.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym : coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

colossus

n. a person or thing that is unusually large, powerful, or impressive; a person or entity that is a dominant force in their field or industry

synonym : giant, titan, mammoth

(1) **colossus** company, (2) ancient **colossus**

The automobile industry is a **colossus** behemoth of the

modern economy.

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.

cleave

v. to split or divide something into two parts, often with force; to adhere or cling to something closely and cohesively

synonym: split, sever, cleave

(1) **cleave** meat, (2) **cleave** the party

He swung the axe with all his might to **cleave** the wood in half.

rapture

n. a feeling of extreme pleasure and happiness or excitement

synonym: delight, bliss, elation

(1) with an expression of **rapture**, (2) feel great **rapture**

He gazed at the actor in **rapture**.

Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1. cl___e meat | <i>v.</i> to split or divide something into two parts, often with force; to adhere or cling to something closely and cohesively |
| 2. di_____nt and wrong-foot viewers | <i>v.</i> to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go |
| 3. re_____nt population | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions |
| 4. com_____ve gambling | <i>adj.</i> relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships |
| 5. ex_____sm ceremony | <i>n.</i> the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer |
| 6. ele_____ock machine | <i>n.</i> a medical treatment in which an electric current is passed through the brain to induce a seizure; also known as electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) |
| 7. sch_____nia spectrum disorder | <i>n.</i> a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior |
| 8. vi_____ty of youth | <i>n.</i> the state of being strong and active; energy |

ANSWERS: 1. cleave, 2. disorient, 3. resilient, 4. compulsive, 5. exorcism, 6. electroshock, 7. schizophrenia, 8. vitality

9. ancient co____us *n.* a person or thing that is unusually large, powerful, or impressive; a person or entity that is a dominant force in their field or industry
10. cl___e the party *v.* to split or divide something into two parts, often with force; to adhere or cling to something closely and cohesively
11. psy_____apy for depression *n.* the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist
12. victim of cat_____hic injuries *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
13. de____s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
14. a h__e of illusion *n.* atmospheric moisture, dust, or smoke that makes it less clear; a state of mental confusion caused by lack of clarity
15. mo__n death *v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone
16. the vi____ty of the company *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
17. walk do____ll to the beach *adv.* in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner
18. give inn_____le interviews *adj.* too many to be counted

ANSWERS: 9. colossus, 10. cleave, 11. psychotherapy, 12. catastrophic, 13. depress, 14. haze, 15. mourn, 16. vitality, 17. downhill, 18. innumerable

19. di__y lighting *adj.* dark, gloomy, and dirty
20. in_____nt population *adj.* lacking the necessities of life, especially food and shelter, or lacking the means to acquire them; poor or destitute
21. sp_____r of death *n.* a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety
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25. too_____te tube *n.* a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath
26. nu_____y a law *v.* to make something legally invalid or without effect; to cancel out, negate, or render something null (= the absence or lack of value, validity, or significance) and void
27. decided to be a fir_____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
28. ap_____ng behavior *adj.* causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 19. dingy, 20. indigent, 21. specter, 22. unbearable, 23. implausible, 24. schizophrenia, 25. toothpaste, 26. nullify, 27. firefighter, 28. appalling

29. cat_____ic seizure *adj.* characterized by a state of extreme rigidity or immobility, often accompanied by a loss of consciousness or awareness; of or relating to a condition in which a person or animal appears to be in a state of suspended animation
30. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
31. s__p into paper *v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually
32. the house was a wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
33. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
34. in_____nt elderly *adj.* lacking the necessities of life, especially food and shelter, or lacking the means to acquire them; poor or destitute
35. mo__n with deep grief *v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone
36. com_____ve behavior *adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
37. mi_____ed policies *adj.* having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action

ANSWERS: 29. cataleptic, 30. afterward, 31. seep, 32. wreck, 33. optimism, 34. indigent, 35. mourn, 36. compulsive, 37. misguided

38. co_____se with laughter v. to experience a sudden and violent contraction of the muscles, often caused by pain, illness, or emotional distress, or to make someone or something do this
39. ex_____se negative energy v. to expel or remove an evil or malicious spirit from a person, place, or object through a religious or spiritual ceremony; to rid oneself or others of something that is believed to have a negative influence or control
40. shoes cr__k v. to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,
41. ap___l me v. to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
42. mi_____te against the success v. to have a significant effect or influence on a situation, outcome, or decision; to operate or work against something
43. ext_____ze responsibilities v. to give external form, expression, or material existence to something that was previously internal or subjective; to make explicit or apparent something that was previously unconscious or repressed
44. ba_____ge crew *adj.* relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life

ANSWERS: 38. convulse, 39. exorcise, 40. creak, 41. appall, 42. militate, 43. externalize, 44. backstage

45. h__e of tears *n.* atmospheric moisture, dust, or smoke that makes it less clear; a state of mental confusion caused by lack of clarity
46. biochemical re_____e *n.* the fact of becoming ill or starting to misbehave again after making an improvement
47. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
48. maintain se_____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
49. br__d hair *n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration
50. c__w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
51. hard to re___n *v.* to think or believe something
52. cat_____ic rigidity *adj.* characterized by a state of extreme rigidity or immobility, often accompanied by a loss of consciousness or awareness; of or relating to a condition in which a person or animal appears to be in a state of suspended animation
53. unb_____le heat *adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

ANSWERS: 45. haze, 46. relapse, 47. obsess, 48. secrecy, 49. braid, 50. chew, 51. reckon, 52. cataleptic, 53. unbearable

54. di____ct attention from the real issue
v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
55. a n__b mind
adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
56. ps_____is treatment
n. a serious mental disorder characterized by a disconnection from reality, often including hallucinations, delusions, and a lack of insight into one's condition
57. government se_____y
n. the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
58. s__t pocket
n. a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors
59. nu_____y a vote
v. to make something legally invalid or without effect; to cancel out, negate, or render something null (= the absence or lack of value, validity, or significance) and void
60. s__t the fabric
n. a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors
61. com_____ate salary
adj. corresponding in size, extent, or degree; in proper proportion or relation to something else; appropriately or fairly measured or balanced about something

ANSWERS: 54. distract, 55. numb, 56. psychosis, 57. secrecy, 58. slit, 59. nullify, 60. slit, 61. commensurate

62. with an expression of ra____e *n.* a feeling of extreme pleasure and happiness or excitement
63. ba_____ge access *adj.* relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life
64. pl___e into the water *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
65. imp_____hed family *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
66. mi_____te for change *v.* to have a significant effect or influence on a situation, outcome, or decision; to operate or work against something
67. pr___h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
68. di__y apartment *adj.* dark, gloomy, and dirty
69. build in_____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
70. b__t my eyes *v.* to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper
71. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 62. rapture, 63. backstage, 64. plunge, 65. impoverished, 66. militate, 67. preach, 68. dingy, 69. intimacy, 70. blot, 71. confer

72. use of so____ry confinement *adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
73. com_____ate with the level of importance *adj.* corresponding in size, extent, or degree; in proper proportion or relation to something else; appropriately or fairly measured or balanced about something
74. field of psy_____apy *n.* the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist
75. li_____m carbonate *n.* a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder
76. grand de_____on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
77. feel great ra_____e *n.* a feeling of extreme pleasure and happiness or excitement
78. pl_____ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
79. s__m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
80. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
81. li_____m mining *n.* a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder
82. a mi_____ed sense of duty *adj.* having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action

ANSWERS: 72. solitary, 73. commensurate, 74. psychotherapy, 75. lithium, 76. delusion, 77. rapture, 78. plummet, 79. slum, 80. amaze, 81. lithium, 82. misguided

83. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
84. sense of op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
85. di_____nt his audience *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
86. pl__k exercise *n.* a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes
87. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
88. bi_____r depression *adj.* of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness
89. re___n the company as a rival *v.* to think or believe something
90. s__m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
91. ho_____ic condition *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
92. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
93. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space

ANSWERS: 83. distract, 84. optimism, 85. disorient, 86. plank, 87. resilient, 88. bipolar, 89. reckon, 90. slum, 91. horrific, 92. bury, 93. trajectory

94. co_____on with God *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
95. ex_____se demons *v.* to expel or remove an evil or malicious spirit from a person, place, or object through a religious or spiritual ceremony; to rid oneself or others of something that is believed to have a negative influence or control
96. ventral ci_____te cortex *n.* a part of the brain situated in the medial aspect of the cerebral cortex that is an integral part of the limbic system, which is involved with emotion formation and processing, learning, and memory
97. a posterior ci_____te *n.* a part of the brain situated in the medial aspect of the cerebral cortex that is an integral part of the limbic system, which is involved with emotion formation and processing, learning, and memory
98. v__l her face *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
99. ap___l the tourists *v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
100. popular di_____te for corruption *n.* a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable
101. on terms of in_____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

ANSWERS: 94. communion, 95. exorcise, 96. cingulate, 97. cingulate, 98. veil, 99. appall, 100. distaste, 101. intimacy

102. forest fir_____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
103. cracked int_____ce *n.* a small space or gap between parts or objects, often within a larger structure; a break or interval between events or periods
104. labor under a de_____on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
105. b__t anything out of existence *v.* to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper
106. re_____t the wall *v.* to apply a new or fresh coat of paint
107. having a strong di_____te *n.* a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable
108. pl_____t against other major currencies *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
109. dance ma__a *n.* a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for something
110. co_____us company *n.* a person or thing that is unusually large, powerful, or impressive; a person or entity that is a dominant force in their field or industry
111. demonic ex_____sm *n.* the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer

ANSWERS: 102. firefighter, 103. interstice, 104. delusion, 105. blot, 106. repaint, 107. distaste, 108. plummet, 109. mania, 110. colossus, 111. exorcism

112. inn_____le stars *adj.* too many to be counted
113. c__w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
114. re_____e prevention *n.* the fact of becoming ill or starting to misbehave again after making an improvement
115. political sp_____r *n.* a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety
116. de_____s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
117. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
118. imp_____hed nation *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
119. v__l of mystery *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
120. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
121. start-up ma__a *n.* a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for something
122. re_____t a house *v.* to apply a new or fresh coat of paint
123. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

ANSWERS: 112. innumerable, 113. chew, 114. relapse, 115. specter, 116. depress, 117. afterward, 118. impoverished, 119. veil, 120. confuse, 121. mania, 122. repaint, 123. embarrass

133. co_____se with anger *v.* to experience a sudden and violent contraction of the muscles, often caused by pain, illness, or emotional distress, or to make someone or something do this
134. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
135. drug-induced ps_____is *n.* a serious mental disorder characterized by a disconnection from reality, often including hallucinations, delusions, and a lack of insight into one's condition
136. begin to cr__k *v.* to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,
137. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
138. a so____ry traveler *adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
139. ov_____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
140. spiritual co_____on with nature *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
141. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
142. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

ANSWERS: 133. convulse, 134. confer, 135. psychosis, 136. creak, 137. trajectory, 138. solitary, 139. overwhelm, 140. communion, 141. bury, 142. overwhelm

143. en_____e poor peasants *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
144. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
145. pr___h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
146. elastic cord br__d *n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration
147. a bi_____r semiconductor *adj.* of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness
148. ob_____ve-compulsive disorder *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
149. a worthless wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
150. ob_____ve thoughts *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

ANSWERS: 143. enslave, 144. amaze, 145. preach, 146. braid, 147. bipolar, 148. obsessive, 149. wreck, 150. obsessive

151. ski do_____ll *adv.* in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner
152. ps_____ic medication *adj.* relating to or characterized by a loss of touch with reality; exhibiting or suffering from a severe mental disorder characterized by delusions, hallucinations, or disordered thinking
153. en_____e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
154. fill in the int_____ce *n.* a small space or gap between parts or objects, often within a larger structure; a break or interval between events or periods
155. cat_____hic climate change *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
156. cl__g onto power *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
157. low voltage ele_____ock *n.* a medical treatment in which an electric current is passed through the brain to induce a seizure; also known as electroconvulsive therapy (ECT)
158. too_____te hygiene product *n.* a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath
159. pl___e a dagger through his heart *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

ANSWERS: 151. downhill, 152. psychotic, 153. enslave, 154. interstice, 155. catastrophic, 156. cling, 157. electroshock, 158. toothpaste, 159. plunge

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The loss of his wife was an _____ sorrow that he found hard to overcome.
adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
2. The _____ broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.
n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires
3. The physician prescribed medication to treat _____ disorder.
adj. of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness
4. The patient's _____ state made diagnosing her condition difficult for the doctors.
adj. characterized by a state of extreme rigidity or immobility, often accompanied by a loss of consciousness or awareness; of or relating to a condition in which a person or animal appears to be in a state of suspended animation
5. The priest performed a ritual to _____ the evil spirits from the haunted house.
v. to expel or remove an evil or malicious spirit from a person, place, or object through a religious or spiritual ceremony; to rid oneself or others of something that is believed to have a negative influence or control
6. She grimaced in _____ when someone said the insulting words.
n. a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable
7. The detective found the suspect's story _____ and decided to investigate further.
adj. difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable

ANSWERS: 1. unbearable, 2. firefighter, 3. bipolar, 4. cataleptic, 5. exorcise, 6. distaste, 7. implausible

8. The priest performed an _____ to rid the haunted house of its evil spirits.
n. the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer
9. I always use mint-flavored _____ to refresh my mouth in the morning and at night.
n. a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath
10. My left arm became _____.
adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
11. The court can _____ a contract if it is found to be illegal.
v. to make something legally invalid or without effect; to cancel out, negate, or render something null (= the absence or lack of value, validity, or significance) and void
12. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.
n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
13. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
14. The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in _____.
n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

ANSWERS: 8. exorcism, 9. toothpaste, 10. numb, 11. nullify, 12. optimism, 13. confer, 14. slums

15. Her beauty _____ me completely.

- v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

16. He lifted her _____ with both hands.

- n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

17. The divers accidentally discovered a _____ on the ocean floor.

- n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

18. The door _____ when I opened it slowly.

- v.* to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,

19. He had a _____ because he was working through the night.

- n.* the fact of becoming ill or starting to misbehave again after making an improvement

20. She tried to _____ out the unpleasant memory with alcohol.

- v.* to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper

21. A person's salary should be _____ with their qualifications and experience.

- adj.* corresponding in size, extent, or degree; in proper proportion or relation to something else; appropriately or fairly measured or balanced about something

22. The family's finances have been going _____ since they lost their main source of income.

- adv.* in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner

ANSWERS: 15. enslaved, 16. veil, 17. wreck, 18. creaked, 19. relapse, 20. blot, 21. commensurate, 22. downhill

23. The heavy backpack was _____ on the long hike through the mountains.
adj. causing a heavy burden or load, physically or mentally taxing; difficult to bear or manage
24. He took _____ to help him deal with his accident trauma.
n. the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist
25. The _____ for collecting rare books led him to spend his savings on a first edition.
n. a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for something
26. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.
v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
27. Her _____ behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.
adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
28. He was diagnosed with _____ and was hospitalized for treatment.
n. a serious mental disorder characterized by a disconnection from reality, often including hallucinations, delusions, and a lack of insight into one's condition
29. He _____ in pain as the injury was severe.
v. to experience a sudden and violent contraction of the muscles, often caused by pain, illness, or emotional distress, or to make someone or something do this
30. He had a _____ that he was a millionaire.
n. a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

ANSWERS: 23. burdensome, 24. psychotherapy, 25. mania, 26. overwhelm, 27. obsessive, 28. psychosis, 29. convulsed, 30. delusion

31. The new gym membership has improved his _____ and overall health.
n. the state of being strong and active; energy
32. He gazed at the actor in _____.
n. a feeling of extreme pleasure and happiness or excitement
33. _____ batteries are commonly used in laptops, smartphones, and electric vehicles.
n. a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder
34. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
35. Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might _____ dolphins and whales.
v. to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
36. There was a small _____ between the two buildings, just enough space to squeeze through.
n. a small space or gap between parts or objects, often within a larger structure; a break or interval between events or periods
37. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.
v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
38. Her husband's death caused her to experience a _____ break.
adj. relating to or characterized by a loss of touch with reality; exhibiting or suffering from a severe mental disorder characterized by delusions, hallucinations, or disordered thinking

ANSWERS: 31. vitality, 32. rapture, 33. Lithium-ion, 34. resilient, 35. disorient, 36. interstice, 37. preached, 38. psychotic

39. The company has shown an excellent growth _____ over the years.
n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space
40. The condition of that old house was _____.
adj. causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant
41. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
42. The _____ patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.
n. a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
43. The news of the massacre _____ the entire nation.
v. to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
44. The patient had to undergo _____ therapy to treat their severe depression.
n. a medical treatment in which an electric current is passed through the brain to induce a seizure; also known as electroconvulsive therapy (ECT)
45. 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
46. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.
v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

ANSWERS: 39. trajectory, 40. appalling, 41. confused, 42. schizophrenia, 43. appalled, 44. electroshock, 45. intimacy, 46. amazed

47. The charity organization provides aid and support to _____ communities.
adj. lacking the necessities of life, especially food and shelter, or lacking the means to acquire them; poor or destitute
48. The _____ preparations for the concert took hours to complete.
adj. relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life
49. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.
adv. after the time mentioned
50. The overwhelming evidence _____ against the defendant's claim of innocence.
v. to have a significant effect or influence on a situation, outcome, or decision; to operate or work against something
51. The company's _____ surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.
n. the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
52. The car _____ into the wall, causing significant damage.
v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
53. The _____ villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.
adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

ANSWERS: 47. indigent, 48. backstage, 49. afterward, 50. militates, 51. secrecy, 52. rammed, 53. impoverished

54. The rain began to _____ through the roof, causing damage to the walls and floors.
- v. to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually
55. My dog loves to _____ on bones.
- v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
56. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
- v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
57. It's important to _____ your feelings and not keep them bottled up.
- v. to give external form, expression, or material existence to something that was previously internal or subjective; to make explicit or apparent something that was previously unconscious or repressed
58. His _____ attempt to fix the problem only made it worse.
- adj. having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action
59. He had a _____ need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.
- adj. relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
60. He _____ that corruption was rampant in the regime.
- v. to think or believe something
61. She tried to _____ an incorrectly painted object.
- v. to apply a new or fresh coat of paint

ANSWERS: 54. seep, 55. chew, 56. distract, 57. externalize, 58. misguided, 59. compulsive, 60. reckons, 61. repaint

62. We _____ the loss of our dear friend at the memorial service.
- v. to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone
63. The company's profits _____ after the recall of their new product.
- v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
64. The automobile industry is a _____ behemoth of the modern economy.
- n. a person or thing that is unusually large, powerful, or impressive; a person or entity that is a dominant force in their field or industry
65. We use this tableware in a _____ service.
- n. the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
66. He _____ carefully on the slippery ice.
- v. to step or walk on something
67. 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
68. The economic recession _____ the housing market.
- v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
69. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
- v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

ANSWERS: 62. mourned, 63. plunged, 64. colossus, 65. communion, 66. treads, 67. clings, 68. depressed, 69. bury

70. The extinction rate of aquatic animals was _____.

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

71. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

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

72. The accident scene was _____ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

73. She always wore her hair in a single _____ down her back.

n. a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration

74. We have overcome _____ difficulties since our founding.

adj. too many to be counted

75. He was ordered to walk the _____ by the pirate captain.

n. a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes

76. The _____ room needed a fresh coat of paint.

adj. dark, gloomy, and dirty

77. He never uttered a _____ word.

adj. existing, living, or doing without others

ANSWERS: 70. catastrophic, 71. obsessed, 72. horrific, 73. braid, 74. innumerable, 75. plank, 76. dingy, 77. solitary

78. We couldn't see him through the _____ of smoke.
- n.* atmospheric moisture, dust, or smoke that makes it less clear; a state of mental confusion caused by lack of clarity
79. He made a small _____ in the paper to fit it in the envelope.
- n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors
80. Researchers found marked differences in the anterior _____ of the brain between species.
- n.* a part of the brain situated in the medial aspect of the cerebral cortex that is an integral part of the limbic system, which is involved with emotion formation and processing, learning, and memory
81. The _____ of unemployment loomed over the young graduates as they exited the university.
- n.* a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety
82. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
- v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
83. He swung the axe with all his might to _____ the wood in half.
- v.* to split or divide something into two parts, often with force; to adhere or cling to something closely and cohesively
84. The stock prices have _____ in the last hour, causing concern for investors.
- v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

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