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Session 1: Word List

conspire

v. to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose

synonym : plot, scheme, collude

(1) **conspire** his ruin, (2) **conspire** to corner the market

The group of friends **conspired** to pull a prank on their teacher.

wondrous

adj. inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive

synonym : amazing, fantastic, miraculous

(1) **wondrous** sight, (2) **wondrous** adventure

The **wondrous** beauty of the sunset left us all in awe.

firefly

n. a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark

(1) the glow of a **firefly**, (2) sparkle like **firefly**

In that country, there is a culture of eating live **firefly** squid.

conjure

v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

synonym : summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

seduce

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

synonym : tempt, lure, entice

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

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

nocturnal

adj. relating to or occurring in the night; active or awake during the night

synonym : nighttime, nightly, after-dark

(1) **nocturnal** insects, (2) **nocturnal** habits

Nocturnal animals, such as owls and bats, are active at night.

ethereal

adj. delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual

synonym : airy, delicate, celestial

(1) **ethereal** beauty, (2) **ethereal** light

The **ethereal** music created a dreamlike atmosphere in the concert hall.

otherworldly

adj. supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world

synonym : celestial, ethereal, unearthly

(1) **otherworldly** experience, (2) **otherworldly** creature

The **otherworldly** landscape was filled with strange, glowing plants.

hillside

n. the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline

synonym : slope, incline

(1) **hillside** landscape, (2) **hillside** vineyard

The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the **hillside**.

cascade

n. a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units

synonym : waterfall, watercourse, step

(1) **cascade** connection, (2) transistor **cascade**
The **cascade** of waterfalls in the national park was a breathtaking sight.

eerie

adj. strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
synonym: bizarre, creepy, dreadful

(1) **eerie** silence, (2) the **eerie** whistle of dropping bombs
The street was entirely silent and a bit **eerie**.

mangrove

n. a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

(1) **mangrove** forest, (2) **mangrove** swamp
The **mangrove** trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.

blossom

n. the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

synonym: flower, bloom, bud

(1) apple **blossom**, (2) **blossom** garden
The cherry **blossom** trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

synchronize

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
synonym: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches
The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

luminous

adj. emitting or reflecting light, especially in the dark; shining or glowing brightly; full of light or enlightenment

synonym: radiant, glowing, brilliant

(1) **luminous** glow, (2) **luminous** stars
The room was filled with **luminous** decorations that shone in

the dark.

charismatic

adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

synonym : mesmerizing, alluring, captivating

(1) **charismatic** chairman, (2) **charismatic** personality

He was a **charismatic** leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

miraculous

adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

synonym : amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

illuminate

v. to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

synonym : brighten, light, adorn

(1) **illuminate** a dark hall, (2) **illuminate** my understanding

That biologist **illuminated** the mechanism of heredity.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

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.

treachery

n. the act of betraying someone's trust, especially by being disloyal or deceitful; an instance of treachery

synonym : betrayal, deception, treason

(1) political **treachery**, (2) act of **treachery**

The **treachery** of his advisors deposed the king.

beetle

n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings

(1) **beetle** brows, (2) a **beetle** larva

In ancient civilizations, the scarab **beetle** was worshiped as a sacred creature.

sniff

v. to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath

synonym : smell, inhale, scent

(1) **sniff** the air, (2) **sniff** the perfume

The dog stopped to **sniff** around the tree, looking for something interesting.

perch

v. to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

synonym : sit, roost, squat

(1) **perch** on a ledge, (2) **perch** of a bird of prey

The bird **perched** on the branch, watching the world below.

unlit

adj. not having been lit or ignited; without any source of light

synonym : dark, dim, unilluminated

(1) **unlit** candle, (2) **unlit** cigarette

The **unlit** alleyway made her feel nervous walking alone.

bioluminescence

n. the production and emission of light by living creatures, such as glowworms, fireflies, etc.

(1) firefly **bioluminescence**, (2) **bioluminescence** of biological sample

Certain squids acquire symbiotic **bioluminescence** by

feeding on specific microorganisms.

orchestrate

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

synonym: plan, coordinate, arrange

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

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

lantern

n. a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source

synonym: lamp, beacon, flashlight

(1) candle **lantern**, (2) a **lantern** in the dark

The paper-covered **lantern** glowed softly in the darkness.

luciferase

n. an enzyme that produces bioluminescence in organisms such as fireflies, glow worms, and some marine creatures, often used as a tool in scientific research to detect and measure the presence of certain molecules or processes

synonym: bioluminescent protein

(1) fluorescent **luciferase**, (2) genetically modified **luciferase**

The **luciferase** assay is a standard tool in molecular biology for measuring gene expression levels.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

larva

n. the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose

synonym : caterpillar, grub, maggot

(1) **larva** of a butterfly, (2) a moth **larva**

The butterfly emerged from its **larva** stage.

conspicuous

adj. visible or observable; likely to draw attention

synonym : apparent, noticeable, evident

(1) a **conspicuous** achievement, (2) **conspicuous** consumption

Her golden hair was **conspicuous** in China.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym : vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

propel

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

synonym : drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

picky

adj. overly particular or selective, especially about food or other consumable goods; difficult to please or satisfy because of one's specific tastes or preferences

synonym : fussy, choosy, particular

(1) **picky** personality, (2) **picky** about details

My **picky** eater only likes to eat certain types of vegetables.

nuptial

adj. relating to a wedding, marriage, or marital union; being used or done as part of a wedding ceremony

synonym : bridal, matrimonial, marital

(1) **nuptial** vow, (2) **nuptial** knot

The bride wore a stunning **nuptial** gown on her wedding day.

bling

n. a slang term that refers to flashy, showy, or ostentatious jewelry, often characterized by its high cost or precious materials

synonym: jewelry, accessories, ornaments

(1) flashy **bling**, (2) **bling** jewelry

She loves to accessorize with lots of **bling**, but I prefer a different style.

toxin

n. a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism

synonym: poison, venom, contaminant

(1) **toxin** exposure, (2) **toxin** production

Mold exposure can release dangerous **toxins** into the air.

repellent

adj. serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust

synonym: disgusting, repulsive, offensive

(1) **repellent** odor, (2) **repellent** properties

She avoided the used car salesman because she found his pushy behavior **repellent**.

treacherous

adj. that cannot be trusted; malicious; hazardous, even while seeming safe

synonym: dangerous, unfaithful, disloyal

(1) **treacherous** territory, (2) **treacherous** act

Due to snow and ice, many roads have become **treacherous**, and motorists are advised to travel gently.

eavesdrop

v. to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission

synonym: listen in, spy, overhear

(1) **eavesdrop** conversation, (2) **eavesdrop** on a secret plot
I accidentally **eavesdropped** on a confidential meeting last week.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym: creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

lure

v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something

synonym: tempt, entice, attract

(1) **lure** prey, (2) **lure** foreign investment

The salesperson used a special offer to **lure** customers into buying the product.

exsanguinate

v. to remove or drain all the blood from a person or animal; to cause to bleed to death; to deplete or drain of vitality or essential aspects

synonym: bleed out, drain, deplete

(1) **exsanguinate** the patient's leg, (2) **exsanguinate** during surgery

Emergency services practiced a drill where a patient **exsanguinates** after a major accident to prepare for real-life scenarios.

gory

adj. involving or characterized by bloodshed, violence, or gruesomeness; exceedingly bloody, horrifying, or graphic

synonym : bloody, gruesome, macabre

(1) **gory** accident, (2) **gory** details

The horror movie was filled with **gory** scenes that shocked and disturbed the audience.

untold

adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

synonym : countless, immeasurable, innumerable

(1) **untold** riches, (2) an **untold** number of people

The **untold** stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.

culprit

n. someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing

synonym : criminal, felon, fugitive

(1) the **culprit** of global warming, (2) the arrest of the **culprit**

They finally found the **culprit** of the bug after a long time.

meadow

n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

synonym : pasture, field, lawn

(1) graze in the **meadow**, (2) lowland **meadow**

The lush **meadow** was covered in wildflowers.

sprawl

v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

synonym : drape, spread out

(1) **sprawl** out luxuriously on the sofa, (2) **sprawl** for acres

The lush vegetation **sprawls** across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym : defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

disrupt

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

causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

extinguish

v. to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining

synonym: quench, smother, blow out

(1) **extinguish** a cigarette, (2) **extinguish** the street lamp
Firefighters made every effort to **extinguish** the blaze immediately.

flicker

v. to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light

synonym: flash, spark, glimmer

(1) **flicker** every two seconds, (2) **flicker** out like a candle
The fireflies **flickered** in the darkness.

Session 2: Spelling

1. the ee__e whistle of dropping bombs
adj. strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
2. sparkle like fi____y
n. a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark
3. fl____r out like a candle
v. to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light
4. sp____l for acres
v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
5. ma____ve forest
n. a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
6. nu____l knot
adj. relating to a wedding, marriage, or marital union; being used or done as part of a wedding ceremony
7. flashy bl__g
n. a slang term that refers to flashy, showy, or ostentatious jewelry, often characterized by its high cost or precious materials
8. an un____d number of people
adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
9. sn__f the air
v. to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
10. re____nt our life
v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

ANSWERS: 1. eerie, 2. firefly, 3. flicker, 4. sprawl, 5. mangrove, 6. nuptial, 7. bling, 8. untold, 9. sniff, 10. reinvent

11. tre_____us act *adj.* that cannot be trusted; malicious; hazardous, even while seeming safe
12. genetically modified luc_____se *n.* an enzyme that produces bioluminescence in organisms such as fireflies, glow worms, and some marine creatures, often used as a tool in scientific research to detect and measure the presence of certain molecules or processes
13. pe__h on a ledge *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
14. la__a of a butterfly *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
15. con_____us consumption *adj.* visible or observable; likely to draw attention
16. ea_____op on a secret plot *v.* to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission
17. bl_____m garden *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

ANSWERS: 11. treacherous, 12. luciferase, 13. perch, 14. larva, 15. conspicuous, 16. eavesdrop, 17. blossom

18. un__t candle *adj.* not having been lit or ignited; without any source of light
19. g__y details *adj.* involving or characterized by bloodshed, violence, or gruesomeness; exceedingly bloody, horrifying, or graphic
20. exs_____ate the patient's leg *v.* to remove or drain all the blood from a person or animal; to cause to bleed to death; to deplete or drain of vitality or essential aspects
21. ill_____te my understanding *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
22. nu_____l vow *adj.* relating to a wedding, marriage, or marital union; being used or done as part of a wedding ceremony
23. bl__g jewelry *n.* a slang term that refers to flashy, showy, or ostentatious jewelry, often characterized by its high cost or precious materials
24. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
25. g__y accident *adj.* involving or characterized by bloodshed, violence, or gruesomeness; exceedingly bloody, horrifying, or graphic
26. ca_____e connection *n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units

ANSWERS: 18. unlit, 19. gory, 20. exsanguinate, 21. illuminate, 22. nuptial, 23. bling, 24. excite, 25. gory, 26. cascade

27. a la_____n in the dark *n.* a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source
28. a mir_____us encounter *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
29. be___e brows *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
30. act of tr_____ry *n.* the act of betraying someone's trust, especially by being disloyal or deceitful; an instance of treachery
31. ext_____sh the street lamp *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
32. wo_____us adventure *adj.* inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive
33. pr___l growth *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
34. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
35. orc_____te the political reinstatement *v.* to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly; (noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music
36. hi_____de landscape *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline

ANSWERS: 27. lantern, 28. miraculous, 29. beetle, 30. treachery, 31. extinguish, 32. wondrous, 33. propel, 34. disrupt, 35. orchestrate, 36. hillside

37. re_____nt odor *adj.* serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust
38. co_____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
39. pr____l the ship *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
40. lu_____us stars *adj.* emitting or reflecting light, especially in the dark; shining or glowing brightly; full of light or enlightenment
41. oth_____dly creature *adj.* supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world
42. the cu_____t of global warming *n.* someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing
43. et_____al light *adj.* delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual
44. bio_____nce of biological sample *n.* the production and emission of light by living creatures, such as glowworms, fireflies, etc.
45. apple bl_____m *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
46. l__e foreign investment *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something

ANSWERS: 37. repellent, 38. conquer, 39. propel, 40. luminous, 41. otherworldly, 42. culprit, 43. ethereal, 44. bioluminescence, 45. blossom, 46. lure

47. no_____al insects *adj.* relating to or occurring in the night; active or awake during the night
48. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
49. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
50. the arrest of the cu_____t *n.* someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing
51. the glow of a fi_____y *n.* a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark
52. to__n exposure *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
53. se___e him into crime *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
54. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
55. co_____e evil spirits away *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
56. candle la_____n *n.* a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source

ANSWERS: 47. nocturnal, 48. reinvent, 49. mimic, 50. culprit, 51. firefly, 52. toxin, 53. seduce, 54. sneak, 55. conjure, 56. lantern

57. ee__e silence *adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
58. se___e her mind *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
59. co_____e a vision *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
60. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
61. co_____re to corner the market *v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
62. co_____re his ruin *v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
63. sp___l out luxuriously on the sofa *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
64. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
65. ill_____te a dark hall *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
66. ea_____op conversation *v.* to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission
67. fl_____r every two seconds *v.* to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light
68. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

ANSWERS: 57. eerie, 58. seduce, 59. conjure, 60. opportune, 61. conspire, 62. conspire, 63. sprawl, 64. improvisation, 65. illuminate, 66. eavesdrop, 67. flicker, 68. disrupt

69. apex pr____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
70. a con_____us achievement *adj.* visible or observable; likely to draw attention
71. sn__k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
72. lu____us glow *adj.* emitting or reflecting light, especially in the dark; shining or glowing brightly; full of light or enlightenment
73. l__e prey *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
74. firefly bio_____nce *n.* the production and emission of light by living creatures, such as glowworms, fireflies, etc.
75. a be___e larva *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
76. ma_____ve swamp *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
77. graze in the me___w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
78. syn_____ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
79. ext_____sh a cigarette *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
80. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

ANSWERS: 69. predator, 70. conspicuous, 71. sneak, 72. luminous, 73. lure, 74. bioluminescence, 75. beetle, 76. mangrove, 77. meadow, 78. synchronize, 79. extinguish, 80. mimic

81. go through a mir_____us change *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
82. tre_____us territory *adj.* that cannot be trusted; malicious; hazardous, even while seeming safe
83. un___d riches *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
84. lowland me___w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
85. orc_____te a takeover *v.* to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly; (noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music
86. pi___y personality *adj.* overly particular or selective, especially about food or other consumable goods; difficult to please or satisfy because of one's specific tastes or preferences
87. sn___f the perfume *v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
88. cha_____ic personality *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
89. transistor ca_____e *n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
90. hi_____de vineyard *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline

ANSWERS: 81. miraculous, 82. treacherous, 83. untold, 84. meadow, 85. orchestrate, 86. picky, 87. sniff, 88. charismatic, 89. cascade, 90. hillside

91. re_____nt properties *adj.* serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust
92. no_____al habits *adj.* relating to or occurring in the night; active or awake during the night
93. co_____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
94. exs_____ate during surgery *v.* to remove or drain all the blood from a person or animal; to cause to bleed to death; to deplete or drain of vitality or essential aspects
95. syn_____ze our watches *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
96. et_____al beauty *adj.* delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual
97. political tr_____ry *n.* the act of betraying someone's trust, especially by being disloyal or deceitful; an instance of treachery
98. sexual pr_____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
99. fluorescent luc_____se *n.* an enzyme that produces bioluminescence in organisms such as fireflies, glow worms, and some marine creatures, often used as a tool in scientific research to detect and measure the presence of certain molecules or processes
100. cha_____ic chairman *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

ANSWERS: 91. repellent, 92. nocturnal, 93. conquer, 94. exsanguinate, 95. synchronize, 96. ethereal, 97. treachery, 98. predator, 99. luciferase, 100. charismatic

101. pi__y about details *adj.* overly particular or selective, especially about food or other consumable goods; difficult to please or satisfy because of one's specific tastes or preferences
102. oth_____dly experience *adj.* supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world
103. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
104. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
105. wo_____us sight *adj.* inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive
106. a moth la__a *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
107. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
108. un__t cigarette *adj.* not having been lit or ignited; without any source of light
109. to__n production *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
110. pe__h of a bird of prey *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

ANSWERS: 101. picky, 102. otherworldly, 103. excite, 104. improvisation, 105. wondrous, 106. larva, 107. opportune, 108. unlit, 109. toxin, 110. perch

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The bird _____ on the branch, watching the world below.
 - v. to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
2. The group of friends _____ to pull a prank on their teacher.
 - v. to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
3. She avoided the used car salesman because she found his pushy behavior _____.
 - adj. serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust
4. An increase in employment helps _____ economic growth.
 - v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
5. The fireflies _____ in the darkness.
 - v. to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light
6. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.
 - v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
7. He was a _____ leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.
 - adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

ANSWERS: 1. perched, 2. conspired, 3. repellent, 4. propel, 5. flickered, 6. mimic, 7. charismatic

8. The _____ landscape was filled with strange, glowing plants.

adj. supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world

9. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

10. The horror movie was filled with _____ scenes that shocked and disturbed the audience.

adj. involving or characterized by bloodshed, violence, or gruesomeness; exceedingly bloody, horrifying, or graphic

11. They finally found the _____ of the bug after a long time.

n. someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing

12. Certain squids acquire symbiotic _____ by feeding on specific microorganisms.

n. the production and emission of light by living creatures, such as glowworms, fireflies, etc.

13. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

14. The lush _____ was covered in wildflowers.

n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

15. The _____ alleyway made her feel nervous walking alone.

adj. not having been lit or ignited; without any source of light

ANSWERS: 8. otherworldly, 9. excited, 10. gory, 11. culprit, 12. bioluminescence, 13. improvisation, 14. meadow, 15. unlit

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

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

17. The _____ beauty of the sunset left us all in awe.

- adj.* inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive

18. I accidentally _____ on a confidential meeting last week.

- v.* to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission

19. The salesperson used a special offer to _____ customers into buying the product.

- v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something

20. The _____ of his advisors deposed the king.

- n.* the act of betraying someone's trust, especially by being disloyal or deceitful; an instance of treachery

21. The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the _____.

- n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline

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

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

23. The cherry _____ trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

- n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

ANSWERS: 16. disrupt, 17. wondrous, 18. eavesdropped, 19. lure, 20. treachery, 21. hillside, 22. seduce, 23. blossom

24. The street was entirely silent and a bit _____.

adj. strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural

25. The _____ music created a dreamlike atmosphere in the concert hall.

adj. delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual

26. Firefighters made every effort to _____ the blaze immediately.

v. to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining

27. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly _____.

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

28. In that country, there is a culture of eating live _____ squid.

n. a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark

29. The _____ assay is a standard tool in molecular biology for measuring gene expression levels.

n. an enzyme that produces bioluminescence in organisms such as fireflies, glow worms, and some marine creatures, often used as a tool in scientific research to detect and measure the presence of certain molecules or processes

30. The bride wore a stunning _____ gown on her wedding day.

adj. relating to a wedding, marriage, or marital union; being used or done as part of a wedding ceremony

31. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

ANSWERS: 24. eerie, 25. ethereal, 26. extinguish, 27. synchronized, 28. firefly, 29. luciferase, 30. nuptial, 31. reinvent

32. Mold exposure can release dangerous _____ into the air.
- n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
33. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
- n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
34. The paper-covered _____ glowed softly in the darkness.
- n.* a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source
35. Emergency services practiced a drill where a patient _____ after a major accident to prepare for real-life scenarios.
- v.* to remove or drain all the blood from a person or animal; to cause to bleed to death; to deplete or drain of vitality or essential aspects
36. He made a _____ recovery.
- adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
37. My _____ eater only likes to eat certain types of vegetables.
- adj.* overly particular or selective, especially about food or other consumable goods; difficult to please or satisfy because of one's specific tastes or preferences
38. In ancient civilizations, the scarab _____ was worshiped as a sacred creature.
- n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
39. The dog stopped to _____ around the tree, looking for something interesting.
- v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath

ANSWERS: 32. toxins, 33. predator's, 34. lantern, 35. exsanguinates, 36. miraculous, 37. picky, 38. beetle, 39. sniff

40. The room was filled with _____ decorations that shone in the dark.

adj. emitting or reflecting light, especially in the dark; shining or glowing brightly; full of light or enlightenment

41. Her golden hair was _____ in China.

adj. visible or observable; likely to draw attention

42. The _____ stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.

adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

43. The _____ of waterfalls in the national park was a breathtaking sight.

n. a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units

44. The magician _____ up a rabbit out of thin air.

v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

45. The children tried to _____ out and eat the candy.

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

46. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

47. The lush vegetation _____ across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.

v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

ANSWERS: 40. luminous, 41. conspicuous, 42. untold, 43. cascade, 44. conjured, 45. sneak, 46. opportune, 47. sprawls

48. Due to snow and ice, many roads have become _____ and motorists are advised to travel gently.
adj. that cannot be trusted; malicious; hazardous, even while seeming safe
49. _____ animals, such as owls and bats, are active at night.
adj. relating to or occurring in the night; active or awake during the night
50. She loves to accessorize with lots of _____ but I prefer a different style.
n. a slang term that refers to flashy, showy, or ostentatious jewelry, often characterized by its high cost or precious materials
51. That biologist _____ the mechanism of heredity.
v. to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
52. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.
v. to bring under control by force or authority
53. The butterfly emerged from its _____ stage.
n. the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
54. The _____ trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.
n. a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
55. He carefully _____ the details of his business plan.
v. to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly;
(noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music

ANSWERS: 48. treacherous, 49. Nocturnal, 50. bling, 51. illuminated, 52. conquer, 53. larva, 54. mangrove, 55. orchestrated

ANSWERS: