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Session 1: Word List

soar

v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

synonym: fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights

The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

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.

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.

hysteria

n. a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled

synonym : panic, fury, agitation

(1) global warming **hysteria**, (2) anxiety **hysteria**

There was mass **hysteria** when the team won a championship.

ancestry

n. the family or the ethnic descent that you come from

synonym : ancestor, family, descent

(1) a distinguished **ancestry**, (2) prehuman **ancestry**

He looked down on the royal **ancestry** of the neighboring country.

imprison

v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

synonym : incarcerate, detain, confine

(1) **imprison** illegal immigrant, (2) **imprison** myself within the room

He was **imprisoned** for embezzlement.

barb

n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

synonym : spine, barbed remark, sting

(1) **barb** wire, (2) aim a **barb**

The politician's words were full of **barbs** designed to hurt his opponent.

desolate

adj. deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness

synonym : barren, stark, uninhabited

(1) a **desolate** scene, (2) **desolate** moon

The deserted island was **desolate** and uninhabited.

blister

n. a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely

synonym: sore, vesicle, pustule

(1) **blister** after walking for miles, (2) **blister** treatment

The new hiking shoes gave me a **blister** on my heel after just a few miles of walking.

sultry

adj. hot, humid, and oppressively close; having a certain sensuality or sexual allure

synonym: hot, humid, oppressive

(1) **sultry** perfume, (2) **sultry** weather

The **sultry** summer heat made it difficult to sleep at night.

swamp

n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

synonym: marsh, mire, bog

(1) muddy **swamp**, (2) **swamp** tour

The lowland **swamp** was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

wasteland

n. a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value

synonym: desert, barren, wild

(1) post-apocalyptic **wasteland**, (2) nuclear **wasteland**

The abandoned industrial site is now a **wasteland** of decaying buildings and rusted machinery.

bayonet

n. a long, sharp-edged weapon, typically a knife or blade, attached to the muzzle end of a rifle or similar firearm,

used for close combat, allowing soldiers to engage in hand-to-hand combat after firing their weapons if necessary

synonym : dagger, blade, pike

(1) combat **bayonet**, (2) **bayonet** training

The troops trained extensively in **bayonet** techniques to prepare for combat.

stomp

v. to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step

synonym : trample, tread, dance

(1) **stomp** off to the room, (2) **stomp** on his foot

The children **stomped** their feet in time to the music.

lug

v. to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion

synonym : carry, haul, transport

(1) **lug** a hose, (2) **lug** my son into a room

He had to **lug** the heavy suitcase up the stairs.

duffel

n. a large cylindrical bag, usually made of cloth or canvas, used for carrying personal belongings, especially during travel or sports activities

synonym : gym bag, satchel, knapsack

(1) canvas **duffel**, (2) waterproof **duffel**

He packed all his clothes and gear into his **duffel** bag for the camping trip.

confine

v. to restrict the movement of someone or something

synonym : restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

sentry

n. a person assigned to stand guard and keep watch, often at a military post, entrance, or other strategic location, whose role is to observe and protect against potential threats or dangers

synonym : guard, watchman, sentinel

(1) **sentry** duty, (2) night **sentry**

The castle's **sentry** tower provided a strategic vantage point for spotting any approaching enemies.

barrack

v. to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel

synonym : house, lodge, cheer

(1) **barrack** room, (2) **barrack** the opposing team

The soldiers were instructed to **barrack** in the buildings until further notice.

latrine

n. a public or communal toilet, usually located outdoors or in the military, camping, or other semi-permanent settings

synonym : outhouse, lavatory, washroom

(1) outdoor **latrine**, (2) army **latrine**

During the exercise, the troops were forced to use a makeshift **latrine** in the field.

adaptable

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

synonym : flexible, adjustable, elastic

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

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

grotesque

adj. bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre

synonym : bizarre, deformed, monstrous

(1) have **grotesque** design, (2) **grotesque** appearance

The **grotesque** sculpture made me feel uneasy.

louse

n. a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person

synonym : bug, insect, parasite

(1) pubic **louse**, (2) **louse** egg

The child was sent home from school because of a lice infestation caused by one **louse**.

hostility

n. aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

synonym : antagonism, antipathy, estrangement

(1) an act of **hostility**, (2) bitter **hostility**

Her unconcealed **hostility** made us unpleasant.

skid

v. to slide or slip on a surface, especially in an uncontrolled or unsafe manner; to come to a sudden halt or stop with a scraping or sliding noise; (noun) a sliding or slipping motion of a vehicle, usually sideways or out of control, due to a loss of traction with the road surface

synonym : slide, slip, glide

(1) cause the tires to **skid**, (2) **skid** steer

The car started to **skid** on the icy road, but the driver was able to regain control.

derelict

adj. abandoned or neglectful; failing to fulfill one's duties or responsibilities

synonym : neglected, abandoned, forsaken

(1) **derelict** car, (2) **derelict** property

The park was filled with overgrown grass and **derelict** benches.

stench

n. a strong or unpleasant odor; a foul or nauseating smell

synonym : stench, odor, smell

(1) bad **stench**, (2) strong **stench**

The **stench** of rotting garbage wafted through the alleyway, making breathing hard.

hallway

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
synonym : foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor
He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

inalienable

adj. unable to be taken away, surrendered, or transferred to someone else; inherent and cannot be lost or given away

synonym : unforfeitable, unalienable, innate

(1) **inalienable** dignity, (2) **inalienable** possession

We all have certain **inalienable** rights that the law should protect.

cherish

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

synonym : treasure, value, hold dear

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

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

headquarter

n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

synonym : base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency **headquarter**

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

elector

n. a person who has the right to vote in an election

synonym : voter, constituent, citizen

(1) presidential **elector**, (2) qualified for an **elector**

The **elector** cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

patriotism

n. love and loyalty to one's country

synonym : nationalism, loyalty, devotion

(1) the spirit of **patriotism**, (2) fanatic **patriotism**

His actions were a testament to his deep love and **patriotism**

for his country.

slap

v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

synonym: smack, hit, whack

(1) **slap** on the back, (2) **slap** a heavy fine

The politician tried to **slap** down the rumors about his personal life.

categorize

v. to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.

synonym: classify, pigeonhole, sort

(1) **categorize** the image, (2) **categorize** the cause of failure

The biologist **categorized** the viruses into four groups.

irrational

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

synonym: illogical, ludicrous, senseless

(1) an **irrational** request, (2) **irrational** numbers

They continued to endure **irrational** treatment by the dictatorship.

astound

v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

synonym: amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer

The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

abrogate

v. to repeal, revoke, or annul a law, agreement, or obligation, often through official means or legal process; to abolish or cancel something that was previously in effect

synonym: revoke, nullify, cancel

(1) **abrogate** a responsibility, (2) **abrogate** a contract

The government decided to **abrogate** the outdated law and

implement a new one that better serves the needs of the citizens.

segregate

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

synonym: isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.

valor

n. courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; heroic qualities or actions

synonym: bravery, courage, heroism

(1) **valor** in war, (2) show **valor**

The soldier was awarded a medal of **valor** for his heroic actions in combat.

casualty

n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

synonym: victim, injured, fatality

(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**

Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car accident.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

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**.

impregnable

adj. impossible to enter, capture, or defeat; difficult to argue against or resist

synonym : unassailable, unyielding, invulnerable

(1) **impregnable** self-confidence, (2) in an **impregnable** position

His argument was so well-reasoned that it seemed almost **impregnable**.

battalion

n. a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major

synonym : unit, regiment, squad

(1) infantry **battalion**, (2) armored **battalion**

The enemy forces were no match for the well-trained **battalion**.

stalemate

n. a situation in which neither side of a conflict or dispute can make progress or gain an advantage, typically resulting in a deadlock or impasse

synonym : deadlock, impasse, standstill

(1) political **stalemate**, (2) **stalemate** situation

The negotiations between the two companies reached a **stalemate**, and neither side would compromise.

ravine

n. a deep, narrow gorge or valley with steep sides, often carved by the flow of water or a landslide

synonym : canyon, gorge, gulch

(1) **ravine** trail, (2) steep **ravine**

The hiker fell into a **ravine** and had to be rescued by a helicopter.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym : welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

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.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

Session 2: Spelling

1. st__p off to the room *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
2. outdoor la____e *n.* a public or communal toilet, usually located outdoors or in the military, camping, or other semi-permanent settings
3. ra___e trail *n.* a deep, narrow gorge or valley with steep sides, often carved by the flow of water or a landslide
4. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
5. hi____de vineyard *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
6. bitter ho_____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
7. st_____te situation *n.* a situation in which neither side of a conflict or dispute can make progress or gain an advantage, typically resulting in a deadlock or impasse
8. presidential el_____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
9. civilian ca_____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

ANSWERS: 1. stomp, 2. latrine, 3. ravine, 4. opportune, 5. hillside, 6. hostility, 7. stalemate, 8. elector, 9. casualty

10. post-apocalyptic wa_____nd *n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
11. ba_____k room *v.* to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel
12. ba_____k the opposing team *v.* to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel
13. se_____te by race *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
14. s__r to new heights *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
15. an emergency hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
16. waterproof du____l *n.* a large cylindrical bag, usually made of cloth or canvas, used for carrying personal belongings, especially during travel or sports activities

ANSWERS: 10. wasteland, 11. barrack, 12. barrack, 13. segregate, 14. soar, 15. headquarter, 16. duffel

17. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
18. in an imp_____le position *adj.* impossible to enter, capture, or defeat; difficult to argue against or resist
19. gr_____ue appearance *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
20. sw__p tour *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
21. prehuman an_____ry *n.* the family or the ethnic descent that you come from
22. wax a ha_____y floor *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
23. as_____d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
24. su____y perfume *adj.* hot, humid, and oppressively close; having a certain sensuality or sexual allure
25. an ad_____le person *adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
26. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
27. cl__g tightly to the skin *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
28. st__p on his foot *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step

ANSWERS: 17. opportune, 18. impregnable, 19. grotesque, 20. swamp, 21. ancestry, 22. hallway, 23. astound, 24. sultry, 25. adaptable, 26. grandchild, 27. cling, 28. stomp

29. ab____te a contract *v.* to repeal, revoke, or annul a law, agreement, or obligation, often through official means or legal process; to abolish or cancel something that was previously in effect
30. aim a b__b *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
31. global warming hy____ia *n.* a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled
32. ina____le possession *adj.* unable to be taken away, surrendered, or transferred to someone else; inherent and cannot be lost or given away
33. administrative hea____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
34. cl__g onto power *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
35. cat____ze the image *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
36. im____on illegal immigrant *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
37. ba____t training *n.* a long, sharp-edged weapon, typically a knife or blade, attached to the muzzle end of a rifle or similar firearm, used for close combat, allowing soldiers to engage in hand-to-hand combat after firing their weapons if necessary

ANSWERS: 29. abrogate, 30. barb, 31. hysteria, 32. inalienable, 33. headquarter, 34. cling, 35. categorize, 36. imprison, 37. bayonet

38. ab____te a responsibility *v.* to repeal, revoke, or annul a law, agreement, or obligation, often through official means or legal process; to abolish or cancel something that was previously in effect
39. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
40. qualified for an el____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
41. nuclear wa_____nd *n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
42. military ca____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
43. de____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
44. irr_____al numbers *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
45. s__d steer *v.* to slide or slip on a surface, especially in an uncontrolled or unsafe manner; to come to a sudden halt or stop with a scraping or sliding noise; (noun) a sliding or slipping motion of a vehicle, usually sideways or out of control, due to a loss of traction with the road surface

ANSWERS: 38. abrogate, 39. greet, 40. elector, 41. wasteland, 42. casualty, 43. dedicate, 44. irrational, 45. skid

46. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
47. su___y weather *adj.* hot, humid, and oppressively close; having a certain sensuality or sexual allure
48. armored ba_____on *n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
49. anxiety hy_____ia *n.* a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled
50. se_____te boys and girls *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
51. b__b wire *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
52. combat ba_____t *n.* a long, sharp-edged weapon, typically a knife or blade, attached to the muzzle end of a rifle or similar firearm, used for close combat, allowing soldiers to engage in hand-to-hand combat after firing their weapons if necessary
53. the spirit of pat_____sm *n.* love and loyalty to one's country
54. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 46. grandchild, 47. sultry, 48. battalion, 49. hysteria, 50. segregate, 51. barb, 52. bayonet, 53. patriotism, 54. germ

55. political st_____te *n.* a situation in which neither side of a conflict or dispute can make progress or gain an advantage, typically resulting in a deadlock or impasse
56. cause the tires to s__d *v.* to slide or slip on a surface, especially in an uncontrolled or unsafe manner; to come to a sudden halt or stop with a scraping or sliding noise; (noun) a sliding or slipping motion of a vehicle, usually sideways or out of control, due to a loss of traction with the road surface
57. s__p on the back *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
58. de_____ct property *adj.* abandoned or neglectful; failing to fulfill one's duties or responsibilities
59. s__r in popularity *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
60. a distinguished an_____ry *n.* the family or the ethnic descent that you come from
61. co_____e the scope of use *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
62. im_____on myself within the room *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
63. co_____e themselves solely *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something

ANSWERS: 55. stalemate, 56. skid, 57. slap, 58. derelict, 59. soar, 60. ancestry, 61. confine, 62. imprison, 63. confine

64. night se___y *n.* a person assigned to stand guard and keep watch, often at a military post, entrance, or other strategic location, whose role is to observe and protect against potential threats or dangers
65. imp_____le self-confidence *adj.* impossible to enter, capture, or defeat; difficult to argue against or resist
66. as_____d the viewer *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
67. s__p a heavy fine *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
68. bl_____r after walking for miles *n.* a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely
69. pubic lo___e *n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person
70. cat_____ze the cause of failure *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
71. ch_____h a stuffed animal *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

ANSWERS: 64. sentry, 65. impregnable, 66. astound, 67. slap, 68. blister, 69. louse, 70. categorize, 71. cherish

72. se___y duty *n.* a person assigned to stand guard and keep watch, often at a military post, entrance, or other strategic location, whose role is to observe and protect against potential threats or dangers
73. the head of a ha_____y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
74. va__r in war *n.* courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; heroic qualities or actions
75. canvas du___l *n.* a large cylindrical bag, usually made of cloth or canvas, used for carrying personal belongings, especially during travel or sports activities
76. l_g my son into a room *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
77. hi_____de landscape *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
78. de_____ct car *adj.* abandoned or neglectful; failing to fulfill one's duties or responsibilities
79. strong st___h *n.* a strong or unpleasant odor; a foul or nauseating smell
80. pl___e into the water *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
81. steep ra___e *n.* a deep, narrow gorge or valley with steep sides, often carved by the flow of water or a landslide

ANSWERS: 72. sentry, 73. hallway, 74. valor, 75. duffel, 76. lug, 77. hillside, 78. derelict, 79. stench, 80. plunge, 81. ravine

82. a de____te scene *adj.* deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
83. de____te moon *adj.* deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
84. l_g a hose *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
85. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
86. have gr_____ue design *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
87. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
88. lo__e egg *n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person
89. ina_____le dignity *adj.* unable to be taken away, surrendered, or transferred to someone else; inherent and cannot be lost or given away
90. bl_____r treatment *n.* a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely

ANSWERS: 82. desolate, 83. desolate, 84. lug, 85. greet, 86. grotesque, 87. germ, 88. louse, 89. inalienable, 90. blister

91. muddy sw__p *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
92. ad_____le enough for the environment *adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
93. an act of ho_____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
94. bad st___h *n.* a strong or unpleasant odor; a foul or nauseating smell
95. 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
96. army la_____e *n.* a public or communal toilet, usually located outdoors or in the military, camping, or other semi-permanent settings
97. fanatic pat_____sm *n.* love and loyalty to one's country
98. an irr_____al request *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
99. show va__r *n.* courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; heroic qualities or actions
100. ch_____h relationships *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
101. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

ANSWERS: 91. swamp, 92. adaptable, 93. hostility, 94. stench, 95. plunge, 96. latrine, 97. patriotism, 98. irrational, 99. valor, 100. cherish, 101. dedicate

102. infantry ba_____on

n. a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major

ANSWERS: 102. battalion

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We all have certain _____ rights that the law should protect.
adj. unable to be taken away, surrendered, or transferred to someone else; inherent and cannot be lost or given away
2. He was _____ for embezzlement.
v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
3. The lowland _____ was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.
n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
4. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
n. a child of someone's son or daughter
5. The animal was _____ in a small cage.
v. to restrict the movement of someone or something
6. The new hiking shoes gave me a _____ on my heel after just a few miles of walking.
n. a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely
7. 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

ANSWERS: 1. inalienable, 2. imprisoned, 3. swamp, 4. grandchild, 5. confined, 6. blister, 7. clings

8. The soldiers were instructed to _____ in the buildings until further notice.
- v.* to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel
9. We seek a candidate who possesses _____ fighting potential.
- adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
10. The troops trained extensively in _____ techniques to prepare for combat.
- n.* a long, sharp-edged weapon, typically a knife or blade, attached to the muzzle end of a rifle or similar firearm, used for close combat, allowing soldiers to engage in hand-to-hand combat after firing their weapons if necessary
11. The park was filled with overgrown grass and _____ benches.
- adj.* abandoned or neglectful; failing to fulfill one's duties or responsibilities
12. 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
13. There was mass _____ when the team won a championship.
- n.* a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled
14. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
15. He looked down on the royal _____ of the neighboring country.
- n.* the family or the ethnic descent that you come from

ANSWERS: 8. barrack, 9. adaptable, 10. bayonet, 11. derelict, 12. plunged, 13. hysteria, 14. opportune, 15. ancestry

16. The company decided to move its _____ to New York City.
n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
17. 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
18. The politician's words were full of _____ designed to hurt his opponent.
n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
19. The enemy forces were no match for the well-trained _____.
n. a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
20. The abandoned industrial site is now a _____ of decaying buildings and rusted machinery.
n. a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
21. He dashed down a _____ to a bathroom.
n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
22. The _____ of rotting garbage wafted through the alleyway, making breathing hard.
n. a strong or unpleasant odor; a foul or nauseating smell
23. The negotiations between the two companies reached a _____ and neither side would compromise.
n. a situation in which neither side of a conflict or dispute can make progress or gain an advantage, typically resulting in a deadlock or impasse

ANSWERS: 16. headquarters, 17. hillside, 18. barbs, 19. battalion, 20. wasteland, 21. hallway, 22. stench, 23. stalemate,

24. The car started to _____ on the icy road, but the driver was able to regain control.
- v.* to slide or slip on a surface, especially in an uncontrolled or unsafe manner; to come to a sudden halt or stop with a scraping or sliding noise; (noun) a sliding or slipping motion of a vehicle, usually sideways or out of control, due to a loss of traction with the road surface
25. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.
- v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
26. The _____ cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.
- n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
27. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
- n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
28. The child was sent home from school because of a lice infestation caused by one _____.
- n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person
29. The final result was nothing short of _____.
- v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
30. The hiker fell into a _____ and had to be rescued by a helicopter.
- n.* a deep, narrow gorge or valley with steep sides, often carved by the flow of water or a landslide
31. His argument was so well-reasoned that it seemed almost _____.
- adj.* impossible to enter, capture, or defeat; difficult to argue against or resist

ANSWERS: 24. skid, 25. greeted, 26. elector, 27. germ, 28. louse, 29. astounding, 30. ravine, 31. impregnable

32. The politician tried to _____ down the rumors about his personal life.
v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
33. The deserted island was _____ and uninhabited.
adj. deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
34. The _____ sculpture made me feel uneasy.
adj. bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
35. Unfortunately, the driver was the only _____ in the car accident.
n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
36. The bird _____ through the sky, and its wings spread wide.
v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
37. The soldier was awarded a medal of _____ for his heroic actions in combat.
n. courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; heroic qualities or actions
38. They continued to endure _____ treatment by the dictatorship.
adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
39. The _____ summer heat made it difficult to sleep at night.
adj. hot, humid, and oppressively close; having a certain sensuality or sexual allure
40. During the exercise, the troops were forced to use a makeshift _____ in the field.
n. a public or communal toilet, usually located outdoors or in the military, camping, or other semi-permanent settings

ANSWERS: 32. slap, 33. desolate, 34. grotesque, 35. casualty, 36. soared, 37. valor, 38. irrational, 39. sultry, 40. latrine

41. He packed all his clothes and gear into his _____ bag for the camping trip.
n. a large cylindrical bag, usually made of cloth or canvas, used for carrying personal belongings, especially during travel or sports activities
42. His actions were a testament to his deep love and _____ for his country.
n. love and loyalty to one's country
43. He had to ____ the heavy suitcase up the stairs.
v. to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
44. The castle's _____ tower provided a strategic vantage point for spotting any approaching enemies.
n. a person assigned to stand guard and keep watch, often at a military post, entrance, or other strategic location, whose role is to observe and protect against potential threats or dangers
45. Her unconcealed _____ made us unpleasant.
n. aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
46. She _____ the memories of her childhood.
v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
47. The biologist _____ the viruses into four groups.
v. to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
48. The government decided to _____ the outdated law and implement a new one that better serves the needs of the citizens.
v. to repeal, revoke, or annul a law, agreement, or obligation, often through official means or legal process; to abolish or cancel something that was previously in effect

ANSWERS: 41. duffel, 42. patriotism, 43. lug, 44. sentry, 45. hostility, 46. cherished, 47. categorized, 48. abrogate

49. The school board decided to _____ students by the ability to meet their needs better.

- v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

50. He _____ his life to helping others.

- v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

51. The children _____ their feet in time to the music.

- v. to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step

ANSWERS: 49. segregate, 50. dedicated, 51. stomped