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Session 1: Word List

curdle

v. to separate or cause to separate into solid lumps, particularly as a result of spoilage or by the addition of an acidic substance; to cause someone to feel uncomfortable or uneasy

synonym: clot, solidify, curd

(1) make his blood **curdle**, (2) start to **curdle** in the hot sun
If you add lemon juice to milk, it will **curdle** and form chunks.

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym: envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

hatch

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

synonym: incubate, breed, produce

(1) **hatch** a plan, (2) **hatch** a baby chick

The eggs began to **hatch**, and the small chicks emerged.

devious

adj. cunning and deceitful; not straightforward; tricky

synonym : cunning, deceitful, tricky

(1) **devious** plot, (2) use **devious** methods

The **devious** plan to cheat on the test was foiled by the teacher.

lurk

v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

synonym : hide, creep, stalk

(1) **lurked** behind the words, (2) **lurk** in the darkness

In the city, the risk of traffic accidents **lurks** at every corner.

creep

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

synonym : crawl, glide, encroach

(1) **creep** along the leaf, (2) **creep** toward the mouse

Aging **creeps** up slowly with time.

fiddle

v. to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage

synonym : tinker, diddle, play

(1) **fiddle** with a PC, (2) **fiddle** away the whole afternoon

She was able to **fiddle** a free trip to the United States.

demote

v. to lower in rank, position, or status; to reduce or downgrade someone's authority or responsibilities

synonym : downgrade, lower, demerit

(1) **demote** an employee, (2) **demote** a song from the top charts

His poor performance caused the coach to **demote** him to the bench.

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**.

frenzy

n. a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior

synonym: frenetic, commotion, tumult

(1) **frenzy** of activity, (2) buying **frenzy**

The shoppers were **frenzy** to get the best deals on Black Friday.

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

baffle

v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

synonym: perplex, astound, hinder

(1) **baffle** his plan, (2) **baffle** outside noises

The paradox **baffled** most philosophers.

blatantly

adv. in a way that is very obvious, unsubtle, or conspicuous; without any attempt to conceal or disguise

synonym: openly, candidly, overtly

(1) **blatantly** obvious, (2) **blatantly** unfair

She **blatantly** ignored his warning and continued with her dangerous behavior.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym: extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

primate

n. any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans

synonym : ape, monkey, lemur

(1) **primate** species, (2) **primate** sanctuary

Many scientists study **primate** behavior and intelligence.

bluebird

n. a small, predominantly blue-colored bird, often symbolizing happiness and cheerfulness

(1) **bluebird** feathers, (2) **bluebird** habitat

I awoke to the sweet sound of a **bluebird** singing outside my window.

longevity

n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

synonym : seniority, endurance

(1) **longevity** crisis, (2) **longevity** genes

He is proud of the **longevity** of the business.

exaggeration

n. an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is

synonym : hyperbole, overstatement, embellishment

(1) sensational **exaggeration**, (2) minimal **exaggeration**

His story was filled with obvious **exaggerations**.

odyssey

n. a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy

(1) go on a serious **odyssey**, (2) cross-country **odyssey**

He continued the extraordinary **odyssey** with his brother.

fury

n. intense and often violent anger

synonym : rage, wrath, ire

(1) market **fury**, (2) **fury** of the storm

The crowd's **fury** was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.

centennial

n. a 100th anniversary or celebration of an event that occurred 100 years ago

synonym: centenary, hundredth anniversary, hundred-year celebration

(1) **centennial** park, (2) **centennial** history

The town celebrated its **centennial** with a parade and fireworks display.

exhaustive

adj. comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned

synonym: thorough, complete, comprehensive

(1) **exhaustive** study, (2) **exhaustive** review

The team conducted an **exhaustive** search for the missing hiker, but unfortunately, she was never found.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

moisten

v. to make slightly damp or wet; to add moisture or humidity to something, often to improve its texture or taste

synonym: dampen, humidify, moistify

(1) **moisten** the air, (2) **moisten** the cloth

I need to **moisten** the soil before planting the flowers.

lavender

n. a fragrant herb of the mint family, typically having purple or blue flowers, sometimes used for its soothing scent in aromatherapy or as a flavoring in cooking and baking

(1) **lavender** fields, (2) **lavender-scented** bath products

I love the soothing scent of **lavender** essential oil.

pitiless

adj. without pity or mercy; relentless; ruthless; displaying no compassion or concern for the suffering or well-being of others

synonym : cruel, heartless, ruthless

(1) **pitiless** treatment, (2) **pitiless** injustice

The **pitiless** dictator showed no mercy to anyone who opposed him.

formidable

adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

synonym : daunting, intimidating, fearful

(1) **formidable** challenge, (2) **formidable** competitor

The mountain range was a **formidable** obstacle for the hikers.

impediment

n. a hindrance or obstruction in doing something

synonym : obstacle, hindrance, barrier

(1) have a speech **impediment**, (2) biological **impediment**

The language barrier was an **impediment** to their communication.

teller

n. a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience

synonym : cashier, bank clerk, clerk

(1) fortune- **teller**, (2) **teller** machine

The bank **teller** carefully counted the money before handing it to the customer.

recoil

v. to spring or flinch back, as in surprise, fear, or pain

synonym : flinch, shy, shrink

(1) **recoil** in horror, (2) **recoil** from a snake

The gun **recoiled** with a loud bang.

concede

v. to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly

synonym : admit, acknowledge, allow

(1) **concede** a territory, (2) **concede** a point
He had to **concede** defeat after losing the game.

throe

n. a severe or intense spasm of pain, such as a pang of childbirth or the spasms of a dying person; a period of intense stress or difficulty

synonym: spasm, pang, throb

(1) the **throes** of a financial crisis, (2) **throes** of death
She writhed in the **throes** of pain during labor.

doorway

n. an opening in a wall for a door to fit into

synonym: entrance, portal, gateway

(1) a wide **doorway**, (2) **doorway** to success
He leaned against the **doorway**, waiting for her to come home.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym: graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food
He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

repugnant

adj. causing strong disgust, aversion, or offense; highly offensive or objectionable

synonym: disgusting, offensive, revolting

(1) **repugnant** odor, (2) **repugnant** attitude
The dictator's **repugnant** actions have been condemned by leaders worldwide.

intellect

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

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**
Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

intolerable

adj. incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable
synonym : agonizing, insufferable, unbearable

(1) **intolerable** situation, (2) the heat is **intolerable**

Chronic pain from the side effects of treatment made her life **intolerable**.

crux

n. the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

synonym : heart, core, essence

(1) main **crux**, (2) the **crux** of the argument

The **crux** of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.

elicit

v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty

synonym : bring out, obtain, evoke

(1) **elicit** a confession, (2) **elicit** a solution

Have you **elicited** a response from them yet?

gamut

n. the complete range or scope of something; the entire spectrum or extent of a particular quality, emotion, or situation

synonym : range, spectrum, array

(1) musical **gamut**, (2) **gamut** of jobs

The actress's performance ran the **gamut** of emotions, from anger to joy to sorrow.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym : allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym : amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

blameless

adj. without fault or guilt

synonym : guiltless, innocent, sinless

(1) **blameless** victim, (2) live a **blameless** life

The judge declared the defendant **blameless**.

unintentional

adj. not done or made on purpose; accidental

synonym : accidental, unforeseen, spontaneous

(1) avoid **unintentional** harm, (2) **unintentional** insult

The mistake was **unintentional** and made in good faith.

custodian

n. a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important

synonym : caretaker, keeper, guardian

(1) **custodian** bank, (2) **custodian** of the records

The school **custodian** worked tirelessly to keep the building clean and maintained for the students and faculty.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym : stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction
Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

inventive

adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas

synonym: imaginative, creative, innovative

(1) have the **inventive** talent, (2) **inventive** approach
All language around the world is consistently **inventive** but not intrusive.

vile

adj. highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence

synonym: disgusting, repulsive, despicable

(1) **vile** behavior, (2) **vile** language
The **vile** smell coming from the dumpster was unbearable.

admiration

n. the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something

synonym: respect, esteem, appreciation

(1) ungrudging **admiration**, (2) **admiration** by other people
The artist received **admiration** for their work from critics and fans alike.

muddle

v. to mix up or confuse something; to make a mess of something; to create disorder or chaos

synonym: confuse, jumble, mix up

(1) **muddle** the instructions, (2) **muddle** the situation
I accidentally **muddled** up the reports and need help to tell which.

pierce

v. to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument

synonym: jab, penetrate, stab

(1) **pierce** the armored shells, (2) **pierce** a mystery
The extreme cold **pierced** our bones.

floorboard

n. a long, thin plank of wood used to make a floor in a building, typically laid lengthwise, one overlapping the other

synonym : plank, board, panel

(1) **floorboard** creaks, (2) hardwood **floorboard**

The **floorboard** in my bedroom is creaking and needs to be repaired.

envious

adj. feeling or showing envy, which is the desire to have or possess something that belongs to someone else, often accompanied by a feeling of resentment or discontent; characterized by jealousy

synonym : jealous, covetous, green-eyed

(1) **envious** gaze, (2) feel **envious**

She was **envious** of her friend's success in the stock market.

envy

v. to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

synonym : covet, resent, grudge

(1) **envy** his success, (2) feeling **envy** toward him

I can't help but **envy** my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

nemesis

n. an archenemy, opponent, or rival who is often seen as a personification of retribution or divine justice; a downfall or undoing that is a consequence of one's actions

synonym : foe, adversary, rival

(1) personal **nemesis**, (2) athletic **nemesis**

The CEO's **nemesis** was a competing business that refused to go out of business.

mastermind

v. to plan, organize, or oversee a complex scheme or project; to be the central or key person behind a brilliant or intricate plan or idea

synonym : plan, orchestrate, scheme

(1) **mastermind** a plan, (2) **mastermind** a general strike

The detective **masterminded** the entire operation to catch the thief red-handed.

resent

v. to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something

synonym : dislike, begrudge, envy

(1) **resent** being called a fool, (2) **resent** their success

He couldn't help but **resent** his friend for always taking credit for his ideas.

seethe

v. to be filled with intense but barely suppressed anger, resentment, or agitation; to boil or churn with inner turmoil or intense activity

synonym : fume, boil, rage

(1) **seethe** with anger, (2) **seethe** resentment

The tension between the two countries continued to **seethe** beneath the surface.

dazzle

v. to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.

synonym : sparkle, flash, astonish

(1) **dazzle** his eyes, (2) **dazzle** all who see it

The audience was **dazzled** by her realistic acting.

consolation

n. the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment

synonym: comfort, condolence, solacing

(1) a letter of **consolation**, (2) ask for **consolation** money

Your company has been a great **consolation** to me.

mystification

n. the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate

synonym: puzzle, perplexity, confusion

(1) **mystification** of the public, (2) **mystification** of the subject

The magician's tricks were a source of **mystification** for the audience.

domesticate

v. to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

synonym: tame, naturalize, cultivate

(1) easy to **domesticate**, (2) **domesticate** the plant

We **domesticate** cows to gain milk and meat.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

Session 2: Spelling

1. main c__x *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
2. pr_____e sanctuary *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
3. lo_____ty crisis *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
4. re___t their success *v.* to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something
5. ga__t of jobs *n.* the complete range or scope of something; the entire spectrum or extent of a particular quality, emotion, or situation
6. minimal exa_____ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
7. cu_____an bank *n.* a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important
8. mas_____nd a plan *v.* to plan, organize, or oversee a complex scheme or project; to be the central or key person behind a brilliant or intricate plan or idea

ANSWERS: 1. crux, 2. primate, 3. longevity, 4. resent, 5. gamut, 6. exaggeration, 7. custodian, 8. mastermind

9. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
10. biological imp_____nt *n.* a hindrance or obstruction in doing something
11. ask for con_____on money *n.* the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment
12. hardwood flo_____rd *n.* a long, thin plank of wood used to make a floor in a building, typically laid lengthwise, one overlapping the other
13. f__y of the storm *n.* intense and often violent anger
14. athletic ne_____s *n.* an archenemy, opponent, or rival who is often seen as a personification of retribution or divine justice; a downfall or undoing that is a consequence of one's actions
15. cr__p along the leaf *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
16. make his blood cu___e *v.* to separate or cause to separate into solid lumps, particularly as a result of spoilage or by the addition of an acidic substance; to cause someone to feel uncomfortable or uneasy
17. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
18. start to cu___e in the hot sun *v.* to separate or cause to separate into solid lumps, particularly as a result of spoilage or by the addition of an acidic substance; to cause someone to feel uncomfortable or uneasy

ANSWERS: 9. intellect, 10. impediment, 11. consolation, 12. floorboard, 13. fury, 14. nemesis, 15. creep, 16. curdle, 17. terrifying, 18. curdle

19. the pe_____ve odor of garlic *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
20. dom_____te the plant *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
21. bl_____ly obvious *adv.* in a way that is very obvious, unsubtle, or conspicuous; without any attempt to conceal or disguise
22. cen_____al park *n.* a 100th anniversary or celebration of an event that occurred 100 years ago
23. ha__h a plan *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
24. da___e his eyes *v.* to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.
25. de___e a song from the top charts *v.* to lower in rank, position, or status; to reduce or downgrade someone's authority or responsibilities
26. market f__y *n.* intense and often violent anger
27. fi___e away the whole afternoon *v.* to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage
28. fi___e with a PC *v.* to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage

ANSWERS: 19. pervasive, 20. domesticate, 21. blatantly, 22. centennial, 23. hatch, 24. dazzle, 25. demote, 26. fury, 27. fiddle, 28. fiddle

29. ap_____ng crimes *adj.* causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant
30. l__k in the darkness *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
31. for_____le competitor *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
32. v__e language *adj.* highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence
33. da___e all who see it *v.* to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.
34. in_____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
35. de___e an employee *v.* to lower in rank, position, or status; to reduce or downgrade someone's authority or responsibilities
36. lo_____ty genes *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
37. pi___e a mystery *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
38. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

ANSWERS: 29. appalling, 30. lurk, 31. formidable, 32. vile, 33. dazzle, 34. intensify, 35. demote, 36. longevity, 37. pierce, 38. entitle

39. int_____le situation *adj.* incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable
40. easy to dom_____te *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
41. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
42. ba___e his plan *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
43. ha__h a baby chick *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
44. br___e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
45. re_____nt odor *adj.* causing strong disgust, aversion, or offense; highly offensive or objectionable
46. mu___e the situation *v.* to mix up or confuse something; to make a mess of something; to create disorder or chaos
47. feeling e__y toward him *v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

ANSWERS: 39. intolerable, 40. domesticate, 41. rev, 42. baffle, 43. hatch, 44. bribe, 45. repugnant, 46. muddle, 47. envy

48. bl____rd habitat *n.* a small, predominantly blue-colored bird, often symbolizing happiness and cheerfulness
49. mu___e the instructions *v.* to mix up or confuse something; to make a mess of something; to create disorder or chaos
50. sensational exa_____ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
51. burn with je____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
52. re___l in horror *v.* to spring or flinch back, as in surprise, fear, or pain
53. fortune-te___r *n.* a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience
54. ba___e outside noises *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
55. avoid uni_____nal harm *adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
56. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 48. bluebird, 49. muddle, 50. exaggeration, 51. jealousy, 52. recoil, 53. teller, 54. baffle, 55. unintentional, 56. rev

57. en_____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
58. mo_____n the cloth *v.* to make slightly damp or wet; to add moisture or humidity to something, often to improve its texture or taste
59. go on a serious od_____y *n.* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy
60. cr__p toward the mouse *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
61. se___e with anger *v.* to be filled with intense but barely suppressed anger, resentment, or agitation; to boil or churn with inner turmoil or intense activity
62. bl_____ss victim *adj.* without fault or guilt
63. use de_____s methods *adj.* cunning and deceitful; not straightforward; tricky
64. l__ked behind the words *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
65. uni_____nal insult *adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
66. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
67. exh_____ve review *adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned

ANSWERS: 57. entitle, 58. moisten, 59. odyssey, 60. creep, 61. seethe, 62. blameless, 63. devious, 64. lurk, 65. unintentional, 66. intellect, 67. exhaustive

68. do____y to success *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
69. pi___e the armored shells *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
70. en____s gaze *adj.* feeling or showing envy, which is the desire to have or possess something that belongs to someone else, often accompanied by a feeling of resentment or discontent; characterized by jealousy
71. ap_____ng behavior *adj.* causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant
72. cross-country od____y *n.* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy
73. co____e a territory *v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
74. pi____ss injustice *adj.* without pity or mercy; relentless; ruthless; displaying no compassion or concern for the suffering or well-being of others
75. buying fr____y *n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
76. cu_____an of the records *n.* a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important

ANSWERS: 68. doorway, 69. pierce, 70. envious, 71. appalling, 72. odyssey, 73. concede, 74. pitiless, 75. frenzy, 76. custodian

77. el___t a solution *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
78. personal ne____s *n.* an archenemy, opponent, or rival who is often seen as a personification of retribution or divine justice; a downfall or undoing that is a consequence of one's actions
79. te___r machine *n.* a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience
80. mas_____nd a general strike *v.* to plan, organize, or oversee a complex scheme or project; to be the central or key person behind a brilliant or intricate plan or idea
81. bl_____ly unfair *adv.* in a way that is very obvious, unsubtle, or conspicuous; without any attempt to conceal or disguise
82. a letter of con_____on *n.* the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment
83. la_____er-scented bath products *n.* a fragrant herb of the mint family, typically having purple or blue flowers, sometimes used for its soothing scent in aromatherapy or as a flavoring in cooking and baking
84. e__y his success *v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

ANSWERS: 77. elicit, 78. nemesis, 79. teller, 80. mastermind, 81. blatantly, 82. consolation, 83. lavender, 84. envy

85. flo_____rd creaks *n.* a long, thin plank of wood used to make a floor in a building, typically laid lengthwise, one overlapping the other
86. pr_____e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
87. a wide do_____y *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
88. for_____le challenge *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
89. the heat is int_____le *adj.* incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable
90. ungrudging adm_____on *n.* the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something
91. fr___y of activity *n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
92. live a bl_____ss life *adj.* without fault or guilt
93. pi_____ss treatment *adj.* without pity or mercy; relentless; ruthless; displaying no compassion or concern for the suffering or well-being of others
94. in_____fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
95. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
96. mys_____ion of the subject *n.* the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate

ANSWERS: 85. floorboard, 86. provoke, 87. doorway, 88. formidable, 89. intolerable, 90. admiration, 91. frenzy, 92. blameless, 93. pitiless, 94. intensify, 95. doe, 96. mystification

97. have a speech imp_____nt *n.* a hindrance or obstruction in doing something
98. je_____sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
99. la_____er fields *n.* a fragrant herb of the mint family, typically having purple or blue flowers, sometimes used for its soothing scent in aromatherapy or as a flavoring in cooking and baking
100. the th__es of a financial crisis *n.* a severe or intense spasm of pain, such as a pang of childbirth or the spasms of a dying person; a period of intense stress or difficulty
101. feel en_____s *adj.* feeling or showing envy, which is the desire to have or possess something that belongs to someone else, often accompanied by a feeling of resentment or discontent; characterized by jealousy
102. mys_____ion of the public *n.* the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
103. el____t a confession *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
104. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
105. co_____e a point *v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly

ANSWERS: 97. impediment, 98. jealousy, 99. lavender, 100. throe, 101. envious, 102. mystification, 103. elicit, 104. doe, 105. concede

106. mo_____n the air *v.* to make slightly damp or wet; to add moisture or humidity to something, often to improve its texture or taste
107. br__e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
108. musical ga__t *n.* the complete range or scope of something; the entire spectrum or extent of a particular quality, emotion, or situation
109. sen_____al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
110. pe_____ve language *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
111. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
112. bl_____rd feathers *n.* a small, predominantly blue-colored bird, often symbolizing happiness and cheerfulness
113. de_____s plot *adj.* cunning and deceitful; not straightforward; tricky
114. v__e behavior *adj.* highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence
115. have the in_____ve talent *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
116. in a sen_____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

ANSWERS: 106. moisten, 107. bribe, 108. gamut, 109. sentimental, 110. pervasive, 111. terrifying, 112. bluebird, 113. devious, 114. vile, 115. inventive, 116. sentimental

117. re___l from a snake *v.* to spring or flinch back, as in surprise, fear, or pain
118. cen_____al history *n.* a 100th anniversary or celebration of an event that occurred 100 years ago
119. pr_____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
120. pr_____e species *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
121. se___e resentment *v.* to be filled with intense but barely suppressed anger, resentment, or agitation; to boil or churn with inner turmoil or intense activity
122. ima_____ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
123. th__es of death *n.* a severe or intense spasm of pain, such as a pang of childbirth or the spasms of a dying person; a period of intense stress or difficulty
124. exh_____ve study *adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
125. in_____ve approach *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
126. capable of ima_____ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
127. adm_____on by other people *n.* the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something
128. re_____nt attitude *adj.* causing strong disgust, aversion, or offense; highly offensive or objectionable

ANSWERS: 117. recoil, 118. centennial, 119. provoke, 120. primate, 121. seethe, 122. imaginative, 123. throe, 124. exhaustive, 125. inventive, 126. imaginative, 127. admiration, 128. repugnant

129. the c__x of the argument

n. the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

130. re___t being called a fool

v. to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something

ANSWERS: 129. crux, 130. resent

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The bank _____ carefully counted the money before handing it to the customer.
n. a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience

2. All language around the world is consistently _____ but not intrusive.
adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas

3. He had to _____ defeat after losing the game.
v. to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly

4. I accidentally _____ up the reports and need help to tell which.
v. to mix up or confuse something; to make a mess of something; to create disorder or chaos

5. The _____ of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.
n. the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

6. He couldn't help but _____ his friend for always taking credit for his ideas.
v. to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something

7. The paradox _____ most philosophers.
v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

ANSWERS: 1. teller, 2. inventive, 3. concede, 4. muddled, 5. crux, 6. resent, 7. baffled

8. I love the soothing scent of _____ essential oil.
- n.* a fragrant herb of the mint family, typically having purple or blue flowers, sometimes used for its soothing scent in aromatherapy or as a flavoring in cooking and baking
9. The _____ in my bedroom is creaking and needs to be repaired.
- n.* a long, thin plank of wood used to make a floor in a building, typically laid lengthwise, one overlapping the other
10. The CEO's _____ was a competing business that refused to go out of business.
- n.* an archenemy, opponent, or rival who is often seen as a personification of retribution or divine justice; a downfall or undoing that is a consequence of one's actions
11. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.
- v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
12. The school _____ worked tirelessly to keep the building clean and maintained for the students and faculty.
- n.* a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important
13. The actress's performance ran the _____ of emotions, from anger to joy to sorrow.
- n.* the complete range or scope of something; the entire spectrum or extent of a particular quality, emotion, or situation

ANSWERS: 8. lavender, 9. floorboard, 10. nemesis, 11. entitled, 12. custodian, 13. gamut

14. Aging _____ up slowly with time.

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

15. The audience was _____ by her realistic acting.

v. to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.

16. I can't help but _____ my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.

v. to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

17. Suspicion and worry were _____ in our minds.

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

18. The _____ dictator showed no mercy to anyone who opposed him.

adj. without pity or mercy; relentless; ruthless; displaying no compassion or concern for the suffering or well-being of others

19. The extreme cold _____ our bones.

v. to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument

20. She was able to _____ a free trip to the United States.

v. to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage

21. The language barrier was an _____ to their communication.

n. a hindrance or obstruction in doing something

ANSWERS: 14. creeps, 15. dazzled, 16. envy, 17. pervasive, 18. pitiless, 19. pierced, 20. fiddle, 21. impediment

22. He tries to _____ the ship's captain to export illegal products.

- v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

23. The _____ smell coming from the dumpster was unbearable.

- adj.* highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence

24. The tension between the two countries continued to _____ beneath the surface.

- v.* to be filled with intense but barely suppressed anger, resentment, or agitation; to boil or churn with inner turmoil or intense activity

25. He is proud of the _____ of the business.

- n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

26. The eggs began to _____ and the small chicks emerged.

- v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

27. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

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

28. She was _____ of her friend's success in the stock market.

- adj.* feeling or showing envy, which is the desire to have or possess something that belongs to someone else, often accompanied by a feeling of resentment or discontent; characterized by jealousy

29. The town celebrated its _____ with a parade and fireworks display.

- n.* a 100th anniversary or celebration of an event that occurred 100 years ago

ANSWERS: 22. bribe, 23. vile, 24. seethe, 25. longevity, 26. hatch, 27. intellect, 28. envious, 29. centennial

30. She writhed in the _____ of pain during labor.

n. a severe or intense spasm of pain, such as a pang of childbirth or the spasms of a dying person; a period of intense stress or difficulty

31. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

32. The mistake was _____ and made in good faith.

adj. not done or made on purpose; accidental

33. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

34. He continued the extraordinary _____ with his brother.

n. a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy

35. The crowd's _____ was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.

n. intense and often violent anger

36. Many scientists study _____ behavior and intelligence.

n. any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans

37. The shoppers were _____ to get the best deals on Black Friday.

n. a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior

ANSWERS: 30. throes, 31. sentimental, 32. unintentional, 33. provoked, 34. odyssey, 35. fury, 36. primate, 37. frenzy

38. His poor performance caused the coach to _____ him to the bench.

- v.* to lower in rank, position, or status; to reduce or downgrade someone's authority or responsibilities

39. She is a hard worker but not very _____.

- adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas

40. Rebels have pledged to _____ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

- v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

41. His story was filled with obvious _____.

- n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is

42. The mountain range was a _____ obstacle for the hikers.

- adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

43. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.

- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

44. If you add lemon juice to milk, it will _____ and form chunks.

- v.* to separate or cause to separate into solid lumps, particularly as a result of spoilage or by the addition of an acidic substance; to cause someone to feel uncomfortable or uneasy

45. The judge declared the defendant _____.

- adj.* without fault or guilt

ANSWERS: 38. demote, 39. imaginative, 40. intensify, 41. exaggerations, 42. formidable, 43. rev, 44. curdle, 45. blameless

46. The dictator's _____ actions have been condemned by leaders worldwide.
adj. causing strong disgust, aversion, or offense; highly offensive or objectionable
47. Your company has been a great _____ to me.
n. the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment
48. The team conducted an _____ search for the missing hiker, but unfortunately, she was never found.
adj. comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
49. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
50. We _____ cows to gain milk and meat.
v. to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
51. In the city, the risk of traffic accidents _____ at every corner.
v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
52. The detective _____ the entire operation to catch the thief red-handed.
v. to plan, organize, or oversee a complex scheme or project; to be the central or key person behind a brilliant or intricate plan or idea
53. Chronic pain from the side effects of treatment made her life _____.
adj. incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable
54. The magician's tricks were a source of _____ for the audience.
n. the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate

ANSWERS: 46. repugnant, 47. consolation, 48. exhaustive, 49. doe, 50. domesticate, 51. lurks, 52. masterminded, 53. intolerable, 54. mystification

55. The artist received _____ for their work from critics and fans alike.
n. the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something
56. I awoke to the sweet sound of a _____ singing outside my window.
n. a small, predominantly blue-colored bird, often symbolizing happiness and cheerfulness
57. She _____ ignored his warning and continued with her dangerous behavior.
adv. in a way that is very obvious, unsubtle, or conspicuous; without any attempt to conceal or disguise
58. Have you _____ a response from them yet?
v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
59. His _____ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.
n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
60. The _____ plan to cheat on the test was foiled by the teacher.
adj. cunning and deceitful; not straightforward; tricky
61. The condition of that old house was _____.
adj. causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant
62. He leaned against the _____ waiting for her to come home.
n. an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
63. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
adj. very frightening or intimidating

ANSWERS: 55. admiration, 56. bluebird, 57. blatantly, 58. elicited, 59. jealousy, 60. devious, 61. appalling, 62. doorway, 63. terrifying

64. I need to _____ the soil before planting the flowers.

- v. to make slightly damp or wet; to add moisture or humidity to something, often to improve its texture or taste

65. The gun _____ with a loud bang.

- v. to spring or flinch back, as in surprise, fear, or pain

ANSWERS: 64. moisten, 65. recoiled