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Session 1: Word List

jackpot

n. a large cash prize or reward that is won by chance or luck; a situation in which one experiences an unexpectedly positive or fortunate outcome

synonym : prize, bonanza, windfall

(1) lottery **jackpot**, (2) win a **jackpot**

After hours of playing the slot machines, she finally hit the **jackpot** and won hundreds of dollars.

villain

n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

synonym : scoundrel, rogue, antagonist

(1) evil **villain**, (2) authoritarian **villain**

The **villain** in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym : unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

embarrass

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

synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

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

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

nerd

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

synonym: geek, techie, wonk

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

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

portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

synonym: depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

sesame

n. an annual plant cultivated for its small seeds, which are used for food or oil; a flavoring derived from these seeds

synonym: tahini, benne, gingelly

(1) **sesame** oil, (2) **sesame** paste

Sesame seeds are often used as a topping on bagels and bread.

limitless

adj. without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

synonym: boundless, infinite, unrestricted

(1) for a **limitless** time, (2) **limitless** potential

The possibilities for scientific discovery are **limitless**.

fingertip

n. the end or tip of a finger

(1) apply **fingertip** pressure, (2) burn my **fingertip**

The archaeologist ran his **fingertips** along the pattern of the tombstones.

superpower

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

synonym: great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

tenacity

n. the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling

synonym: persistence, determination, perseverance

(1) **tenacity** of purpose, (2) show **tenacity**

Her **tenacity** in pursuing her dreams has inspired many people.

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.

malware

n. a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network

synonym: virus, malicious software, spyware

(1) **malware** attack, (2) prevent **malware**

My computer was infected with **malware**, and it caused many

problems.

gape

n. an act of opening the mouth wide, often as a sign of surprise, wonder, or boredom; a wide opening or gap in something, especially in a physical object or landscape;
(verb) to open one's mouth wide, often as a result of surprise, shock, or amazement

synonym : gaze, opening, mouth

(1) **gape** in amazement, (2) bird's **gape**

The **gape** of the Grand Canyon is an awe-inspiring sight.

rout

n. a disorderly retreat or defeat of an army or group; a decisive defeat

synonym : defeat, debacle, disaster

(1) **rout** march, (2) cricket team's **rout**

The football team suffered a humiliating **rout** in the championship game.

bounty

n. a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task

synonym : reward, premium, recompense

(1) cash **bounty**, (2) a **bounty** on exports

The **bounty** hunter was hired to capture the notorious criminal and bring him to justice.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

stifle

v. to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation

synonym : smother, suppress, suffocate

(1) **stifle** a laugh, (2) **stifle** creativity

The oppressive regime tried to **stifle** free speech and dissent.

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**.

shadowy

adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows;
mysterious or uncertain

synonym : dim, dark, obscure

(1) **shadowy** doorway, (2) **shadowy** past

The **shadowy** figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

cyberspace

n. the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments

synonym : Internet, virtual reality, online world

(1) **cyberspace** security, (2) virtual **cyberspace**

Hackers are constantly trying to exploit vulnerabilities in **cyberspace** for their gain.

hacktivism

n. (the combination of "hacking" and "activism") the use of hacking or cyber-attacks to promote or advance a particular social or political cause or agenda

synonym : cyberactivism, digital activism

(1) **hacktivism** threats, (2) online **hacktivism**

The rise of **hacktivism** movements has led to an increased focus on cyber defense by governmental organizations.

subculture

n. a distinct social group or community within a larger society that shares a set of practices, beliefs, or values that are different from those of the dominant culture

synonym : underground culture, alternative culture

(1) **subculture** movement, (2) **subculture** fashion

The punk **subculture** emerged in the 1970s as a response to mainstream society and its values.

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.

troll

n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

synonym: provocateur, antagonist, troublemaker

(1) feed a **troll**, (2) copyright **troll**

He was banned from the online forum for being a **troll** and causing trouble.

dweller

n. a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location

synonym: resident, occupant, inhabitant

(1) city **dweller**, (2) rural **dweller**

The mountain **dweller** lived off the land and had a deep connection to nature.

cyberattack

n. an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network

synonym: cyber intrusion, hack, cyberterrorism

(1) **cyberattack** prevention, (2) **cyberattack** defense system

The hackers launched a devastating **cyberattack**, stealing sensitive information from the company's servers.

prank

n. a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others

synonym: hoax, trick, stunt

(1) **prank** caller, (2) harmless **prank**

The group of teenagers played an innocent **prank** on their teacher, but it backfired, and they got in trouble.

offline

adj. not connected to the internet

synonym: disconnected, not connected, unplugged

(1) **offline** course, (2) **offline** mode

The computer is **offline** and cannot be accessed at the moment.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

robin

n. a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America

synonym: thrush, red-breast, redbird

(1) **robin** eggs, (2) **robin's** nest

I love listening to the cheerful song of the **robin** in my garden.

magnify

v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

synonym: enlarge, elaborate, intensify

(1) **magnify** the danger, (2) **magnify** the image for display

Terrorists often attempt to **magnify** the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

quash

v. to suppress or put down forcibly, particularly a rebellion, protest, or opposition; to nullify or reject a decision, judgment, or ruling that is seen as unjust or erroneous; to silence or extinguish a rumor or controversy

synonym: subdue, annul, nullify

(1) **quash** a rumor, (2) **quash** a rebellion

The court decided to **quash** the charges against the accused due to lack of evidence.

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym: group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

workaround

n. a temporary or unconventional solution to a problem or issue that enables progress or completion of a task despite obstacles or limitations

synonym: alternative, temporary fix, quick-fix

(1) **workaround** solution, (2) software **workaround**

When the software crashed, I had to devise a quick **workaround** to save my progress.

denounce

v. to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone

synonym: condemn, disapprove, criticize

(1) **denounce** a statement, (2) **denounce** a heresy

He **denounced** the actions of the corrupt official.

deface

v. to mar or spoil the surface or appearance of something, typically by drawing or writing on it

synonym: disfigure, blemish, wreck

(1) **deface** private property, (2) **deface** the wall with graffiti

The teacher warned the boys not to **deface** public property.

contentious

adj. likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue

synonym: antagonistic, combative, confrontational

(1) **contentious** subject, (2) **contentious** debate

There are many **contentious** issues in claiming a patent.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

peninsula

n. a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land

synonym: cape, foreland

(1) the tip of the **peninsula**, (2) the Arab **peninsula**

That **peninsula** was an essential base for the country's defense.

demonize

v. to portray or represent someone or something as evil or wicked, often to create fear or hostility towards them

synonym: vilify, condemn, defame

(1) **demonize** opponent, (2) **demonize** sugar

Some politicians try to **demonize** certain groups of people to gain political advantage.

cyber

adj. relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality

synonym: digital, computer, Internet

(1) **cyber** bullying, (2) **cyber** crime

Cyber espionage between countries can have serious consequences.

jean

n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

synonym: denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

confer

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

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

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

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

untapped

adj. not yet used or exploited

synonym : unexplored, untouched, untried

(1) **untapped** market, (2) **untapped** potential

The forest held many **untapped** resources that could be used for commercial purposes.

arresting

adj. attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something

synonym : striking, impressive, captivating

(1) an **arresting** image, (2) an **arresting** sight

The painting's **arresting** beauty made it difficult to look away.

overreach

v. to reach too far or beyond one's limits; to fail by aiming too high or trying too hard

synonym : exceed, surpass, outdo

(1) **overreach** a goal, (2) **overreach** in her attempt

The company's ambition to **overreach** and expand too quickly led to its downfall.

hoard

v. to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly;
(noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use

synonym : stockpile, accumulation, stash

(1) **hoard** my possessions, (2) plutonium **hoard**

They **hoarded** a common secret instead of sharing it.

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym : force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention

The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a j__n skirt | <i>n.</i> a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing |
| 2. cyb_____ck prevention | <i>n.</i> an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network |
| 3. feed a tr__l | <i>n.</i> a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat |
| 4. de___e private property | <i>v.</i> to mar or spoil the surface or appearance of something, typically by drawing or writing on it |
| 5. accurately po_____y the condition | <i>v.</i> to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work |
| 6. wor_____nd solution | <i>n.</i> a temporary or unconventional solution to a problem or issue that enables progress or completion of a task despite obstacles or limitations |
| 7. co___l a person to submission | <i>v.</i> to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way |
| 8. un_____r a potential problem | <i>v.</i> to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden |

ANSWERS: 1. jean, 2. cyberattack, 3. troll, 4. deface, 5. portray, 6. workaround, 7. compel, 8. uncover

9. sh____y past *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
10. te____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
11. g__e in amazement *n.* an act of opening the mouth wide, often as a sign of surprise, wonder, or boredom; a wide opening or gap in something, especially in a physical object or landscape; (verb) to open one's mouth wide, often as a result of surprise, shock, or amazement
12. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
13. cy__r crime *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
14. un_____ed potential *adj.* not yet used or exploited
15. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
16. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
17. 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
18. show te_____ty *n.* the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling

ANSWERS: 9. shadowy, 10. terrify, 11. gape, 12. intellect, 13. cyber, 14. untapped, 15. fascinate, 16. industrious, 17. dedicate, 18. tenacity

19. li_____ss potential *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
20. an ar_____ng sight *adj.* attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something
21. sub_____re movement *n.* a distinct social group or community within a larger society that shares a set of practices, beliefs, or values that are different from those of the dominant culture
22. plutonium ho__d *v.* to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use
23. cash bo___y *n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
24. lottery ja_____t *n.* a large cash prize or reward that is won by chance or luck; a situation in which one experiences an unexpectedly positive or fortunate outcome
25. the members of a military tr__p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
26. a computer n__d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
27. evil vi_____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

ANSWERS: 19. limitless, 20. arresting, 21. subculture, 22. hoard, 23. bounty, 24. jackpot, 25. troop, 26. nerd, 27. villain

28. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
29. cyb_____ck defense system *n.* an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
30. co____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
31. authoritarian vi_____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
32. qu__h a rebellion *v.* to suppress or put down forcibly, particularly a rebellion, protest, or opposition; to nullify or reject a decision, judgment, or ruling that is seen as unjust or erroneous; to silence or extinguish a rumor or controversy
33. pr__k caller *n.* a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others
34. j__n denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
35. sub_____re fashion *n.* a distinct social group or community within a larger society that shares a set of practices, beliefs, or values that are different from those of the dominant culture
36. online hac_____sm *n.* (the combination of "hacking" and "activism") the use of hacking or cyber-attacks to promote or advance a particular social or political cause or agenda

ANSWERS: 28. embarrass, 29. cyberattack, 30. confer, 31. villain, 32. quash, 33. prank, 34. jean, 35. subculture, 36. hacktivism

37. se___e paste *n.* an annual plant cultivated for its small seeds, which are used for food or oil; a flavoring derived from these seeds
38. con_____us subject *adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
39. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
40. cyb_____ce security *n.* the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments
41. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
42. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
43. de___e the wall with graffiti *v.* to mar or spoil the surface or appearance of something, typically by drawing or writing on it
44. ro__n eggs *n.* a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America
45. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

ANSWERS: 37. sesame, 38. contentious, 39. tweet, 40. cyberspace, 41. tweet, 42. confer, 43. deface, 44. robin, 45. troop

46. of_____e mode *adj.* not connected to the internet
47. de_____ze opponent *v.* to portray or represent someone or something as evil or wicked, often to create fear or hostility towards them
48. ov_____ch in her attempt *v.* to reach too far or beyond one's limits; to fail by aiming too high or trying too hard
49. cricket team's r__t *n.* a disorderly retreat or defeat of an army or group; a decisive defeat
50. po_____y feelings in words *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
51. un_____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
52. n__d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
53. st___e creativity *v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
54. con_____us debate *adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
55. ma_____y the danger *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

ANSWERS: 46. offline, 47. demonize, 48. overreach, 49. rout, 50. portray, 51. uncover, 52. nerd, 53. stifle, 54. contentious, 55. magnify

56. an ar_____ng image *adj.* attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something
57. 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
58. sup_____er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
59. st___e a laugh *v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
60. co___l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
61. de_____ze sugar *v.* to portray or represent someone or something as evil or wicked, often to create fear or hostility towards them
62. sh_____y doorway *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
63. un_____ed market *adj.* not yet used or exploited
64. ma_____y the image for display *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

ANSWERS: 56. arresting, 57. dedicate, 58. superpower, 59. stifle, 60. compel, 61. demonize, 62. shadowy, 63. untapped, 64. magnify

65. de____ce a heresy *v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
66. a bo____y on exports *n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
67. virtual cyb_____ce *n.* the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments
68. burn my fi_____ip *n.* the end or tip of a finger
69. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
70. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
71. harmless pr__k *n.* a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others
72. for a li_____ss time *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
73. copyright tr__l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
74. de____ce a statement *v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone

ANSWERS: 65. denounce, 66. bounty, 67. cyberspace, 68. fingertip, 69. terrify, 70. embarrass, 71. prank, 72. limitless, 73. troll, 74. denounce

75. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
76. se___e oil *n.* an annual plant cultivated for its small seeds, which are used for food or oil; a flavoring derived from these seeds
77. win a ja_____t *n.* a large cash prize or reward that is won by chance or luck; a situation in which one experiences an unexpectedly positive or fortunate outcome
78. r__t march *n.* a disorderly retreat or defeat of an army or group; a decisive defeat
79. the Arab pe_____la *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
80. cy__r bullying *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
81. ov_____ch a goal *v.* to reach too far or beyond one's limits; to fail by aiming too high or trying too hard
82. sup_____er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
83. of_____e course *adj.* not connected to the internet
84. ro__n's nest *n.* a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America

ANSWERS: 75. intellect, 76. sesame, 77. jackpot, 78. rout, 79. peninsula, 80. cyber, 81. overreach, 82. superpower, 83. offline, 84. robin

85. prevent ma_____e *n.* a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
86. apply fi_____ip pressure *n.* the end or tip of a finger
87. hac_____sm threats *n.* (the combination of "hacking" and "activism") the use of hacking or cyber-attacks to promote or advance a particular social or political cause or agenda
88. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
89. rural dw_____r *n.* a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location
90. software wor_____nd *n.* a temporary or unconventional solution to a problem or issue that enables progress or completion of a task despite obstacles or limitations
91. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
92. city dw_____r *n.* a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location
93. ho__d my possessions *v.* to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use
94. the tip of the pe_____la *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land

ANSWERS: 85. malware, 86. fingertip, 87. hacktivism, 88. industrious, 89. dweller, 90. workaround, 91. fascinate, 92. dweller, 93. hoard, 94. peninsula

95. te____ty of purpose *n.* the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling
96. qu__h a rumor *v.* to suppress or put down forcibly, particularly a rebellion, protest, or opposition; to nullify or reject a decision, judgment, or ruling that is seen as unjust or erroneous; to silence or extinguish a rumor or controversy
97. bird's g__e *n.* an act of opening the mouth wide, often as a sign of surprise, wonder, or boredom; a wide opening or gap in something, especially in a physical object or landscape; (verb) to open one's mouth wide, often as a result of surprise, shock, or amazement
98. as____d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
99. ma____e attack *n.* a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
100. as____d the viewer *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

ANSWERS: 95. tenacity, 96. quash, 97. gape, 98. astound, 99. malware, 100. astound

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was banned from the online forum for being a _____ and causing trouble.
n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
2. When the software crashed, I had to devise a quick _____ to save my progress.
n. a temporary or unconventional solution to a problem or issue that enables progress or completion of a task despite obstacles or limitations
3. The _____ figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.
adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
4. He was, by nature, a cyber _____.
n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
5. The _____ hunter was hired to capture the notorious criminal and bring him to justice.
n. a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
6. After hours of playing the slot machines, she finally hit the _____ and won hundreds of dollars.
n. a large cash prize or reward that is won by chance or luck; a situation in which one experiences an unexpectedly positive or fortunate outcome
7. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 1. troll, 2. workaround, 3. shadowy, 4. nerd, 5. bounty, 6. jackpot, 7. industrious

8. The possibilities for scientific discovery are _____.
- adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
9. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a _____ in comic books and movies.
- n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
10. _____ seeds are often used as a topping on bagels and bread.
- n.* an annual plant cultivated for its small seeds, which are used for food or oil; a flavoring derived from these seeds
11. The football team suffered a humiliating _____ in the championship game.
- n.* a disorderly retreat or defeat of an army or group; a decisive defeat
12. The _____ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.
- n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
13. They _____ a common secret instead of sharing it.
- v.* to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use
14. Hackers are constantly trying to exploit vulnerabilities in _____ for their gain.
- n.* the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments
15. 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

ANSWERS: 8. limitless, 9. superpower, 10. Sesame, 11. rout, 12. troop, 13. hoarded, 14. cyberspace, 15. dedicated

16. The painting's _____ beauty made it difficult to look away.

adj. attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something

17. The final result was nothing short of _____.

v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

18. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

19. The _____ of the Grand Canyon is an awe-inspiring sight.

n. an act of opening the mouth wide, often as a sign of surprise, wonder, or boredom; a wide opening or gap in something, especially in a physical object or landscape; (verb) to open one's mouth wide, often as a result of surprise, shock, or amazement

20. My computer was infected with _____ and it caused many problems.

n. a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network

21. The magic tricks _____ the children.

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

22. The forest held many _____ resources that could be used for commercial purposes.

adj. not yet used or exploited

23. I love listening to the cheerful song of the _____ in my garden.

n. a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America

ANSWERS: 16. arresting, 17. astounding, 18. tweet, 19. gape, 20. malware, 21. fascinated, 22. untapped, 23. robin

24. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
- v. to frighten someone very much
25. The court decided to _____ the charges against the accused due to lack of evidence.
- v. to suppress or put down forcibly, particularly a rebellion, protest, or opposition; to nullify or reject a decision, judgment, or ruling that is seen as unjust or erroneous; to silence or extinguish a rumor or controversy
26. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
27. The company's ambition to _____ and expand too quickly led to its downfall.
- v. to reach too far or beyond one's limits; to fail by aiming too high or trying too hard
28. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
- v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
29. The _____ in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.
- n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
30. The rise of _____ movements has led to an increased focus on cyber defense by governmental organizations.
- n. (the combination of "hacking" and "activism") the use of hacking or cyber-attacks to promote or advance a particular social or political cause or agenda

ANSWERS: 24. terrify, 25. quash, 26. intellect, 27. overreach, 28. confer, 29. villain, 30. hacktivism

31. The group of teenagers played an innocent _____ on their teacher, but it backfired, and they got in trouble.
- n.* a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others
32. That _____ was an essential base for the country's defense.
- n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
33. She wore her favorite pair of _____ to the party.
- n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
34. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.
- v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
35. Some politicians try to _____ certain groups of people to gain political advantage.
- v.* to portray or represent someone or something as evil or wicked, often to create fear or hostility towards them
36. The mountain _____ lived off the land and had a deep connection to nature.
- n.* a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location
37. Her _____ in pursuing her dreams has inspired many people.
- n.* the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling
38. The computer is _____ and cannot be accessed at the moment.
- adj.* not connected to the internet

ANSWERS: 31. prank, 32. peninsula, 33. jeans, 34. uncovered, 35. demonize, 36. dweller, 37. tenacity, 38. offline

39. Terrorists often attempt to _____ the economic impact of their acts of destruction.
- v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
40. He _____ the actions of the corrupt official.
- v. to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
41. There are many _____ issues in claiming a patent.
- adj. likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
42. The teacher warned the boys not to _____ public property.
- v. to mar or spoil the surface or appearance of something, typically by drawing or writing on it
43. We often _____ political problems as religious issues.
- v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
44. The oppressive regime tried to _____ free speech and dissent.
- v. to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
45. _____ espionage between countries can have serious consequences.
- adj. relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
46. The archaeologist ran his _____ along the pattern of the tombstones.
- n. the end or tip of a finger

ANSWERS: 39. magnify, 40. denounced, 41. contentious, 42. deface, 43. portray, 44. stifle, 45. Cyber, 46. fingertips

47. The punk _____ emerged in the 1970s as a response to mainstream society and its values.
- n.* a distinct social group or community within a larger society that shares a set of practices, beliefs, or values that are different from those of the dominant culture
48. The hackers launched a devastating _____ stealing sensitive information from the company's servers.
- n.* an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
49. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
- v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
50. The strict deadlines will _____ the team to work efficiently.
- v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

ANSWERS: 47. subculture, 48. cyberattack, 49. embarrass, 50. compel