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Session 1: Word List

genital

adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs

synonym : reproductive, genetic, sexual

(1) **genital** bleeding, (2) pain in the **genital** area

The **genital** organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.

mutilation

n. the act of severely damaging or injuring a person's body or body part, particularly through cutting or disfiguring; the condition of being so damaged or disfigured

synonym : disfigurement, dismemberment, amputation

(1) **mutilation** crime, (2) physical **mutilation**

The **mutilation** of the artwork was a devastating loss for the artist.

diamond

n. a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

synonym : gemstone, jewel, precious stone

(1) **diamond** ring, (2) **diamond** necklace

The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling **diamond**.

Ebola

n. a highly contagious and often fatal viral disease that causes severe fever and internal bleeding, primarily occurring in remote areas of Central and West Africa

synonym : viral hemorrhagic fever, EVD

(1) **Ebola** epidemic, (2) **Ebola** virus

The **Ebola** outbreak in West Africa caused widespread panic and fear.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

synonym : missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

refugee

n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

synonym : emigrant, evacuee, exile

(1) global **refugee** crisis, (2) the **refugee** camp

The community warmly welcomed the **refugees**.

bush

n. a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

synonym : copse, scrub, brushwood

(1) trees and **bushes**, (2) a **bush** of hair

I am going to trim this **bush** off.

hut

n. a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

synonym : shack, cabin, cottage

(1) shepherd's **hut**, (2) fishing **hut**

The little girl lived in a small **hut** in the woods with her family.

ethnic

adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

synonym : racial, ethnical, tribal

(1) **ethnic** minority, (2) single **ethnic** group

Each **ethnic** group has its unique rituals.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym : toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

rusty

adj. covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect

synonym : corroded, oxidized, weathered

(1) **rusty** metal, (2) **rusty** nail

The **rusty** gate creaked loudly as it opened.

sunlight

n. the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun

synonym : daylight, rays, sunshine

(1) a glare of **sunlight**, (2) in direct **sunlight**

Radiation from **sunlight** has a different wavelength.

slaughter

n. the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals

synonym : thrashing, massacre, carnage

(1) **slaughter** of animals, (2) senseless **slaughter**

The **slaughter** of endangered animals must be stopped.

slide

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

synonym : glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

vagina

n. the passage in the body of a woman or female animal that connects her outer sex organs to her uterus

synonym : genitalia, vulva, pudenda

(1) **vagina** cancer care, (2) infection of the **vagina**

The muscle around the **vagina** is elastic enough to allow the passage of a fetus.

scream

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

synonym : cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet

She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

flesh

n. the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures

synonym : meat, muscle, tissue

(1) grow in **flesh**, (2) **flesh** eating

The **flesh** of the fruit is sweet and juicy.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym : nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym : ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym : knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

dump

v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

synonym : throw away, dispose

(1) **dump** the gravel on the road, (2) **dump** hazardous waste

The company **dumped** him after several years of service.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym : thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression

She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym : inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

mall

n. a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses

synonym : shopping center, shopping complex

(1) largest electronic **mall**, (2) **mall** crawler

Many people go to the shopping **mall** to socialize and spend time with friends.

panic

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

synonym: confusion, hysteria, consternation

(1) a **panic** reaction, (2) **panic** buying

The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused **panic** in the financial markets.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

racist

adj. characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others

synonym: discriminatory, prejudiced, bigoted

(1) far-right **racist**, (2) **racist** attitudes

The **racist** comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.

indigenous

adj. someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

synonym: domestic, endemic, primitive

(1) **indigenous** crop, (2) **indigenous** peoples

The **indigenous** plants need to be pollinated by local insects.

tan

v. to become brown as a result of exposure to the sun

synonym: brown, sunburn

(1) **tan** after sun exposure, (2) **tan** poorly

She spent the whole summer **tanning** on the beach.

volunteer

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym: unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym : connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

nurse

n. a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

synonym : healthcare worker, caregiver, medic

(1) **nurse** practitioner, (2) a volunteer **nurse**

The night shift **nurse** checked my vital signs before administering the medication.

multicultural

adj. relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)

synonym : diverse, varied, inclusive

(1) **multicultural** society, (2) **multicultural** education

The school is known for its **multicultural** student body.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym : ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

chart

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

synonym : diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

hood

n. a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment

synonym : hoodie, cowl, cloak

(1) **hood** ornament, (2) a silk **hood**

He pulled his waterproof **hood** up to protect himself from the rain.

labia

n. the external folds of skin that surround the openings of the female genitalia, specifically the vulva

synonym : lip, rim

(1) **labial** piercing, (2) **labial** melanosis

Some women choose to have **labial** reduction surgery for medical or aesthetic reasons.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym : stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

amnesia

n. a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness

synonym : forgetfulness, blackout, memory loss

(1) childhood **amnesia**, (2) **amnesia** by trauma

The accident caused her to suffer from temporary **amnesia**, and she couldn't remember anything that happened before the collision.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

trauma

n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

synonym : agony, injury, ordeal

(1) psychic **trauma**, (2) **trauma** care

Many civilians have suffered **trauma** as a result of the war.

recollection

n. the act of remembering or the state of being remembered

synonym : memory, reminiscence, remembrance

(1) a vague **recollection**, (2) **recollection** of a traumatic event

The older man's **recollections** of his youth were filled with stories of adventure and romance.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym : blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

confusion

n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

synonym : disorder, disarray, chaos

(1) administrative **confusion**, (2) in great **confusion**

The sudden policy change has caused **confusion** among employees.

barbaric

adj. characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society

synonym : savage, cruel, primitive

(1) **barbaric** treatment, (2) **barbaric** act

The **barbaric** practice of gladiator fighting was popular in ancient Rome.

circumcise

v. to remove the foreskin of a male's penis, often as a religious or cultural ritual

synonym : cut, remove, excise

(1) **circumcise** a newborn, (2) **circumcise** a child

It is common in some cultures to **circumcise** infant boys as a rite of passage.

mutilate

v. to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably

synonym : maim, disfigure, deform

(1) **mutilate** a document, (2) **mutilate** a body

It is cruel for anyone to **mutilate** an animal for any reason.

nevertheless

adv. in spite of that; yet

synonym : nonetheless, yet, still

(1) keep working **nevertheless**, (2) **nevertheless**, she persevered

She was tired and hungry, but **nevertheless**, she persevered.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym : result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym : fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

itch

v. to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it

synonym : scratch, tingle, irritate

(1) **itch** constantly, (2) **itch** to speak

I can't stop **itching** my arm because of the mosquito bite.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym : description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

sealed

adj. closed or secured with

synonym : closed, impenetrable

(1) **sealed** orders, (2) **sealed** jar

We packed and shipped the product in **sealed** containers.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

naughty

adj. badly behaved; disobedient

synonym : disobedient, mischievous, impish

(1) **naughty** behavior, (2) **naughty** book

The child was being **naughty** and would not listen to his mother.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

moan

v. to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something

synonym : groan, sigh, lament

(1) **moan** the current situation, (2) **moan** with pleasure

She **moaned** in pain as the doctor examined her injury.

damn

v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

synonym : curse, condemn, denounce

(1) **damn** the consequences, (2) **damn** with faint praise
The company's poor financial performance is likely to **damn** the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand
What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym: merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

orgasm

n. the peak of sexual pleasure during sexual activity, which typically involves intense physical and emotional sensations

synonym: climax, peak, ejaculation

(1) experience **orgasm**, (2) genital **orgasm**

Upon reaching **orgasm**, the body releases a surge of hormones, including oxytocin and endorphins.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym: evidently, obviously, supposedly

(1) **apparently** simple, (2) **apparently** unrelated

The police **apparently** believed this explanation was plausible.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym: refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym : intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

sacred

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

synonym : holy, inviolable, hallowed

(1) **sacred** music, (2) the halo of a **sacred** image

This space is a private office **sacred** to the President

horn

n. a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

synonym : cornet, funnel, alarm

(1) a handle of **horn**, (2) **horn** of a vehicle

He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their **horns** with beer.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym : criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

celebrated

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

synonym : acclaimed, notable, prominent

(1) **celebrated** artist, (2) **celebrated** paper

Three **celebrated** tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

clitoral

adj. relating to or involving the clitoris, a sensitive organ in female sexual anatomy that is key to sexual pleasure

synonym : vaginal, vulval, genital

(1) **clitoral** hood, (2) **clitoral** orgasm

Some women report increased sexual pleasure from **clitoral** stimulation.

centric

adj. tending towards or focused on a particular center, point, or perspective, sometimes to the exclusion of others; emphasizing or prioritizing a specific thing or group;
(noun) something that is at the center or core of a specific thing or system

synonym : focused, centralized, concentrated

(1) technology- **centric** approach, (2) employee- **centric** policies

The hotel's customer- **centric** approach always puts the needs and satisfaction of guests first.

phase

n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development

synonym : degree, stage, step

(1) enter on the last **phase**, (2) two- **phase** structure

The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial **phase** of history.

appointment

n. a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility

synonym : assignment, selection, commission

(1) **appointment** calendar, (2) take up an **appointment**

We had to reschedule the dentist's **appointment**.

therapy

n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

synonym : antidote, medicine, treatment

(1) **therapy** for a patient, (2) field of gene **therapy**

I underwent aversion **therapy** for my addiction to alcohol.

racism

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or

marginalized

synonym : prejudice, discrimination, bias

(1) systemic **racism**, (2) research on anti- **racism**

The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the **racism** present in the community.

discriminate

v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

synonym : show prejudice, segregate, differentiate

(1) **discriminate** against women employees,

(2) **discriminate** between different things

You should not **discriminate** against minorities.

incomplete

adj. not having all the necessary or appropriate parts; not yet finished

synonym : undone, unfinished, insufficient

(1) **incomplete** information, (2) customer with **incomplete** credit histories

The researcher criticized the study due to **incomplete** data.

asexual

adj. lacking sexual organs or characteristics; not involving or characterized by sexual activity; neither male nor female in gender identity; not operating in a sexual manner or with sexual connotations

synonym : neutral, sexless, unisex

(1) **asexual** community, (2) **asexual** individual

Asexual reproduction is a common trait found in certain species of plants and animals.

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym : aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

unanswered

adj. not responded to or explained

synonym: ignored, unrequited, undecided

(1) **unanswered** love, (2) **unanswered** e-mail

Pardon me for leaving some of your questions **unanswered**.

fibroid

n. a benign tumor that grows inside or on the walls of the uterus or other smooth muscle tissue, typically composed of fibrous connective tissue

synonym: tumor, growth, cyst

(1) uterine **fibroid**, (2) **fibroid** growth

The doctor found multiple **fibroids** during the patient's ultrasound examination.

ovary

n. either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower

(1) **ovary** atrophy, (2) salted **ovary** of walleye pollack

They found **ovary** cancer in an early stage.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym: protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

apology

n. an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble

synonym: regret, excuse, plea

(1) genuine **apology**, (2) accept his **apology**

She wrote a letter of **apology** to the renter.

pregnant

adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
synonym : expectant

(1) needs of **pregnant** women, (2) a silence **pregnant** with suspense

She vacated the position when she got **pregnant**.

infertile

adj. unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable

synonym : barren, sterile, unproductive

(1) **infertile** woman, (2) **infertile** land

The soil in the desert is **infertile**, making it difficult to grow crops.

incontinence

n. the involuntary leakage of urine or feces from the body

synonym : leakage, urinary incontinence, fecal incontinence

(1) urinary **incontinence**, (2) fecal **incontinence**

The elderly patient is experiencing **incontinence** and requires assistance with toileting.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym : ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

infection

n. a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body

synonym : contagion, disease, transmission

(1) a bacterial **infection**, (2) treat the **infection** with antibiotics

Hospitals must meet various standards to prevent nosocomial **infections**.

advocacy

n. the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or

lobbying

synonym : support, promotion, defense

(1) **advocacy** group, (2) consumer **advocacy** group

The group engages in **advocacy** through lobbying and campaigning for policy changes.

protective

adj. serving to protect or shield from harm or danger;
designed to prevent damage or injury

synonym : defensive, safeguarding, shielding

(1) **protective** coating, (2) **protective** measures

Wearing **protective** gear is crucial for athletes to prevent injuries.

kindergarten

n. a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six

synonym : preschool, nursery school, daycare

(1) **kindergarten** class, (2) **kindergarten** teacher

The **kindergarten** students were having a good time playing with toys.

sink

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

synonym : descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym : talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
synonym : misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**
Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym : client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

beloved

adj. loved very much

synonym : adored, cherished, dear

(1) **beloved** author, (2) **beloved** by many people

I am here to save my **beloved**.

cult

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym : sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

cousin

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

synonym : relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family

I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

appeal

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

synonym : request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym : prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

evil

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

synonym : malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**

Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

intact

adj. undamaged and complete

synonym : flawless, unchanged, entire

(1) **intact** brain, (2) **intact** forestland

Despite the scandals, his reputation remained **intact**.

prevail

v. to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful

synonym : triumph, prevail over, be victorious

(1) good will **prevail**, (2) **prevail** in a suit

It is common for oppressive governments to **prevail** through

violence, using military and police force to control their citizens and suppress dissent.

Session 2: Spelling

1. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
2. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
3. ra___t attitudes *adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
4. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
5. show di_____t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
6. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
7. sa___d music *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
8. di_____d ring *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
9. victim of sexual ab___e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

ANSWERS: 1. empower, 2. consequence, 3. racist, 4. brilliant, 5. disgust, 6. definition, 7. sacred, 8. diamond, 9. abuse

10. an ap___l for help *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
11. in great co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
12. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
13. psychic tr___a *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
14. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
15. fecal inc_____nce *n.* the involuntary leakage of urine or feces from the body
16. na_____y book *adj.* badly behaved; disobedient
17. fl__h eating *n.* the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures
18. m__n the current situation *v.* to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something
19. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 10. appeal, 11. confusion, 12. victim, 13. trauma, 14. discuss, 15. incontinence, 16. naughty, 17. flesh, 18. moan, 19. assume

20. in direct su____ht
n. the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
21. a_m at a specific target
v. to try or plan to get or achieve something
22. my vo_____er work
n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
23. field of gene th____y
n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
24. app_____nt calendar
n. a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility
25. mul_____ral education
adj. relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)
26. de_____e respect
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
27. in____t brain
adj. undamaged and complete
28. ge_____l bleeding
adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
29. pain in the ge_____l area
adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
30. a_m to be a nurse
v. to try or plan to get or achieve something
31. in____e other tissues
v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

ANSWERS: 20. sunlight, 21. aim, 22. volunteer, 23. therapy, 24. appointment, 25. multicultural, 26. deserve, 27. intact, 28. genital, 29. genital, 30. aim, 31. invade

32. uterine fi____d *n.* a benign tumor that grows inside or on the walls of the uterus or other smooth muscle tissue, typically composed of fibrous connective tissue
33. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
34. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
35. fi____d growth *n.* a benign tumor that grows inside or on the walls of the uterus or other smooth muscle tissue, typically composed of fibrous connective tissue
36. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
37. inc_____te information *adj.* not having all the necessary or appropriate parts; not yet finished
38. am_____a by trauma *n.* a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness
39. cir_____se a newborn *v.* to remove the foreskin of a male's penis, often as a religious or cultural ritual
40. salted ov__y of walleye pollack *n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower

ANSWERS: 32. fibroid, 33. sew, 34. brilliant, 35. fibroid, 36. relate, 37. incomplete, 38. amnesia, 39. circumcise, 40. ovary

41. una_____ed e-mail *adj.* not responded to or explained
42. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
43. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
44. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
45. i__h to speak *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
46. unsatisfied de_____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
47. put a gr_____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
48. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
49. a charm against e__l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
50. na_____y behavior *adj.* badly behaved; disobedient
51. shepherd's h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
52. trees and b__hes *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

ANSWERS: 41. unanswered, 42. conversation, 43. empower, 44. suppose, 45. itch, 46. desire, 47. grateful, 48. cult, 49. evil, 50. naughty, 51. hut, 52. bush

53. needs of pr_____nt women *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
54. a statistical ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
55. come out of no_____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
56. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
57. a volunteer nu__e *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
58. urinary inc_____nce *n.* the involuntary leakage of urine or feces from the body
59. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
60. a bacterial in_____on *n.* a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body
61. in_____le land *adj.* unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable
62. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
63. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 53. pregnant, 54. chart, 55. nowhere, 56. struggle, 57. nurse, 58. incontinence, 59. scar, 60. infection, 61. infertile, 62. slide, 63. cult

64. nu__e practitioner *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
65. d__p the gravel on the road *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
66. administrative co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
67. h__d ornament *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
68. keep working nev_____ess *adv.* in spite of that; yet
69. a handle of h__n *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
70. two-ph__e structure *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
71. ba_____ic treatment *adj.* characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society
72. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
73. as_____l individual *adj.* lacking sexual organs or characteristics; not involving or characterized by sexual activity; neither male nor female in gender identity; not operating in a sexual manner or with sexual connotations

ANSWERS: 64. nurse, 65. dump, 66. confusion, 67. hood, 68. nevertheless, 69. horn, 70. phase, 71. barbaric, 72. settle, 73. asexual

74. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
75. ov__y atrophy *n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
76. pro____ve coating *adj.* serving to protect or shield from harm or danger; designed to prevent damage or injury
77. customer with inc____te credit histories *adj.* not having all the necessary or appropriate parts; not yet finished
78. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
79. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
80. dis____ate between different things *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
81. rec____ion of a traumatic event *n.* the act of remembering or the state of being remembered
82. in___e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
83. enter on the last ph__e *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development

ANSWERS: 74. abuse, 75. ovary, 76. protective, 77. incomplete, 78. norm, 79. tap, 80. discriminate, 81. recollection, 82. invade, 83. phase

84. ba____ic act *adj.* characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society
85. cross-co____n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
86. kin____ten class *n.* a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six
87. su____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
88. a co____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
89. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
90. senseless sl____er *n.* the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals
91. largest electronic m__l *n.* a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses
92. global re____e crisis *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
93. public di____t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

ANSWERS: 84. barbaric, 85. cousin, 86. kindergarten, 87. suppose, 88. constant, 89. sect, 90. slaughter, 91. mall, 92. refugee, 93. disgust

94. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
95. pro____ve measures *adj.* serving to protect or shield from harm or danger; designed to prevent damage or injury
96. Eb__a epidemic *n.* a highly contagious and often fatal viral disease that causes severe fever and internal bleeding, primarily occurring in remote areas of Central and West Africa
97. se____d orders *adj.* closed or secured with
98. ind____us crop *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
99. dis____ate against women employees *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
100. as____l community *adj.* lacking sexual organs or characteristics; not involving or characterized by sexual activity; neither male nor female in gender identity; not operating in a sexual manner or with sexual connotations
101. de____d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
102. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

ANSWERS: 94. sew, 95. protective, 96. Ebola, 97. sealed, 98. indigenous, 99. discriminate, 100. asexual, 101. defend, 102. deny

103. the halo of a sa___d image *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
104. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
105. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
106. take up an app_____nt *n.* a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility
107. Eb__a virus *n.* a highly contagious and often fatal viral disease that causes severe fever and internal bleeding, primarily occurring in remote areas of Central and West Africa
108. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
109. th____y for a patient *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
110. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
111. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

ANSWERS: 103. sacred, 104. relation, 105. panic, 106. appointment, 107. Ebola, 108. victim, 109. therapy, 110. bomb, 111. shock

112. st____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
113. a silk h__d *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
114. accept his ap____y *n.* an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble
115. far-right ra____t *adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
116. genital or____m *n.* the peak of sexual pleasure during sexual activity, which typically involves intense physical and emotional sensations
117. d__p hazardous waste *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
118. re____e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
119. fleshly de____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
120. a gr____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

ANSWERS: 112. struggle, 113. hood, 114. apology, 115. racist, 116. orgasm, 117. dump, 118. relate, 119. desire, 120. grateful

121. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
122. be____d by many people *adj.* loved very much
123. cir_____se a child *v.* to remove the foreskin of a male's penis, often as a religious or cultural ritual
124. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
125. s__k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
126. cel_____ed paper *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
127. i__h constantly *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
128. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
129. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
130. the re_____e camp *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

ANSWERS: 121. sect, 122. beloved, 123. circumcise, 124. bomb, 125. sink, 126. celebrated, 127. itch, 128. volunteer, 129. settle, 130. refugee

131. a b__h of hair *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
132. be____d author *adj.* loved very much
133. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
134. tr____a care *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
135. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
136. mul______ral society *adj.* relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)
137. systemic ra____m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
138. single et____c group *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
139. nev____ess, she persevered *adv.* in spite of that; yet
140. d__n the consequences *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

ANSWERS: 131. bush, 132. beloved, 133. evil, 134. trauma, 135. sink, 136. multicultural, 137. racism, 138. ethnic, 139. nevertheless, 140. damn

141. no_____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
142. sl_____er of animals *n.* the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals
143. ad_____cy group *n.* the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying
144. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
145. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
146. co_____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
147. in____t forestland *adj.* undamaged and complete
148. una_____ed love *adj.* not responded to or explained
149. a weather ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
150. fishing h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
151. ru__y nail *adj.* covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect

ANSWERS: 141. nowhere, 142. slaughter, 143. advocacy, 144. deserve, 145. consequence, 146. comfort, 147. intact, 148. unanswered, 149. chart, 150. hut, 151. rusty

152. la__al piercing *n.* the external folds of skin that surround the openings of the female genitalia, specifically the vulva
153. d__n with faint praise *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
154. ru__y metal *adj.* covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect
155. consumer ad____cy group *n.* the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying
156. draw out your ap____l *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
157. pa____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
158. ind____us peoples *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
159. victim of a vi____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 152. labia, 153. damn, 154. rusty, 155. advocacy, 156. appeal, 157. patient, 158. indigenous, 159. violent

160. be___g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
161. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
162. mu_____te a document *v.* to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably
163. kin_____ten teacher *n.* a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six
164. di_____d necklace *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
165. infection of the va___a *n.* the passage in the body of a woman or female animal that connects her outer sex organs to her uterus
166. cel_____ed artist *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
167. app_____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
168. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 160. belong, 161. conversation, 162. mutilate, 163. kindergarten, 164. diamond, 165. vagina, 166. celebrated, 167. apparently, 168. background

169. treat the in_____on with antibiotics *n.* a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body
170. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
171. words of co_____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
172. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
173. se____d jar *adj.* closed or secured with
174. m__l crawler *n.* a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses
175. a silence pr_____nt with suspense *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
176. as____e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
177. mu_____te a body *v.* to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably
178. a vague rec_____ion *n.* the act of remembering or the state of being remembered
179. de____d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 169. infection, 170. discuss, 171. comfort, 172. definition, 173. sealed, 174. mall, 175. pregnant, 176. assume, 177. mutilate, 178. recollection, 179. defend

180. pa____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
181. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
182. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
183. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
184. in_____le woman *adj.* unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable
185. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
186. la__al melanosis *n.* the external folds of skin that surround the openings of the female genitalia, specifically the vulva
187. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
188. sc___m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
189. grow in fl__h *n.* the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures

ANSWERS: 180. patient, 181. confuse, 182. tap, 183. shock, 184. infertile, 185. constant, 186. labia, 187. confuse, 188. scream, 189. flesh

190. h__n of a vehicle *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
191. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
192. burn s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
193. experience or___m *n.* the peak of sexual pleasure during sexual activity, which typically involves intense physical and emotional sensations
194. co___n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
195. t_n after sun exposure *v.* to become brown as a result of exposure to the sun
196. vi____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
197. employee-ce____c policies *adj.* tending towards or focused on a particular center, point, or perspective, sometimes to the exclusion of others; emphasizing or prioritizing a specific thing or group; (noun) something that is at the center or core of a specific thing or system
198. childhood am____a *n.* a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness

ANSWERS: 190. horn, 191. deny, 192. scar, 193. orgasm, 194. cousin, 195. tan, 196. violent, 197. centric, 198. amnesia

199. pr____l in a suit *v.* to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful
200. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
201. re____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
202. app____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
203. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
204. technology-ce_____c approach *adj.* tending towards or focused on a particular center, point, or perspective, sometimes to the exclusion of others; emphasizing or prioritizing a specific thing or group; (noun) something that is at the center or core of a specific thing or system
205. cl_____al hood *adj.* relating to or involving the clitoris, a sensitive organ in female sexual anatomy that is key to sexual pleasure
206. va___a cancer care *n.* the passage in the body of a woman or female animal that connects her outer sex organs to her uterus
207. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
208. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

ANSWERS: 199. prevail, 200. slide, 201. relation, 202. apparently, 203. background, 204. centric, 205. clitoral, 206. vagina, 207. panic, 208. belong

209. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
210. m__n with pleasure *v.* to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something
211. et___c minority *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
212. cl____al orgasm *adj.* relating to or involving the clitoris, a sensitive organ in female sexual anatomy that is key to sexual pleasure
213. physical mut_____on *n.* the act of severely damaging or injuring a person's body or body part, particularly through cutting or disfiguring; the condition of being so damaged or disfigured
214. sc___m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
215. t_n poorly *v.* to become brown as a result of exposure to the sun
216. research on anti-ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
217. genuine ap____y *n.* an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble

ANSWERS: 209. norm, 210. moan, 211. ethnic, 212. clitoral, 213. mutilation, 214. scream, 215. tan, 216. racism, 217. apology

218. good will pr____l
219. a glare of su____ht
220. mut____on crime
- v.* to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful
- n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
- n.* the act of severely damaging or injuring a person's body or body part, particularly through cutting or disfiguring; the condition of being so damaged or disfigured

ANSWERS: 218. prevail, 219. sunlight, 220. mutilation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The hotel's customer-_____ approach always puts the needs and satisfaction of guests first.
adj. tending towards or focused on a particular center, point, or perspective, sometimes to the exclusion of others; emphasizing or prioritizing a specific thing or group; (noun) something that is at the center or core of a specific thing or system
2. Despite the scandals, his reputation remained _____.
adj. undamaged and complete
3. Radiation from _____ has a different wavelength.
n. the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
4. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
5. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an _____ directly.
n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
6. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.
v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
7. She wrote a letter of _____ to the renter.
n. an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble

ANSWERS: 1. centric, 2. intact, 3. sunlight, 4. relations, 5. appeal, 6. tap, 7. apology

8. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.
n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
9. The _____ organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.
adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
10. The community warmly welcomed the _____.
n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
11. He pulled his waterproof _____ up to protect himself from the rain.
n. a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
12. The researcher criticized the study due to _____ data.
adj. not having all the necessary or appropriate parts; not yet finished
13. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the _____ present in the community.
n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
14. The abandoned ship slowly began to _____ into the murky waters of the harbor.
v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
15. She kept _____ for an ambulance.
v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

ANSWERS: 8. definition, 9. genital, 10. refugees, 11. hood, 12. incomplete, 13. racism, 14. sink, 15. screaming

16. Each _____ group has its unique rituals.

adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

17. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

18. The older man's _____ of his youth were filled with stories of adventure and romance.

n. the act of remembering or the state of being remembered

19. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

20. The _____ students were having a good time playing with toys.

n. a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six

21. Hospitals must meet various standards to prevent nosocomial _____.

n. a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body

22. She _____ in pain as the doctor examined her injury.

v. to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something

23. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

ANSWERS: 16. ethnic, 17. comfort, 18. recollections, 19. cult, 20. kindergarten, 21. infections, 22. moaned, 23. volunteer

24. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.
- v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
25. She spent the whole summer _____ on the beach.
- v. to become brown as a result of exposure to the sun
26. The doctor found multiple _____ during the patient's ultrasound examination.
- n. a benign tumor that grows inside or on the walls of the uterus or other smooth muscle tissue, typically composed of fibrous connective tissue
27. The accident caused her to suffer from temporary _____ and she couldn't remember anything that happened before the collision.
- n. a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness
28. He could not _____ against temptation.
- v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
29. The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial _____ of history.
- n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development
30. I underwent aversion _____ for my addiction to alcohol.
- n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
31. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
- v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

ANSWERS: 24. invade, 25. tanning, 26. fibroids, 27. amnesia, 28. struggle, 29. phase, 30. therapy, 31. belong

32. The sudden policy change has caused _____ among employees.
n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
33. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
34. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.
n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
35. The company _____ him after several years of service.
v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
36. The _____ comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.
adj. characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
37. Many people go to the shopping _____ to socialize and spend time with friends.
n. a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses
38. She vacated the position when she got _____.
adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
39. I can't stop _____ my arm because of the mosquito bite.
v. to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it

ANSWERS: 32. confusion, 33. conversation, 34. patient's, 35. dumped, 36. racist, 37. mall, 38. pregnant, 39. itching

40. It is cruel for anyone to _____ an animal for any reason.
- v. to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably
41. They found _____ cancer in an early stage.
- n. either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
42. I am going to trim this _____ off.
- n. a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
43. The muscle around the _____ is elastic enough to allow the passage of a fetus.
- n. the passage in the body of a woman or female animal that connects her outer sex organs to her uterus
44. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.
- v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
45. Her remarks _____ the debate.
- v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
46. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
47. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
- v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 40. mutilate, 41. ovary, 42. bush, 43. vagina, 44. relate, 45. confused, 46. discuss, 47. defend

48. Many civilians have suffered _____ as a result of the war.
- n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
49. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
50. The _____ practice of gladiator fighting was popular in ancient Rome.
- adj.* characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society
51. Some women choose to have _____ reduction surgery for medical or aesthetic reasons.
- n.* the external folds of skin that surround the openings of the female genitalia, specifically the vulva
52. I am here to save my _____.
- adj.* loved very much
53. The _____ of endangered animals must be stopped.
- n.* the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals
54. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.
- n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
55. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 48. trauma, 49. assumes, 50. barbaric, 51. labial, 52. beloved, 53. slaughter, 54. panic, 55. empowered

56. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
57. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
58. Pardon me for leaving some of your questions _____.
adj. not responded to or explained
59. He got an electric _____ at work.
n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
60. _____ reproduction is a common trait found in certain species of plants and animals.
adj. lacking sexual organs or characteristics; not involving or characterized by sexual activity; neither male nor female in gender identity; not operating in a sexual manner or with sexual connotations
61. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
62. The _____ gate creaked loudly as it opened.
adj. covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect
63. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.
adv. based on what you have heard or read

ANSWERS: 56. sect, 57. suppose, 58. unanswered, 59. shock, 60. Asexual, 61. norms, 62. rusty, 63. apparently

64. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

65. The night shift _____ checked my vital signs before administering the medication.

n. a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured;
v. to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

66. The child was being _____ and would not listen to his mother.

adj. badly behaved; disobedient

67. It is common in some cultures to _____ infant boys as a rite of passage.

v. to remove the foreskin of a male's penis, often as a religious or cultural ritual

68. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

69. She was tired and hungry, but _____ she persevered.

adv. in spite of that; yet

70. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

71. The _____ outbreak in West Africa caused widespread panic and fear.

n. a highly contagious and often fatal viral disease that causes severe fever and internal bleeding, primarily occurring in remote areas of Central and West Africa

ANSWERS: 64. evil, 65. nurse, 66. naughty, 67. circumcise, 68. desire, 69. nevertheless, 70. consequences, 71. Ebola

72. I don't want to _____ for second best.
v. to reach an agreement of disagreement
73. This space is a private office _____ to the President
adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
74. He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their _____ with beer.
n. a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
75. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
76. Some women report increased sexual pleasure from _____ stimulation.
adj. relating to or involving the clitoris, a sensitive organ in female sexual anatomy that is key to sexual pleasure
77. The school is known for its _____ student body.
adj. relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)
78. The company's poor financial performance is likely to _____ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.
v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
79. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

ANSWERS: 72. settle, 73. sacred, 74. horns, 75. violent, 76. clitoral, 77. multicultural, 78. damn, 79. deserved

80. I used to play with my younger male _____ when I was a little girl.
n. the child of your aunt or uncle
81. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.
v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
82. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.
n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
83. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.
adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
84. The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling _____.
n. a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
85. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
86. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
87. My mother taught me how to _____.
v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

ANSWERS: 80. cousins, 81. slide, 82. scar, 83. brilliant, 84. diamond, 85. victim, 86. background, 87. sew

88. The _____ of the artwork was a devastating loss for the artist.
- n.* the act of severely damaging or injuring a person's body or body part, particularly through cutting or disfiguring; the condition of being so damaged or disfigured
89. It is common for oppressive governments to _____ through violence, using military and police force to control their citizens and suppress dissent.
- v.* to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful
90. This pie _____ represents our market share.
- n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
91. The _____ plants need to be pollinated by local insects.
- adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
92. The group engages in _____ through lobbying and campaigning for policy changes.
- n.* the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying
93. We packed and shipped the product in _____ containers.
- adj.* closed or secured with
94. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.
- n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
95. The little girl lived in a small _____ in the woods with her family.
- n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

ANSWERS: 88. mutilation, 89. prevail, 90. chart, 91. indigenous, 92. advocacy, 93. sealed, 94. bombs, 95. hut

96. Three _____ tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

97. Wearing _____ gear is crucial for athletes to prevent injuries.

adj. serving to protect or shield from harm or danger; designed to prevent damage or injury

98. He was filled with _____ and fear for the threat of war.

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

99. We had to reschedule the dentist's _____.

n. a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility

100. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

101. The soil in the desert is _____ making it difficult to grow crops.

adj. unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable

102. The _____ of the fruit is sweet and juicy.

n. the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures

103. She was _____ for the help he provided.

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

ANSWERS: 96. celebrated, 97. protective, 98. disgust, 99. appointment, 100. abuse, 101. infertile, 102. flesh, 103. grateful

104. You should not _____ against minorities.

- v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

105. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.

- adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

106. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.

- v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

107. Upon reaching _____ the body releases a surge of hormones, including oxytocin and endorphins.

- n.* the peak of sexual pleasure during sexual activity, which typically involves intense physical and emotional sensations

108. _____ dropping wears away the stone.

- adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time

109. The elderly patient is experiencing _____ and requires assistance with toileting.

- n.* the involuntary leakage of urine or feces from the body

110. We ___ for an overseas expansion.

- v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something

ANSWERS: 104. discriminate, 105. nowhere, 106. denying, 107. orgasm, 108. Constant, 109. incontinence, 110. aim