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Session 1: Word List

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.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

gloom

n. a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty

synonym : darkness, depression, melancholy

(1) a sense of **gloom**, (2) **gloom-filled** room

The **gloom** of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.

omnipresent

adj. present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places

synonym : ubiquitous, pervasive, everywhere

(1) **omnipresent** influence, (2) **omnipresent** threat

The internet has made information access **omnipresent**.

commonplace

adj. occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

synonym : ordinary, routine, mundane

(1) become a **commonplace** sight, (2) **commonplace** event

Forgetting someone's name is a **commonplace** occurrence.

obstruction

n. something that blocks the path or progress of something else; an obstacle or barrier that impedes movement, action, or progress

synonym : barrier, obstacle, hindrance

(1) airway **obstruction**, (2) **obstruction** of justice

The tree branch in the middle of the walking path created an **obstruction** for pedestrians.

nostalgia

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

synonym : longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

daydreaming

n. the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you

synonym : reverie, cloud-castle, imagination

(1) stimulate **daydreaming**, (2) the mental process of **daydreaming**

I often waste a lot of time **daydreaming**.

playwright

n. a person who writes plays

synonym : dramatist, scribe, librettist

(1) acclaimed **playwright**, (2) a **playwright** attached to the theatre

The **playwright's** work was praised by critics and audiences alike.

patron

n. a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

synonym: contributor, sponsor, supporter

(1) the **patron** saint of a place, (2) political **patron**

They have been a **patron** of this restaurant for many years.

indulgence

n. the state or act of allowing oneself or another person to enjoy the pleasure of something that is considered to be a pleasure or luxury

synonym: luxury, treat, pampering

(1) plenary **indulgence**, (2) selfish **indulgence**

He allowed himself a few small **indulgences** during his diet.

salsa

n. a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions

synonym: sauce, dip, condiment

(1) **salsa** music, (2) homemade **salsa** dip

We brought chips and **salsa** to the party as a tasty appetizer.

abominable

adj. causing disgust, hatred, or intense dislike; extremely unpleasant, detestable, or repugnant

synonym: hateful, detestable, loathsome

(1) **abominable** behavior, (2) **abominable** conditions

The smell from the garbage dump was **abominable**, causing everyone to cover their noses.

snowman

n. a figure like a person made of packed snow

(1) melting **snowman**, (2) a picture of a **snowman**

They built a **snowman** in the garden.

- blot** v. to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper
synonym: stain, smudge, mar
(1) **blot** my eyes, (2) **blot** anything out of existence
She tried to **blot** out the unpleasant memory with alcohol.
- psychoanalysis** n. a system of psychological theory and therapy that aims to treat mental and emotional disorders by investigating the interaction of conscious and unconscious elements in the mind
(1) freudian **psychoanalysis**, (2) **psychoanalysis** technique
She sought **psychoanalysis** to understand her childhood traumas.
- angst** n. a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general
synonym: anxiety, worry, stress
(1) an endless stream of **angst**, (2) with no **angst**
He felt a sense of **angst** about the future and wasn't sure what would happen.
- reaper** n. a person or machine that harvests crops; death personified as a figure in art or literature
synonym: harvester, cutter, mower
(1) Grim **Reaper**, (2) a skillful **reaper**
The **reaper** machine harvested the crops in the field.
- bathe** v. to wash or immerse oneself or another person in the water or a liquid; to expose a part of the body to a natural element, such as sunlight or air
synonym: cleanse, soak, immerse
(1) **bathe** in the sea, (2) **bathe** the baby
I always **bathe** my dog after she swims in the lake.

evocative

adj. tending to evoke or bring something to mind

synonym : suggestive, stimulating, provocative

(1) **evocative** memories, (2) **evocative** language

The music was **evocative** of a bygone era.

poetic

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

synonym : literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

cirrus

n. a type of high-altitude cloud characterized by thin, wispy strands or filaments, usually composed of ice crystals

synonym : cloud, wisp, streak

(1) **cirrus** streaks, (2) **cirrus** formation

The sky was painted with wispy **cirrus** clouds during the sunset.

cascade

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

synonym : waterfall, watercourse, step

(1) **cascade** connection, (2) transistor **cascade**

The **cascade** of waterfalls in the national park was a breathtaking sight.

troposphere

n. the lowest layer of the Earth's atmosphere, extending from the surface to about 7 to 20 kilometers, where the majority of weather occurs

synonym : weather layer, lower atmosphere

(1) Arctic **troposphere**, (2) **troposphere** pollution

Most of the weather we experience occurs in the **troposphere**.

brushstroke

n. the mark or stroke made by a painter's brush on a canvas or surface; a single movement or action toward a

larger project or goal

synonym : stroke, line, mark

(1) artistic **brushstroke**, (2) a **brushstroke** of genius

The artist made a beautiful **brushstroke** on the canvas.

lenticular

adj. having the shape or form of a lens or lentil; flat and usually circular with rounded edges, often referring to cloud formations that resemble lenses or smooth, saucer-like objects

synonym : lens-shaped, saucer-shaped, disk-shaped

(1) **lenticular** animation, (2) **lenticular** lens

The hiker witnessed a beautiful display of **lenticular** clouds forming over the mountain peaks.

hover

v. to stay in one place in the air

synonym : hang, float over, drift

(1) **hover** between life and death, (2) **hover** around the table

Two birds were **hovering** overhead.

saucer

n. a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings

synonym : dish, plate, salver

(1) tea **saucer**, (2) flying **saucer**

She sipped her tea from a delicate **saucer**.

droplet

n. a small drop of liquid

synonym : bead, drip, dewdrop

(1) **droplet** size, (2) **droplet** formation

A single **droplet** of water can reflect the entire world upside down.

jellyfish

n. a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging

synonym : medusa, sea nettle, moon jelly

(1) spineless **jellyfish**, (2) **jellyfish** sting

The beach was filled with hundreds of **jellyfish**, so swimming was not recommended.

tendrils

n. a slender, coiling, or twisting stem or strand of a climbing plant, typically used for support or attachment; any thin, curling, or twisting feature that resembles a plant tendril in shape or function

synonym: vine, creeper

(1) **tendrils** of hair, (2) creeping **tendrils**

The plant's delicate **tendrils** curled around the trellis as it began to climb.

snappy

adj. lively or energetic; smart and fashionable

synonym: quick, speedy, brisk

(1) **snappy** weather, (2) **snappy** performance

I particularly enjoyed the old sitcom references and the **snappy** dialogue.

rebrand

v. to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability

synonym: reintroduce, relaunch, reintegrate

(1) **rebrand** product, (2) **rebrand** company

The clothing brand decided to **rebrand** its image to attract a younger audience.

undulating

adj. having a rising and falling motion or appearance like waves; marked by a smooth, wavelike movement

synonym: rolling, rippling, waving

(1) **undulating** roads, (2) **undulating** waves

The **undulating** hills of Tuscany are a beautiful sight to see.

undulate

v. to move with a smooth wavelike motion; to have a wavy form or outline

synonym: roll, ripple, wave

(1) **undulate** waves, (2) **undulate** in the wind

The snake **undulated** its way through the underbrush, silently stalking its prey.

vortex

n. a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind

synonym: whirlpool, whirlwind, maelstrom

(1) **vortex** formation, (2) blow in a **vortex**

The **vortex** of the tornado was massive and destructive.

egalitarian

adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

synonym: equalitarian, democratic, fair

(1) **egalitarian** society, (2) **egalitarian** principles

The company prides itself on being an **egalitarian** workplace with equal employment opportunities.

nourishing

adj. providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth

synonym: nutritious, healthy, sustaining

(1) **nourishing** broth, (2) **nourishing** ingredients

My mother always made sure she had a **nourishing** breakfast before school.

stimming

n. a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

synonym: self-stimulation, repetitive behaviors

(1) autistic **stimming**, (2) **stimming** therapy

Autistic children may engage in **stimming** behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

mundane

adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

synonym : ordinary, everyday, prosaic

(1) **mundane** affairs, (2) **mundane** objects

After returning from the war, he had a pretty **mundane** life.

cumulonimbus

n. a large, dense, and vertically developed thundercloud characterized by its towering shape, often associated with thunderstorms, heavy precipitation, lightning, and strong winds

synonym : storm cloud, thundercloud

(1) **cumulonimbus** formation, (2) towering **cumulonimbus** clouds

The dark clouds overhead signaled the approach of a powerful **cumulonimbus** storm.

hail

v. to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

synonym : greet, salute, welcome

(1) **hail** the victorious team with cheers, (2) **hail** forecast

People in the area were forced to **hail** a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.

anvil

n. a heavy iron block with a flat top and a horn-like projection used as a working surface for forging, shaping, and hammering hot metal

synonym : forge, block, base

(1) the hot metal on the **anvil**, (2) **anvil** stone

The sound of the hammer hitting the **anvil** echoed through the workshop.

majestic

adj. impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately

synonym : grand, stately, regal

(1) a **majestic** figure, (2) a **majestic** sense of purpose

The **majestic** mountain range was a sight to behold.

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym: settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach

I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

visceral

adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

synonym: instinctive, intuitive, gut

(1) **visceral** organ, (2) **visceral** fear

After watching the horror movie, she had a **visceral** reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

antidote

n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

synonym: remedy, treatment, restorative

(1) the **antidote** to the poison, (2) the **antidote** for aging

Knowledge is the **antidote** to fear.

cumulus

n. a type of dense, white, fluffy cloud with a rounded shape and a flat base, often associated with fair weather but can also develop into larger, more towering clouds (cumulonimbus) that bring thunderstorms

synonym: heap, pile, stack

(1) **cumulus** cloudscape, (2) **cumulus** formation

The sky was filled with fluffy **cumulus** clouds on a sunny day.

pointless

adj. having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless

synonym: meaningless, purposeless, worthless

(1) **pointless** argument, (2) **pointless** task

The meeting was considered **pointless** since nothing was accomplished.

conspire

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

synonym: plot, scheme, collude

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

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

perpetual

adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

synonym: enduring, unchanging, incessant

(1) **perpetual** motion machine, (2) **perpetual** struggle

The company employs a **perpetual** inventory system.

contend

v. to struggle to win or surmount something

synonym: compete, oppose, argue

(1) **contend** that tobacco is nonaddictive, (2) **contend** for a championship

Tobacco companies have long **contended** that their product is not addictive.

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**.

marvel

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym: wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**

The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

ephemeral

adj. lasting or used for only a short time

synonym: temporary, momentary, brief

(1) **ephemeral** joys, (2) **ephemeral** materials

His success as a famous actor was **ephemeral**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. with no an__t
n. a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general
2. len_____ar lens
adj. having the shape or form of a lens or lentil; flat and usually circular with rounded edges, often referring to cloud formations that resemble lenses or smooth, saucer-like objects
3. h__l the victorious team with cheers
v. to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
4. selfish ind_____ce
n. the state or act of allowing oneself or another person to enjoy the pleasure of something that is considered to be a pleasure or luxury
5. the an_____te for aging
n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
6. co_____d that tobacco is nonaddictive
v. to struggle to win or surmount something
7. spineless je_____sh
n. a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging
8. co_____re his ruin
v. to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose

ANSWERS: 1. angst, 2. lenticular, 3. hail, 4. indulgence, 5. antidote, 6. contend, 7. jellyfish, 8. conspire

9. no_____ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
10. ho__r around the table *v.* to stay in one place in the air
11. abo_____le conditions *adj.* causing disgust, hatred, or intense dislike; extremely unpleasant, detestable, or repugnant
12. the an_____te to the poison *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
13. b__t anything out of existence *v.* to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper
14. a bru_____ke of genius *n.* the mark or stroke made by a painter's brush on a canvas or surface; a single movement or action toward a larger project or goal
15. m__n with pleasure *v.* to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something
16. st_____ng therapy *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
17. a ma_____ic figure *adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
18. cu_____s formation *n.* a type of dense, white, fluffy cloud with a rounded shape and a flat base, often associated with fair weather but can also develop into larger, more towering clouds (cumulonimbus) that bring thunderstorms

ANSWERS: 9. nostalgia, 10. hover, 11. abominable, 12. antidote, 13. blot, 14. brushstroke, 15. moan, 16. stimming, 17. majestic, 18. cumulus

19. re____d company *v.* to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability
20. autistic st____ng *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
21. tea sa____r *n.* a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings
22. abo____le behavior *adj.* causing disgust, hatred, or intense dislike; extremely unpleasant, detestable, or repugnant
23. po____c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
24. dr____t formation *n.* a small drop of liquid
25. len____ar animation *adj.* having the shape or form of a lens or lentil; flat and usually circular with rounded edges, often referring to cloud formations that resemble lenses or smooth, saucer-like objects
26. co____re to corner the market *v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose

ANSWERS: 19. rebrand, 20. stimming, 21. saucer, 22. abominable, 23. poetic, 24. droplet, 25. lenticular, 26. conspire

27. Grim Re___r *n.* a person or machine that harvests crops; death personified as a figure in art or literature
28. sn___y performance *adj.* lively or energetic; smart and fashionable
29. economic d___m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
30. a warm no_____ia *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
31. cum_____bus formation *n.* a large, dense, and vertically developed thundercloud characterized by its towering shape, often associated with thunderstorms, heavy precipitation, lightning, and strong winds
32. und_____ng roads *adj.* having a rising and falling motion or appearance like waves; marked by a smooth, wavelike movement
33. technical ma___l *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
34. a ma___ic sense of purpose *adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
35. ep_____al materials *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
36. a ma___l of beauty *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
37. ho__r between life and death *v.* to stay in one place in the air
38. stimulate day_____ng *n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you

ANSWERS: 27. reaper, 28. snappy, 29. doom, 30. nostalgia, 31. cumulonimbus, 32. undulating, 33. marvel, 34. majestic, 35. ephemeral, 36. marvel, 37. hover, 38. daydreaming

39. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
40. com_____ce event *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
41. ev_____ve memories *adj.* tending to evoke or bring something to mind
42. ba__e the baby *v.* to wash or immerse oneself or another person in the water or a liquid; to expose a part of the body to a natural element, such as sunlight or air
43. ca_____e connection *n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
44. b__t my eyes *v.* to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper
45. mu_____e affairs *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
46. plenary ind_____ce *n.* the state or act of allowing oneself or another person to enjoy the pleasure of something that is considered to be a pleasure or luxury
47. homemade sa__a dip *n.* a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions

ANSWERS: 39. amaze, 40. commonplace, 41. evocative, 42. bathe, 43. cascade, 44. blot, 45. mundane, 46. indulgence, 47. salsa

48. po___c genius *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
49. po_____ss argument *adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
50. flying sa___r *n.* a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings
51. a picture of a sn_____n *n.* a figure like a person made of packed snow
52. in_____t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
53. ci___s formation *n.* a type of high-altitude cloud characterized by thin, wispy strands or filaments, usually composed of ice crystals
54. omn_____nt threat *adj.* present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places
55. ci___s streaks *n.* a type of high-altitude cloud characterized by thin, wispy strands or filaments, usually composed of ice crystals
56. am___e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
57. co_____d for a championship *v.* to struggle to win or surmount something

ANSWERS: 48. poetic, 49. pointless, 50. saucer, 51. snowman, 52. inhabit, 53. cirrus, 54. omnipresent, 55. cirrus, 56. amaze, 57. contend

58. po_____ss task *adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
59. nou_____ng ingredients *adj.* providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth
60. obs_____on of justice *n.* something that blocks the path or progress of something else; an obstacle or barrier that impedes movement, action, or progress
61. una_____ed e-mail *adj.* not responded to or explained
62. acclaimed pla_____ht *n.* a person who writes plays
63. te_____l of hair *n.* a slender, coiling, or twisting stem or strand of a climbing plant, typically used for support or attachment; any thin, curling, or twisting feature that resembles a plant tendril in shape or function
64. an endless stream of an__t *n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general
65. und_____ng waves *adj.* having a rising and falling motion or appearance like waves; marked by a smooth, wavelike movement
66. airway obs_____on *n.* something that blocks the path or progress of something else; an obstacle or barrier that impedes movement, action, or progress

ANSWERS: 58. pointless, 59. nourishing, 60. obstruction, 61. unanswered, 62. playwright, 63. tendril, 64. angst, 65. undulating, 66. obstruction

67. ev_____ve language *adj.* tending to evoke or bring something to mind
68. m__n the current situation *v.* to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something
69. gl__m-filled room *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
70. sn___y weather *adj.* lively or energetic; smart and fashionable
71. ba__e in the sea *v.* to wash or immerse oneself or another person in the water or a liquid; to expose a part of the body to a natural element, such as sunlight or air
72. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
73. cu_____s cloudscape *n.* a type of dense, white, fluffy cloud with a rounded shape and a flat base, often associated with fair weather but can also develop into larger, more towering clouds (cumulonimbus) that bring thunderstorms
74. vi_____al fear *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
75. the hot metal on the an__l *n.* a heavy iron block with a flat top and a horn-like projection used as a working surface for forging, shaping, and hammering hot metal

ANSWERS: 67. evocative, 68. moan, 69. gloom, 70. snappy, 71. bathe, 72. doom, 73. cumulus, 74. visceral, 75. anvil

76. an__l stone *n.* a heavy iron block with a flat top and a horn-like projection used as a working surface for forging, shaping, and hammering hot metal
77. the mental process of day_____ng *n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
78. mu_____e objects *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
79. dr_____t size *n.* a small drop of liquid
80. creeping te_____l *n.* a slender, coiling, or twisting stem or strand of a climbing plant, typically used for support or attachment; any thin, curling, or twisting feature that resembles a plant tendril in shape or function
81. transistor ca_____e *n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
82. ega_____an principles *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
83. un_____te waves *v.* to move with a smooth wavelike motion; to have a wavy form or outline
84. blow in a vo____x *n.* a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind
85. become a com_____ce sight *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

ANSWERS: 76. anvil, 77. daydreaming, 78. mundane, 79. droplet, 80. tendril, 81. cascade, 82. egalitarian, 83. undulate, 84. vortex, 85. commonplace

86. melting sn_____n *n.* a figure like a person made of packed snow
87. pe_____al motion machine *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
88. omn_____nt influence *adj.* present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places
89. h__l forecast *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
90. towering cum_____bus clouds *n.* a large, dense, and vertically developed thundercloud characterized by its towering shape, often associated with thunderstorms, heavy precipitation, lightning, and strong winds
91. ega_____an society *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
92. political pa____n *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
93. nou_____ng broth *adj.* providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth

ANSWERS: 86. snowman, 87. perpetual, 88. omnipresent, 89. hail, 90. cumulonimbus, 91. egalitarian, 92. patron, 93. nourishing

94. the pa___n saint of a place *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
95. a sense of gl___m *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
96. pe_____al struggle *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
97. freudian psy_____sis *n.* a system of psychological theory and therapy that aims to treat mental and emotional disorders by investigating the interaction of conscious and unconscious elements in the mind
98. artistic bru_____ke *n.* the mark or stroke made by a painter's brush on a canvas or surface; a single movement or action toward a larger project or goal
99. una_____ed love *adj.* not responded to or explained
100. a pla_____ht attached to the theatre *n.* a person who writes plays
101. a skillful re___r *n.* a person or machine that harvests crops; death personified as a figure in art or literature
102. un_____te in the wind *v.* to move with a smooth wavelike motion; to have a wavy form or outline
103. Arctic tro_____re *n.* the lowest layer of the Earth's atmosphere, extending from the surface to about 7 to 20 kilometers, where the majority of weather occurs

ANSWERS: 94. patron, 95. gloom, 96. perpetual, 97. psychoanalysis, 98. brushstroke, 99. unanswered, 100. playwright, 101. reaper, 102. undulate, 103. troposphere

104. vi____al organ *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
105. je_____sh sting *n.* a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging
106. ep_____al joys *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
107. re_____d product *v.* to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability
108. tro_____re pollution *n.* the lowest layer of the Earth's atmosphere, extending from the surface to about 7 to 20 kilometers, where the majority of weather occurs
109. psy_____sis technique *n.* a system of psychological theory and therapy that aims to treat mental and emotional disorders by investigating the interaction of conscious and unconscious elements in the mind
110. sa__a music *n.* a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions
111. in_____t a cave *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside

ANSWERS: 104. visceral, 105. jellyfish, 106. ephemeral, 107. rebrand, 108. troposphere, 109. psychoanalysis, 110. salsa, 111. inhabit

112. vo___x formation

n. a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind

ANSWERS: 112. vortex

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ mountain range was a sight to behold.
adj. impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
2. She sipped her tea from a delicate _____.
n. a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings
3. She tried to _____ out the unpleasant memory with alcohol.
v. to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper
4. The _____ of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.
n. a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
5. He allowed himself a few small _____ during his diet.
n. the state or act of allowing oneself or another person to enjoy the pleasure of something that is considered to be a pleasure or luxury
6. The company employs a _____ inventory system.
adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
7. The _____ hills of Tuscany are a beautiful sight to see.
adj. having a rising and falling motion or appearance like waves; marked by a smooth, wavelike movement

ANSWERS: 1. majestic, 2. saucer, 3. blot, 4. gloom, 5. indulgences, 6. perpetual, 7. undulating

8. The sky was painted with wispy _____ clouds during the sunset.
- n.* a type of high-altitude cloud characterized by thin, wispy strands or filaments, usually composed of ice crystals
9. We brought chips and _____ to the party as a tasty appetizer.
- n.* a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions
10. The snake _____ its way through the underbrush, silently stalking its prey.
- v.* to move with a smooth wavelike motion; to have a wavy form or outline
11. I often waste a lot of time _____.
- n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
12. The _____ machine harvested the crops in the field.
- n.* a person or machine that harvests crops; death personified as a figure in art or literature
13. Knowledge is the _____ to fear.
- n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
14. Tobacco companies have long _____ that their product is not addictive.
- v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
15. 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

ANSWERS: 8. cirrus, 9. salsa, 10. undulated, 11. daydreaming, 12. reaper, 13. antidote, 14. contended, 15. moaned

16. The sound of the hammer hitting the _____ echoed through the workshop.
n. a heavy iron block with a flat top and a horn-like projection used as a working surface for forging, shaping, and hammering hot metal
17. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.
n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
18. They built a _____ in the garden.
n. a figure like a person made of packed snow
19. I particularly enjoyed the old sitcom references and the _____ dialogue.
adj. lively or energetic; smart and fashionable
20. The clothing brand decided to _____ its image to attract a younger audience.
v. to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability
21. The ice cream truck's sound brought back _____ for my childhood.
n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
22. My mother always made sure she had a _____ breakfast before school.
adj. providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth
23. People in the area were forced to _____ a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.
v. to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

ANSWERS: 16. anvil, 17. marvel, 18. snowman, 19. snappy, 20. rebrand, 21. nostalgia, 22. nourishing, 23. hail

24. The beach was filled with hundreds of _____ so swimming was not recommended.
- n.* a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging
25. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a _____ scene from a movie.
- adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
26. Autistic children may engage in _____ behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.
- n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
27. The dark clouds overhead signaled the approach of a powerful _____ storm.
- n.* a large, dense, and vertically developed thundercloud characterized by its towering shape, often associated with thunderstorms, heavy precipitation, lightning, and strong winds
28. Forgetting someone's name is a _____ occurrence.
- adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
29. She sought _____ to understand her childhood traumas.
- n.* a system of psychological theory and therapy that aims to treat mental and emotional disorders by investigating the interaction of conscious and unconscious elements in the mind
30. The plant's delicate _____ curled around the trellis as it began to climb.
- n.* a slender, coiling, or twisting stem or strand of a climbing plant, typically used for support or attachment; any thin, curling, or twisting feature that resembles a plant tendril in shape or function

ANSWERS: 24. jellyfish, 25. poetic, 26. stimming, 27. cumulonimbus, 28. commonplace, 29. psychoanalysis, 30. tendril

31. The artist made a beautiful _____ on the canvas.

n. the mark or stroke made by a painter's brush on a canvas or surface; a single movement or action toward a larger project or goal

32. After watching the horror movie, she had a _____ reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

33. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

34. The hiker witnessed a beautiful display of _____ clouds forming over the mountain peaks.

adj. having the shape or form of a lens or lentil; flat and usually circular with rounded edges, often referring to cloud formations that resemble lenses or smooth, saucer-like objects

35. The internet has made information access _____.

adj. present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places

36. Most of the weather we experience occurs in the _____.

n. the lowest layer of the Earth's atmosphere, extending from the surface to about 7 to 20 kilometers, where the majority of weather occurs

37. He felt a sense of _____ about the future and wasn't sure what would happen.

n. a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general

ANSWERS: 31. brushstroke, 32. visceral, 33. amazed, 34. lenticular, 35. omnipresent, 36. troposphere, 37. angst

38. The meeting was considered _____ since nothing was accomplished.
adj. having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
39. The tree branch in the middle of the walking path created an _____ for pedestrians.
n. something that blocks the path or progress of something else; an obstacle or barrier that impedes movement, action, or progress
40. I always _____ my dog after she swims in the lake.
v. to wash or immerse oneself or another person in the water or a liquid; to expose a part of the body to a natural element, such as sunlight or air
41. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
42. A single _____ of water can reflect the entire world upside down.
n. a small drop of liquid
43. They have been a _____ of this restaurant for many years.
n. a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
44. The company prides itself on being an _____ workplace with equal employment opportunities.
adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
45. The music was _____ of a bygone era.
adj. tending to evoke or bring something to mind

ANSWERS: 38. pointless, 39. obstruction, 40. bathe, 41. doom, 42. droplet, 43. patron, 44. egalitarian, 45. evocative

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

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

47. I have no idea what sort of folks _____ the neighborhood.

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

48. His success as a famous actor was _____.

adj. lasting or used for only a short time

49. The _____ work was praised by critics and audiences alike.

n. a person who writes plays

50. The group of friends _____ to pull a prank on their teacher.

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

51. Pardon me for leaving some of your questions _____.

adj. not responded to or explained

52. The sky was filled with fluffy _____ clouds on a sunny day.

n. a type of dense, white, fluffy cloud with a rounded shape and a flat base, often associated with fair weather but can also develop into larger, more towering clouds (cumulonimbus) that bring thunderstorms

53. After returning from the war, he had a pretty _____ life.

adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

54. The smell from the garbage dump was _____ causing everyone to cover their noses.

adj. causing disgust, hatred, or intense dislike; extremely unpleasant, detestable, or repugnant

ANSWERS: 46. cascade, 47. inhabit, 48. ephemeral, 49. playwright's, 50. conspired, 51. unanswered, 52. cumulus, 53. mundane, 54. abominable,

55. Two birds were _____ overhead.

v. to stay in one place in the air

56. The _____ of the tornado was massive and destructive.

n. a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind

ANSWERS: 55. hovering, 56. vortex