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Session 1: Word List

brim

n. the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat

synonym : beak, edge, bound

(1) the **brim** of a hat, (2) the pelvic **brim**

The glass was filled to the **brim** with beer.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym : positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

glee

n. a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment

synonym : delight, happiness, joy

(1) jumping for **glee**, (2) **glee** club

The children's faces were filled with **glee** as they ran around the playground.

deceptive

adj. tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true

synonym : misleading, trickery, fraudulent

(1) **deceptive** practices, (2) appearances are **deceptive**
The politician's statements were found to be **deceptive** and not based on fact.

feisty

adj. full of energy or courage, often in the face of opposition or challenge; lively or spunky in temperament

synonym : spunky, plucky, spirited

(1) **feisty** attitude, (2) **feisty** debate
The **feisty** little terrier refused to back down from the larger dog.

veneer

n. a thin layer of material applied to the surface of something for decoration or protection; a superficial or deceptive outward appearance that conceals the true nature of something beneath it

synonym : overlay, laminate, facing

(1) **veneer** knowledge, (2) **veneer** stone
The wooden table had a thin **veneer** of cherry wood on top, giving it a beautiful and glossy finish.

insecure

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

synonym : uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment
Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience
The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

aspire

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym: aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection

She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

invulnerable

adj. incapable of being harmed, injured, or damaged; immune to attack or damage

synonym: invincible, indestructible, impregnable

(1) **invulnerable** fortress, (2) **invulnerable** reputation

The castle's thick walls made it **invulnerable** to enemy attacks.

deceive

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression

synonym: mislead, dupe, hoodwink

(1) **deceive** to lie, (2) **deceive** skillfully

The magician's illusions were designed to **deceive** the audience into believing they saw something impossible.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

fumble

v. to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something

synonym: botch, bumble, mishandle

(1) **fumble** about in a bag, (2) **fumble** a grounder

The receiver **fumbled** the ball, and the other team recovered it.

unmistakable

adj. clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand

synonym: apparent, clear, definite

(1) find **unmistakable** evidence, (2) **unmistakable** difference

His talent for singing is **unmistakable**.

narrate

v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

synonym: tell, recount, describe

(1) **narrate** a news article, (2) **narrate** an event

The audiobook hired a professional actor to **narrate** the story, making it more engaging for listeners.

impassive

adj. not showing emotion; calm and unemotional; without physical feeling or sensation

synonym: calm, stoic, indifferent

(1) **impassive** tone, (2) **impassive** behavior

His face remained **impassive** as I delivered the bad news.

reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

synonym: comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

unexpressed

adj. not spoken or written about; not revealed

synonym: unspoken, unvoiced, unuttered

(1) **unexpressed** anger, (2) **unexpressed** gene

The emotion he felt was **unexpressed**, hidden deep within him.

adept

adj. having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult

synonym: proficient, masterful, experienced

(1) **adept** at fishing, (2) **adept** in handicrafts

She is highly **adept** with medical equipment.

conceal

v. to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

synonym: hide, keep secret, camouflage

(1) **conceal** my identity, (2) **conceal** a close relationship

Despite the intense verbal abuse, she **concealed** her anger well.

sinister

adj. giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen

synonym: ominous, foreboding, evil

(1) **sinister** look, (2) in **sinister** terms

The dark clouds in the sky gave off a **sinister** feeling.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

inaccessible

adj. unable to travel to or reach; not available

synonym: inapproachable, unreachable, remote

(1) **inaccessible** to an unauthorized user, (2) **inaccessible** areas

Heavy snow made it **inaccessible** to go to the mountain village.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym: shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

mistrust

v. to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone

synonym: doubt, suspect, question

(1) **mistrust** a young man, (2) **mistrust** the government

He **mistrusted** her apology because of her past lies.

benign

adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

synonym : kind, gentle, harmless

(1) **benign** tumor, (2) a **benign** smile

The lump was discovered to be **benign**, and no further treatment was needed.

indifference

n. a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

synonym : apathy, disinterest, unconcern

(1) **indifference** to pain, (2) general **indifference**

I tried to assume an air of **indifference**.

psychiatry

n. the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness

synonym : mental health, psychology, psychoanalysis

(1) **psychiatry** therapy, (2) biological **psychiatry**

The field of **psychiatry** is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.

latent

adj. existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant

synonym : dormant, inactive, potential

(1) **latent** desire, (2) **latent** threat

Many people have **latent** talents they are not aware of.

insanity

n. the state of being seriously mentally ill; madness

synonym : madness, psychosis, lunacy

(1) sheer **insanity**, (2) alcoholic **insanity**

His behavior became increasingly erratic, leading many to believe he was experiencing a bout of **insanity**.

delusion

n. a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

synonym : hallucination, illusion, fantasy

(1) grand **delusion**, (2) labor under a **delusion**

He had a **delusion** that he was a millionaire.

overtake

v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

synonym : surpass, outstrip, catch up with

(1) **overtake** a rival, (2) **overtake** a milestone

The race car driver knew he had to **overtake** the other drivers to win the race.

schizophrenia

n. a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

synonym : psychosis, disorder, mental illness

(1) **schizophrenia** spectrum disorder, (2) **schizophrenia** treatment

The **schizophrenia** patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.

torment

n. unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering

synonym : pain, suffering, agony

(1) **torment** of jealousy, (2) economic **torment**

The torturers inflicted great **torment** upon the prisoners.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym : despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

intensify

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

synonym : amplify, boost, strengthen

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

relationship

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

menace

n. a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat

synonym: threat, danger, hazard

(1) invisible **menace**, (2) potential **menace**

The reckless driver was a **menace** to other drivers on the road.

helpless

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

synonym: defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

destine

v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

synonym: ordain, doom, predestine

(1) **destine** us to meet again, (2) be **destined** to become a great artist

Some people believe that we are all **destined** for greatness.

persecute

v. to subject someone to hostility, ill-treatment, or harassment, especially because of their race, religion, or political beliefs; to oppress or mistreat someone because of their identity

synonym: victimize, harass, oppress

(1) **persecute** minorities, (2) **persecute** for small debts

The government's crackdown on free speech was seen as an attempt to **persecute** journalists and media outlets.

herculean

adj. requiring great strength, effort, or endurance; of or relating to the legendary strength of the ancient Greek

hero Hercules

synonym : challenging, formidable, strenuous

(1) **herculean** effort, (2) make **herculean** progress

Completing this project in such a short amount of time will be a **herculean** task.

culminate

v. to reach a peak or climax

synonym : end, finish, conclude

(1) **culminate** in a heart attack, (2) **culminate** in failure

The event will **culminate** in a grand fireworks display.

needless

adj. describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

synonym : unnecessary, pointless, superfluous

(1) **needless** argument, (2) **needless** waste

This **needless** paperwork is wasting our time and resources.

endear

v. to make someone loved or appreciated or to cause someone to feel fondness or affection for someone or something

synonym : fondle, cherish, love

(1) **endear** a character to young readers, (2) **endear** to everyone

The baby's smile **endeared** her to everyone who saw her.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym : misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

powerless

adj. lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

synonym : helpless, impotent, feeble

(1) **powerless** position, (2) **powerless** in the organization

During the hurricane, we felt **powerless** against the winds and rain.

incapable

adj. unable to do, control, or achieve something

synonym : unable, incompetent, unskilled

(1) drunk and **incapable**, (2) **incapable** of being resisted
He seems **incapable** of understanding what she says.

deteriorate

v. to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate

synonym : decline, degenerate, regress

(1) **deteriorate** at a slow pace, (2) **deteriorate** condition
The patient's health **deteriorated** rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.

frenzied

adj. wild, excited, or uncontrolled, often as a result of strong emotions such as anger, fear, or excitement

synonym : frantic, feverish, excited

(1) **frenzied** buying, (2) **frenzied** excitement

The **frenzied** crowd rushed towards the stage at the music festival.

repertoire

n. the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something

synonym : collection, range, reservoir

(1) musical **repertoire**, (2) cooking **repertoire**

The chef's **repertoire** of dishes includes both classic and innovative recipes.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming

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

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

grotesque

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

synonym : bizarre, deformed, monstrous

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

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

intractable

adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate

synonym : obstinate, stubborn, unyielding

(1) **intractable** pain, (2) **intractable** situation

The **intractable** problem defied a solution.

wreckage

n. the remains of something that has been destroyed, ruined, severely damaged, or crashed, usually referring to vehicles, buildings, or machinery

synonym : debris, remains, demolition

(1) **wreckage** recovery, (2) ship **wreckage**

The **wreckage** of the plane was scattered across the field after the crash.

haunted

adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

synonym : spooky, eerie, ghostly

(1) **haunted** house, (2) **haunted** by memories

The old mansion was known to be **haunted**, with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

comrade

n. a close associate, friend, or companion, especially one who shares one's interests, beliefs, or political convictions; a fellow member of an organization, especially a military or political group, who shares a common cause or objective

synonym : ally, friend, mate

(1) **comrade** in arms, (2) trusted **comrade**

We worked together as **comrades** to finish the project on time.

relapse

n. the fact of becoming ill or starting to misbehave again after making an improvement

synonym: degeneration, deterioration, retrogression

(1) biochemical **relapse**, (2) **relapse** prevention

He had a **relapse** because he was working through the night.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

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

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

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

agon

n. a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others

synonym: struggle, conflict, fight

(1) emotional **agon**, (2) an **agon** of creativity

The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international **agon**.

unshakeable

adj. not able to be shaken or moved; firm, steadfast, and determined; describing a person who is strong, resolute, and unwavering

synonym: unwavering, firm, resolute

(1) **unshakeable** determination, (2) **unshakeable** trust

His **unshakeable** confidence inspired those around him to take bold risks.

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.

solvable

adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

synonym: attainable, resolvable, achievable

(1) **solvable** problem, (2) mathematically **solvable** equation

The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite **solvable** with a software update.

cutlery

n. a collective term for utensils used for eating and serving food, typically made of metal, such as knives, forks, and spoons

synonym: silverware, utensils, flatware

(1) silver **cutlery**, (2) plastic **cutlery**

The restaurant set the table with gleaming **cutlery** for the fine dining experience.

deconstruct

v. to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning

synonym: break down, interpret, assay

(1) **deconstruct** the existing system, (2) **deconstruct** his method

She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to **deconstruct** various categories of literature.

assertive

adj. characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner

synonym: confident, self-assured, decisive

(1) **assertive** behavior, (2) an **assertive** approach

She was **assertive** and confident in her negotiation tactics during the business meeting.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym : deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

dictate

v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

synonym : read out, prescribe, order

(1) **dictate** a letter to secretary, (2) **dictate** to the associate

The allies **dictated** the terms of surrender to the country.

eavesdrop

v. to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission

synonym : listen in, spy, overhear

(1) **eavesdrop** conversation, (2) **eavesdrop** on a secret plot

I accidentally **eavesdropped** on a confidential meeting last week.

confer

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

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

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

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

sane

adj. mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind

synonym : rational, sound, normal

(1) for a **sane** reason, (2) **sane** judgment

Despite the difficult circumstances, he remained **sane**.

aberrant

adj. departing from what is considered normal or typical; deviating from the usual or expected path, behavior, or pattern; abnormal or unusual

synonym : deviant, abnormal, atypical

(1) **aberrant** behavior, (2) **aberrant** cell growth

Her sudden outburst was an **aberrant** display of emotion.

envisage

v. to imagine and expect something in the future; to plan or forecast something

synonym : imagine, visualize, picture

(1) **envisage** consequences, (2) **envisage** a profit

She **envisaged** a bright future for her children.

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym : legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

paraphrase

v. to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning

synonym : rephrase, reword, reinterpret

(1) **paraphrase** a poem into prose, (2) **paraphrase** the meaning

He **paraphrased** the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.

humiliate

v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

synonym : shame, embarrass, degrade

(1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

synonym: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force
Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

endow

v. to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution

synonym: finance, subsidize, support

(1) **endow** him with the power, (2) **endow** the scholarship
Some people believe that human is **endowed** with reason and capable of distinguishing good from evil.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**
When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

intellect

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

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

adversity

n. difficulties or hardships that someone faces

synonym: hardship, difficulty, trial

(1) environmental **adversity**, (2) struggling with **adversity**

The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of **adversity** and won the game.

contort

v. to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape

synonym: deform, disfigure, distort

(1) **contort** my limbs, (2) **contort** the face

He **contorted** his smile with anger coming from his gut.

Session 2: Spelling

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49. as_____e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

ANSWERS: 40. delusion, 41. deconstruct, 42. terrify, 43. needless, 44. unmistakable, 45. impassive, 46. inaccessible, 47. frenzied, 48. grotesque, 49. aspire

50. unshakeable trust *adj.* not able to be shaken or moved; firm, steadfast, and determined; describing a person who is strong, resolute, and unwavering
51. reassure market *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
52. sinister look *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
53. potential menace *n.* a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat
54. impassive tone *adj.* not showing emotion; calm and unemotional; without physical feeling or sensation
55. biochemical relapse *n.* the fact of becoming ill or starting to misbehave again after making an improvement
56. envisage a profit *v.* to imagine and expect something in the future; to plan or forecast something
57. humiliate him publicly *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
58. helpless victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
59. aberrant cell growth *adj.* departing from what is considered normal or typical; deviating from the usual or expected path, behavior, or pattern; abnormal or unusual

ANSWERS: 50. unshakeable, 51. reassure, 52. sinister, 53. menace, 54. impassive, 55. relapse, 56. envisage, 57. humiliate, 58. helpless, 59. aberrant

60. di____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
61. ho____ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
62. par____se the meaning *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
63. co____t my limbs *v.* to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape
64. mis____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
65. ab____nt behavior *adj.* departing from what is considered normal or typical; deviating from the usual or expected path, behavior, or pattern; abnormal or unusual
66. g__e club *n.* a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment
67. mi____st a young man *v.* to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone
68. sense of op____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
69. int____le situation *adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
70. an a__n of creativity *n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others

ANSWERS: 60. disturb, 61. hopeless, 62. paraphrase, 63. contort, 64. misunderstand, 65. aberrant, 66. glee, 67. mistrust, 68. optimism, 69. intractable, 70. agon

71. te____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
72. cu_____te in failure *v.* to reach a peak or climax
73. jumping for g__e *n.* a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment
74. sch_____nia treatment *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
75. s__e judgment *adj.* mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
76. re_____re anxious patients *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
77. po_____ss position *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
78. environmental ad_____ty *n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
79. re_____e prevention *n.* the fact of becoming ill or starting to misbehave again after making an improvement
80. in_____re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
81. ad__t in handicrafts *adj.* having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult

ANSWERS: 71. terrify, 72. culminate, 73. glee, 74. schizophrenia, 75. sane, 76. reassure, 77. powerless, 78. adversity, 79. relapse, 80. insecure, 81. adept

82. une_____ed gene *adj.* not spoken or written about; not revealed
83. in_____le of being resisted *adj.* unable to do, control, or achieve something
84. biological psy_____ry *n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
85. as_____ve behavior *adj.* characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner
86. ina_____ble areas *adj.* unable to travel to or reach; not available
87. invisible me___e *n.* a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat
88. uns_____le determination *adj.* not able to be shaken or moved; firm, steadfast, and determined; describing a person who is strong, resolute, and unwavering
89. ve___r stone *n.* a thin layer of material applied to the surface of something for decoration or protection; a superficial or deceptive outward appearance that conceals the true nature of something beneath it
90. fe___y attitude *adj.* full of energy or courage, often in the face of opposition or challenge; lively or spunky in temperament

ANSWERS: 82. unexpressed, 83. incapable, 84. psychiatry, 85. assertive, 86. inaccessible, 87. menace, 88. unshakeable, 89. veneer, 90. feisty

91. di_____e a letter to secretary *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
92. dec_____ct his method *v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning
93. pe_____te for small debts *v.* to subject someone to hostility, ill-treatment, or harassment, especially because of their race, religion, or political beliefs; to oppress or mistreat someone because of their identity
94. ship wr_____ge *n.* the remains of something that has been destroyed, ruined, severely damaged, or crashed, usually referring to vehicles, buildings, or machinery
95. de_____e to lie *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
96. ea_____op conversation *v.* to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission
97. alcoholic in_____ty *n.* the state of being seriously mentally ill; madness
98. cooking rep_____re *n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something

ANSWERS: 91. dictate, 92. deconstruct, 93. persecute, 94. wreckage, 95. deceive, 96. eavesdrop, 97. insanity, 98. repertoire

99. en__t the smoking ban *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
100. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
101. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
102. ind_____nce to pain *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
103. in_____fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
104. fu___e about in a bag *v.* to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something
105. for a s___e reason *adj.* mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
106. inv_____ble reputation *adj.* incapable of being harmed, injured, or damaged; immune to attack or damage
107. ea_____op on a secret plot *v.* to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission
108. general ind_____nce *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
109. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
110. ha_____d house *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

ANSWERS: 99. enact, 100. intellect, 101. creditor, 102. indifference, 103. intensify, 104. fumble, 105. sane, 106. invulnerable, 107. eavesdrop, 108. indifference, 109. instinct, 110. haunted

111. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
112. co_____l my identity *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
113. de_____ve practices *adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
114. he_____ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
115. ov_____ke a milestone *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
116. po_____ss in the organization *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
117. de_____e us to meet again *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
118. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
119. appearances are de_____ve *adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true

ANSWERS: 111. empower, 112. conceal, 113. deceptive, 114. helpless, 115. overtake, 116. powerless, 117. destine, 118. creditor, 119. deceptive

120. co_____e in arms *n.* a close associate, friend, or companion, especially one who shares one's interests, beliefs, or political convictions; a fellow member of an organization, especially a military or political group, who shares a common cause or objective
121. ne_____ss argument *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
122. in si_____er terms *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
123. an in_____re future *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
124. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
125. mi_____st the government *v.* to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone
126. na_____e a news article *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
127. wr_____ge recovery *n.* the remains of something that has been destroyed, ruined, severely damaged, or crashed, usually referring to vehicles, buildings, or machinery
128. emotional a__n *n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others

ANSWERS: 120. comrade, 121. needless, 122. sinister, 123. insecure, 124. instinct, 125. mistrust, 126. narrate, 127. wreckage, 128. agon

129. op_____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
130. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
131. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
132. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
133. de_____e skillfully *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
134. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
135. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
136. plastic cu_____y *n.* a collective term for utensils used for eating and serving food, typically made of metal, such as knives, forks, and spoons
137. so_____le problem *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
138. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 129. oppress, 130. humming, 131. frightening, 132. empower, 133. deceive, 134. frightening, 135. optimism, 136. cutlery, 137. solvable, 138. sham

139. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
140. pe_____te minorities *v.* to subject someone to hostility, ill-treatment, or harassment, especially because of their race, religion, or political beliefs; to oppress or mistreat someone because of their identity
141. make he_____an progress *adj.* requiring great strength, effort, or endurance; of or relating to the legendary strength of the ancient Greek hero Hercules
142. labor under a de_____on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
143. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
144. par_____se a poem into prose *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
145. sheer in_____ty *n.* the state of being seriously mentally ill; madness
146. inv_____ble fortress *adj.* incapable of being harmed, injured, or damaged; immune to attack or damage
147. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
148. une_____ed anger *adj.* not spoken or written about; not revealed
149. fr_____ed buying *adj.* wild, excited, or uncontrolled, often as a result of strong emotions such as anger, fear, or excitement

ANSWERS: 139. terrifying, 140. persecute, 141. herculean, 142. delusion, 143. opportune, 144. paraphrase, 145. insanity, 146. invulnerable, 147. profoundly, 148. unexpressed, 149. frenzied

150. en__w him with the power *v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution
151. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
152. di____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
153. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
154. he_____an effort *adj.* requiring great strength, effort, or endurance; of or relating to the legendary strength of the ancient Greek hero Hercules
155. ho____ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
156. en____r to everyone *v.* to make someone loved or appreciated or to cause someone to feel fondness or affection for someone or something
157. to____t of jealousy *n.* unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering
158. co____l a close relationship *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
159. psy_____ry therapy *n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
160. be____n tumor *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

ANSWERS: 150. endow, 151. misunderstand, 152. disturb, 153. confer, 154. herculean, 155. hopeless, 156. endear, 157. torment, 158. conceal, 159. psychiatry, 160. benign

161. hu____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
162. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
163. as___e after perfection *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
164. cu_____te in a heart attack *v.* to reach a peak or climax
165. en__w the scholarship *v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution
166. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
167. la___t threat *adj.* existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant
168. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
169. co_____t the face *v.* to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape
170. the pelvic b__m *n.* the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat

ANSWERS: 161. humming, 162. intellect, 163. aspire, 164. culminate, 165. endow, 166. sham, 167. latent, 168. empathy, 169. contort, 170. brim

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of _____ and won the game.
n. difficulties or hardships that someone faces
2. Rebels have pledged to _____ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.
v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
3. His behavior became increasingly erratic, leading many to believe he was experiencing a bout of _____.
n. the state of being seriously mentally ill; madness
4. She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to _____ various categories of literature.
v. to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning
5. The politician's statements were found to be _____ and not based on fact.
adj. tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
6. The torturers inflicted great _____ upon the prisoners.
n. unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering
7. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.
n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 1. adversity, 2. intensify, 3. insanity, 4. deconstruct, 5. deceptive, 6. torment, 7. instinct

8. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
9. The old mansion was known to be _____ with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.
adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
10. I accidentally _____ on a confidential meeting last week.
v. to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission
11. She _____ a bright future for her children.
v. to imagine and expect something in the future; to plan or forecast something
12. Some people believe that human is _____ with reason and capable of distinguishing good from evil.
v. to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution
13. The dark clouds in the sky gave off a _____ feeling.
adj. giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
14. The chef's _____ of dishes includes both classic and innovative recipes.
n. the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something
15. The emotion he felt was _____ hidden deep within him.
adj. not spoken or written about; not revealed

ANSWERS: 8. humming, 9. haunted, 10. eavesdropped, 11. envisaged, 12. endowed, 13. sinister, 14. repertoire, 15. unexpressed,

16. He seems _____ of understanding what she says.

adj. unable to do, control, or achieve something

17. The audiobook hired a professional actor to _____ the story, making it more engaging for listeners.

v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

18. The _____ problem defied a solution.

adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate

19. Despite the intense verbal abuse, she _____ her anger well.

v. to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

20. He had a _____ because he was working through the night.

n. the fact of becoming ill or starting to misbehave again after making an improvement

21. The _____ crowd rushed towards the stage at the music festival.

adj. wild, excited, or uncontrolled, often as a result of strong emotions such as anger, fear, or excitement

22. The allies _____ the terms of surrender to the country.

v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

23. Some people believe that we are all _____ for greatness.

v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

ANSWERS: 16. incapable, 17. narrate, 18. intractable, 19. concealed, 20. relapse, 21. frenzied, 22. dictated, 23. destined

24. The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite _____ with a software update.

adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

25. The boss _____ her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

26. The novel affected her _____ causing her to question her beliefs and values.

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

27. I tried to assume an air of _____.

n. a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

28. Despite the difficult circumstances, he remained _____.

adj. mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind

29. 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

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

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

31. The event will _____ in a grand fireworks display.

v. to reach a peak or climax

ANSWERS: 24. solvable, 25. humiliated, 26. profoundly, 27. indifference, 28. sane, 29. empowered, 30. intellect, 31. culminate

32. The reckless driver was a _____ to other drivers on the road.
n. a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat
33. The restaurant set the table with gleaming _____ for the fine dining experience.
n. a collective term for utensils used for eating and serving food, typically made of metal, such as knives, forks, and spoons
34. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.
v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
35. The children's faces were filled with _____ as they ran around the playground.
n. a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment
36. During the hurricane, we felt _____ against the winds and rain.
adj. lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
37. He _____ her apology because of her past lies.
v. to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone
38. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.
n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
39. The _____ patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.
n. a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

ANSWERS: 32. menace, 33. cutlery, 34. aspired, 35. glee, 36. powerless, 37. mistrusted, 38. optimism, 39. schizophrenia

40. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

41. The field of _____ is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.

n. the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness

42. The glass was filled to the _____ with beer.

n. the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat

43. He _____ the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.

v. to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning

44. The pilot tried to _____ the customers that the planes were safe.

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

45. The _____ little terrier refused to back down from the larger dog.

adj. full of energy or courage, often in the face of opposition or challenge; lively or spunky in temperament

46. The government's crackdown on free speech was seen as an attempt to _____ journalists and media outlets.

v. to subject someone to hostility, ill-treatment, or harassment, especially because of their race, religion, or political beliefs; to oppress or mistreat someone because of their identity

ANSWERS: 40. frightening, 41. psychiatry, 42. brim, 43. paraphrased, 44. reassure, 45. feisty, 46. persecute

47. Completing this project in such a short amount of time will be a _____ task.

adj. requiring great strength, effort, or endurance; of or relating to the legendary strength of the ancient Greek hero Hercules

48. I feel so _____ without you.

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

49. We worked together as _____ to finish the project on time.

n. a close associate, friend, or companion, especially one who shares one's interests, beliefs, or political convictions; a fellow member of an organization, especially a military or political group, who shares a common cause or objective

50. His face remained _____ as I delivered the bad news.

adj. not showing emotion; calm and unemotional; without physical feeling or sensation

51. The castle's thick walls made it _____ to enemy attacks.

adj. incapable of being harmed, injured, or damaged; immune to attack or damage

52. She is highly _____ with medical equipment.

adj. having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult

53. The wooden table had a thin _____ of cherry wood on top, giving it a beautiful and glossy finish.

n. a thin layer of material applied to the surface of something for decoration or protection; a superficial or deceptive outward appearance that conceals the true nature of something beneath it

ANSWERS: 47. herculean, 48. helpless, 49. comrades, 50. impassive, 51. invulnerable, 52. adept, 53. veneer

54. The race car driver knew he had to _____ the other drivers to win the race.
v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
55. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
56. After months of job searching, he felt _____ and unsure of his future.
adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
57. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.
v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
58. The receiver _____ the ball, and the other team recovered it.
v. to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something
59. The _____ sculpture made me feel uneasy.
adj. bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
60. The data he prepared was completely _____.
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
61. This _____ paperwork is wasting our time and resources.
adj. describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

ANSWERS: 54. overtake, 55. opportune, 56. hopeless, 57. misunderstand, 58. fumbled, 59. grotesque, 60. sham, 61. needless

62. She was _____ and confident in her negotiation tactics during the business meeting.
adj. characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner
63. The lump was discovered to be _____ and no further treatment was needed.
adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
64. The series of terrorist attacks _____ the entire nation.
v. to shock or disgust greatly
65. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
66. The magician's illusions were designed to _____ the audience into believing they saw something impossible.
v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
67. Her sudden outburst was an _____ display of emotion.
adj. departing from what is considered normal or typical; deviating from the usual or expected path, behavior, or pattern; abnormal or unusual
68. The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international _____.
n. a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
69. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 62. assertive, 63. benign, 64. horrify, 65. creditor, 66. deceive, 67. aberrant, 68. agon, 69. Empathy

70. Heavy snow made it _____ to go to the mountain village.

adj. unable to travel to or reach; not available

71. He _____ his smile with anger coming from his gut.

v. to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape

72. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

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

73. The government _____ this law in 1925.

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

74. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.

v. to frighten someone very much

75. Children in an unstructured environment often feel _____.

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

76. The _____ of the plane was scattered across the field after the crash.

n. the remains of something that has been destroyed, ruined, severely damaged, or crashed, usually referring to vehicles, buildings, or machinery

77. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

78. The patient's health _____ rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.

v. to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate

ANSWERS: 70. inaccessible, 71. contorted, 72. confer, 73. enacted, 74. terrify, 75. insecure, 76. wreckage, 77. oppressed, 78. deteriorated

79. The baby's smile _____ her to everyone who saw her.

v. to make someone loved or appreciated or to cause someone to feel fondness or affection for someone or something

80. His _____ confidence inspired those around him to take bold risks.

adj. not able to be shaken or moved; firm, steadfast, and determined; describing a person who is strong, resolute, and unwavering

81. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.

adj. very frightening or intimidating

82. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

83. Many people have _____ talents they are not aware of.

adj. existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant

84. His talent for singing is _____.

adj. clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand

85. He had a _____ that he was a millionaire.

n. a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

ANSWERS: 79. endeared, 80. unshakeable, 81. terrifying, 82. disturb, 83. latent, 84. unmistakable, 85. delusion