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Session 1: Word List

whistleblower

n. a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

synonym : informant, snitch

(1) anonymous **whistleblower**, (2) government

whistleblower

The government has laws in place to protect **whistleblowers** from retaliation.

traitor

n. a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign

synonym : betrayal, turncoat, renegade

(1) political **traitor**, (2) notorious **traitor**

The government branded him a **traitor** after he leaked classified information to the press.

patriot

n. a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required

synonym : nationalist, loyalist

(1) blind **patriot**, (2) zealous **patriot**

He is more of a hypocrite than a **patriot**, to be honest.

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

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

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

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

propel *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

synonym: drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

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.

bury *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

adversary *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

synonym: opponent, enemy, foe

(1) **adversary** team, (2) political **adversary**

The boxer's toughest **adversary** was his fear of losing.

prism *n.* a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and

display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic

synonym : crystal, polyhedron

(1) **prism** spectrometer, (2) a **prism** of viewpoints

The scientist used an optical **prism** to analyze the dispersion of light in the laboratory experiment.

wiretap

v. to secretly listen to a people's conversation or get their information by connecting a listening device to their phone line

synonym : tap, bug, intercept

(1) receiver to **wiretap** transmission data, (2) **wiretap** private communications

It later appeared that the police had **wiretapped** the suspect's conversations.

compel

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

synonym : force, oblige, coerce

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

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

allege

v. to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

synonym : claim, assert, state

(1) **allege** abuse, (2) **allege** wrongdoing

The prosecution **alleged** that the defendant was guilty of the crime.

pall

n. a sense of boredom or weariness; a covering or veil that is dull, dark, or uninteresting

synonym : boredom, weariness, monotony

(1) a **pall** of darkness, (2) **pall** of sadness

The news of the tragedy cast a **pall** over the entire community.

backroom

n. a private or secret room or office, especially one used for carrying out secretive or illegal activities; the behind-the-scenes workings of a business, organization, or political system; (adjective) done or happening behind the scenes, out of public view, or in a private or secretive manner

synonym: secret, hidden, private

(1) the boys in the **backroom**, (2) **backroom** negotiations
The manager held a secret meeting in the **backroom** to discuss the new project.

coop

v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

synonym: birdcage, enclosure, cage

(1) fly the **coop**, (2) chicken **coop**

The farmer put a **coop** over the hens.

stride

v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

synonym: step, walk, march

(1) **stride** across a room, (2) **stride** down a slope

She **strides** confidently across the stage to accept her award.

encrypt

v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

synonym: encode, cipher, scramble

(1) **encrypt** data, (2) **encrypt** message

To protect their sensitive information, many businesses **encrypt** their files.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable

of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

boundless

adj. having no limits; limitless

synonym : limitless, indefinite, bottomless

(1) **boundless** imagination, (2) **boundless** energy

The **boundless** ocean stretched before them as far as the eye could see.

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.

ballpark

v. a place or facility where baseball is played; a rough estimation of something

synonym : arena, proximity, vicinity

(1) **ballpark** price, (2) major-league **ballpark**

It'll be somewhere in the **ballpark** of \$100.

intercept

v. to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

synonym : ambush, block, prevent

(1) **intercept** an enemy force, (2) **intercept** X rays

It is illegal to **intercept** police radio.

invade

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

synonym : intrude, raid, overrun

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

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

sentimental

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

synonym : bathetic, drippy, maudlin

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

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

viol

n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

synonym : viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

chairperson

n. the officer who presides over organization meetings

synonym : director, head, leader

(1) vice **chairperson**, (2) the meeting elected a **chairperson**

The **chairperson** has the authority to approve or deny any request.

Senate

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

synonym : upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

misinterpret

v. to understand or explain something in the wrong way

synonym : misunderstand, falsify, misconstrue

(1) **misinterpret** the purpose, (2) **misinterpret** the data

He **misinterpreted** her statement and got the wrong idea.

individualize

v. to make something personal or more personal to suit the needs of a particular person, place, etc.

synonym : personalize, differentiate

(1) **individualize** each patient, (2) **individualize** dosages

Our schools offer **individualized** education by excellent

teachers.

furious

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

synonym : angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

flea

n. a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds

synonym : pulex, siphonaptera, biter

(1) local **flea** market, (2) **flea** infestation

The **flea-borne** disease caused a severe outbreak in the city.

betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

synonym : fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

ignite

v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning

synonym : light, set fire to, ignite

(1) **ignite** a boom, (2) **ignite** passion

He **ignited** the fireworks with a single spark.

overblow

v. to blow or be blown with excessive force or intensity, often resulting in a distorted or overly loud sound; to exaggerate the importance or impact of something

synonym : exaggerate, inflate, magnify

(1) **overblow** trumpet, (2) **overblow** a rumor

The media tends to **overblow** certain events to create sensational headlines.

prerogative

n. a special right or privilege that is exclusive to a particular group or person; a discretionary power or authority that is granted by law or custom

synonym : entitlement, privilege, right

(1) **prerogative** of the king, (2) legislative **prerogative**

It is the president's **prerogative** to veto a bill that he doesn't agree with.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym : interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

fraternity

n. a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation

synonym : brotherhood, association, society

(1) the medical **fraternity**, (2) **fraternity** party

My college students join a **fraternity** to make connections and build a sense of community.

techie

n. a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices

synonym : geek, technician, computer expert

(1) gadget **techies**, (2) aspiring **techies**

Our company hired a **techie** consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.

candor

n. the quality of being open, honest, and frank; the act of speaking truthfully and directly without evasion or pretense

synonym : frankness, honesty, openness

(1) **candor** policy, (2) speak with **candor**

Her **candor** in admitting her mistake was refreshing and earned her respect.

mislead

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true

synonym : misinform, delude, belie

(1) **mislead** him into trusting her, (2) **mislead** the enemy
Our troops pulled back to **mislead** the enemy.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym : demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

backdoor

adj. a term used to describe an unauthorized or concealed means of accessing a computer system or network, typically through a loophole or vulnerability in the system

synonym : hidden, secret, covert

(1) **backdoor** access, (2) **backdoor** software

The public was outraged to discover that the company had made a **backdoor** deal with the government to avoid taxes.

subvert

v. to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within

synonym : overthrow, undermine, sabotage

(1) **subvert** power, (2) **subvert** expectations

The rebels could **subvert** the government's plans by leaking classified information.

cyberattack

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

synonym : cyber intrusion, hack, cyberterrorism

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

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

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

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.

unfounded

adj. not based on good evidence or reason; without foundation or justification

synonym: baseless, groundless, untrue

(1) **unfounded** allegations, (2) **unfounded** fears

The accusations were **unfounded** and lacked evidence.

secrecy

n. the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

synonym: confidentiality, clandestineness, closeness

(1) government **secrecy**, (2) maintain **secrecy**

The company's **secrecy** surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

unconstitutional

adj. not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state

synonym: illegal, unlawful, invalid

(1) **unconstitutional** violation, (2) **unconstitutional** action

The law was determined to be **unconstitutional** by the court.

provoke

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

synonym : stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming

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

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

dissident

n. a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary

synonym : dissenter, rebel, protester

(1) **dissident** activities, (2) outspoken **dissident**

The government's security forces constantly monitored the **dissident** politician.

reckless

adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

synonym : impetuous, irresponsible, thoughtless

(1) **reckless** driving, (2) in a **reckless** manner

Reckless youth makes rueful age.

heroic

adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

libertarian

n. a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs

synonym : latitudinarian

(1) **libertarian** group, (2) civil **libertarian**

Western liberal democracy serves as the foundation for the **libertarian** philosophy of the media.

offend

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

synonym: insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

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.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

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.

revisit

v. to go to a place again, especially after a long period

synonym: reexplore, review, reexamine

(1) **revisit** a place, (2) **revisit** an old friend

We need to **revisit** this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.

rebalance

v. to adjust or distribute something proportionally to restore balance; to make changes to bring a situation back into equilibrium or stability

synonym : adjust, realign, readjust

(1) **rebalance** the budget, (2) **rebalance** team roles

I need to **rebalance** my investment portfolio to reduce risk.

amnesty

n. a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes

synonym : pardon, clemency, reprieve

(1) grant an **amnesty**, (2) **amnesty** for debt

The government declared **amnesty** for all political prisoners.

underlie

v. to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below

synonym : govern, control, determine

(1) **underlie** the theory of the big bang, (2) **underlie** the current economic deadlock

His bitter experiences **underlie** his moral principles.

encapsulate

v. to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form

synonym : enclose, contain, capsulize

(1) **encapsulate** the message, (2) **encapsulate** the essence

The movie can **encapsulate** the book's spirit, bringing it to life on screen.

Session 2: Spelling

1. political ad_____ry
n. a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
2. ba_____or access
adj. a term used to describe an unauthorized or concealed means of accessing a computer system or network, typically through a loophole or vulnerability in the system
3. r_v up the crowd
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
4. pr_____e a disease
v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
5. ind_____ize each patient
v. to make something personal or more personal to suit the needs of a particular person, place, etc.
6. st___e across a room
v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
7. ad_____ry team
n. a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
8. enc_____te the essence
v. to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form

ANSWERS: 1. adversary, 2. backdoor, 3. rev, 4. provoke, 5. individualize, 6. stride, 7. adversary, 8. encapsulate

9. cyb_____ck prevention *n.* an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
10. a fu_____s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
11. mi_____d him into trusting her *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
12. st___e down a slope *v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
13. gadget te___es *n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
14. re_____ss driving *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
15. maintain se_____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
16. un_____ie the theory of the big bang *v.* to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below
17. bo_____ss imagination *adj.* having no limits; limitless
18. speak with ca___r *n.* the quality of being open, honest, and frank; the act of speaking truthfully and directly without evasion or pretense
19. chicken c__p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
20. unc_____nal action *adj.* not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state

ANSWERS: 9. cyberattack, 10. furious, 11. mislead, 12. stride, 13. techie, 14. reckless, 15. secrecy, 16. underlie, 17. boundless, 18. candor, 19. coop, 20. unconstitutional

21. the boys in the ba____om *n.* a private or secret room or office, especially one used for carrying out secretive or illegal activities; the behind-the-scenes workings of a business, organization, or political system; (adjective) done or happening behind the scenes, out of public view, or in a private or secretive manner
22. in a re____ss manner *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
23. em____y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
24. local f__a market *n.* a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
25. anonymous whi_____wer *n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people
26. re_____ce the budget *v.* to adjust or distribute something proportionally to restore balance; to make changes to bring a situation back into equilibrium or stability
27. 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
28. in_____pt X rays *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

ANSWERS: 21. backroom, 22. reckless, 23. embody, 24. flea, 25. whistleblower, 26. rebalance, 27. visceral, 28. intercept

29. a he___c poem *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
30. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
31. 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
32. the meeting elected a cha_____on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
33. receiver to wi_____p transmission data *v.* to secretly listen to a people's conversation or get their information by connecting a listening device to their phone line
34. de_____e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
35. in___e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
36. re_____ce team roles *v.* to adjust or distribute something proportionally to restore balance; to make changes to bring a situation back into equilibrium or stability

ANSWERS: 29. heroic, 30. germ, 31. poetic, 32. chairperson, 33. wiretap, 34. degrade, 35. invade, 36. rebalance

37. cyb_____ck defense system *n.* an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
38. lib_____an group *n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
39. of___d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
40. fu_____s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
41. in_____pt an enemy force *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
42. mi_____d the enemy *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
43. vice cha_____on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
44. wi_____p private communications *v.* to secretly listen to a people's conversation or get their information by connecting a listening device to their phone line
45. government whi_____wer *n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people
46. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

ANSWERS: 37. cyberattack, 38. libertarian, 39. offend, 40. furious, 41. intercept, 42. mislead, 43. chairperson, 44. wiretap, 45. whistleblower, 46. bury

47. p__l of sadness *n.* a sense of boredom or weariness; a covering or veil that is dull, dark, or uninteresting
48. a p__l of darkness *n.* a sense of boredom or weariness; a covering or veil that is dull, dark, or uninteresting
49. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
50. pri____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
51. co__l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
52. grant an am____y *n.* a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
53. v__l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
54. enrich my in____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
55. em__y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
56. in a sen____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
57. re____t a place *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period

ANSWERS: 47. pall, 48. pall, 49. creditor, 50. prioritize, 51. compel, 52. amnesty, 53. viol, 54. intellect, 55. embody, 56. sentimental, 57. revisit

58. Se___e hearing *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
59. political tr____r *n.* a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign
60. en____t data *v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
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64. su____t expectations *v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
65. zealous pa____t *n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required

ANSWERS: 58. Senate, 59. traitor, 60. encrypt, 61. allege, 62. techie, 63. poetic, 64. subvert, 65. patriot

66. bo_____ss energy *adj.* having no limits; limitless
67. government se_____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
68. de_____e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
69. civil lib_____an *n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
70. un_____ie the current economic deadlock *v.* to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below
71. be____y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
72. f__a infestation *n.* a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
73. of____d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
74. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
75. co____l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

ANSWERS: 66. boundless, 67. secrecy, 68. degrade, 69. libertarian, 70. underlie, 71. betray, 72. flea, 73. offend, 74. intellect, 75. compel

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77. al___e wrongdoing *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
78. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
79. am_____y for debt *n.* a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
80. re_____t an old friend *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
81. a pr__m of viewpoints *n.* a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic
82. unc_____nal violation *adj.* not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state
83. human activities int_____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things

ANSWERS: 76. sentimental, 77. allege, 78. rev, 79. amnesty, 80. revisit, 81. prism, 82. unconstitutional, 83. interconnect

84. enc_____te the message *v.* to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form
85. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
86. ind_____ize dosages *v.* to make something personal or more personal to suit the needs of a particular person, place, etc.
87. ba_____rk price *v.* a place or facility where baseball is played; a rough estimation of something
88. un_____ed fears *adj.* not based on good evidence or reason; without foundation or justification
89. blind pa_____t *n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required
90. fly the c__p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
91. un_____ed allegations *adj.* not based on good evidence or reason; without foundation or justification
92. pre_____ve of the king *n.* a special right or privilege that is exclusive to a particular group or person; a discretionary power or authority that is granted by law or custom
93. di_____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
94. ig___e a boom *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning

ANSWERS: 84. encapsulate, 85. germ, 86. individualize, 87. ballpark, 88. unfounded, 89. patriot, 90. coop, 91. unfounded, 92. prerogative, 93. disturb, 94. ignite

95. ba____or software *adj.* a term used to describe an unauthorized or concealed means of accessing a computer system or network, typically through a loophole or vulnerability in the system
96. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
97. in___e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
98. ov_____ow trumpet *v.* to blow or be blown with excessive force or intensity, often resulting in a distorted or overly loud sound; to exaggerate the importance or impact of something
99. the medical fra_____ty *n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
100. mis_____ret the data *v.* to understand or explain something in the wrong way
101. su_____t power *v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
102. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
103. pr___l growth *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
104. pr__m spectrometer *n.* a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic

ANSWERS: 95. backdoor, 96. terrifying, 97. invade, 98. overblow, 99. fraternity, 100. misinterpret, 101. subvert, 102. bury, 103. propel, 104. prism

105. 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
106. di_____nt activities *n.* a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary
107. outspoken di_____nt *n.* a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary
108. be___y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
109. ba_____om negotiations *n.* a private or secret room or office, especially one used for carrying out secretive or illegal activities; the behind-the-scenes workings of a business, organization, or political system; (adjective) done or happening behind the scenes, out of public view, or in a private or secretive manner
110. pr___l the ship *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
111. fra_____ty party *n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation

ANSWERS: 105. visceral, 106. dissident, 107. dissident, 108. betray, 109. backroom, 110. propel, 111. fraternity

112. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
113. legislative pre_____ve *n.* a special right or privilege that is exclusive to a particular group or person; a discretionary power or authority that is granted by law or custom
114. directly int_____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
115. v__l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
116. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
117. pri_____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
118. mis_____ret the purpose *v.* to understand or explain something in the wrong way
119. Se___e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
120. notorious tr_____r *n.* a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign
121. major-league ba_____rk *v.* a place or facility where baseball is played; a rough estimation of something
122. pr_____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

ANSWERS: 112. terrifying, 113. prerogative, 114. interconnect, 115. viol, 116. creditor, 117. prioritize, 118. misinterpret, 119. Senate, 120. traitor, 121. ballpark, 122. provoke

123. en____t message *v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
124. he____c explorers *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
125. ov____ow a rumor *v.* to blow or be blown with excessive force or intensity, often resulting in a distorted or overly loud sound; to exaggerate the importance or impact of something
126. ig____e passion *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
127. ca____r policy *n.* the quality of being open, honest, and frank; the act of speaking truthfully and directly without evasion or pretense
128. di____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

ANSWERS: 123. encrypt, 124. heroic, 125. overblow, 126. ignite, 127. candor, 128. disturb

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
 - n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
2. The news of the tragedy cast a _____ over the entire community.
 - n.* a sense of boredom or weariness; a covering or veil that is dull, dark, or uninteresting
3. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
 - n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
4. He felt _____ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.
 - v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
5. The scientist used an optical _____ to analyze the dispersion of light in the laboratory experiment.
 - n.* a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic
6. It is the president's _____ to veto a bill that he doesn't agree with.
 - n.* a special right or privilege that is exclusive to a particular group or person; a discretionary power or authority that is granted by law or custom

ANSWERS: 1. intellect, 2. pall, 3. rev, 4. betrayed, 5. prism, 6. prerogative

7. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
- v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
8. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.
- v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
9. The rebels could _____ the government's plans by leaking classified information.
- v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
10. The government branded him a _____ after he leaked classified information to the press.
- n.* a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign
11. His rude comments _____ many people at the party.
- v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
12. 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
13. My college students join a _____ to make connections and build a sense of community.
- n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation

ANSWERS: 7. bury, 8. provoked, 9. subvert, 10. traitor, 11. offended, 12. visceral, 13. fraternity

14. _____ youth makes rueful age.

adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

15. The movie can _____ the book's spirit, bringing it to life on screen.

v. to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form

16. It later appeared that the police had _____ the suspect's conversations.

v. to secretly listen to a people's conversation or get their information by connecting a listening device to their phone line

17. His bitter experiences _____ his moral principles.

v. to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below

18. He _____ her statement and got the wrong idea.

v. to understand or explain something in the wrong way

19. The accusations were _____ and lacked evidence.

adj. not based on good evidence or reason; without foundation or justification

20. He _____ the fireworks with a single spark.

v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning

21. It is illegal to _____ police radio.

v. to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

22. The company's new products _____ the values of innovation and sustainability.

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

ANSWERS: 14. Reckless, 15. encapsulate, 16. wiretapped, 17. underlie, 18. misinterpreted, 19. unfounded, 20. ignited, 21. intercept, 22. embody

23. Our system can now _____ with other databases.
- v. to connect similar things
24. The _____ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.
- adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
25. The media tends to _____ certain events to create sensational headlines.
- v. to blow or be blown with excessive force or intensity, often resulting in a distorted or overly loud sound; to exaggerate the importance or impact of something
26. Her _____ in admitting her mistake was refreshing and earned her respect.
- n. the quality of being open, honest, and frank; the act of speaking truthfully and directly without evasion or pretense
27. The strict deadlines will _____ the team to work efficiently.
- v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
28. Our company hired a _____ consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.
- n. a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
29. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.
- v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

ANSWERS: 23. interconnect, 24. heroic, 25. overblow, 26. candor, 27. compel, 28. techie, 29. degrade

30. The _____ has the authority to approve or deny any request.
n. the officer who presides over organization meetings
31. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.
adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
32. The coach was _____ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.
adj. extremely angry; full of rage
33. The government's security forces constantly monitored the _____ politician.
n. a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary
34. The farmer put a _____ over the hens.
v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
35. Our troops pulled back to _____ the enemy.
v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true
36. She _____ confidently across the stage to accept her award.
v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
37. I need to _____ my investment portfolio to reduce risk.
v. to adjust or distribute something proportionally to restore balance; to make changes to bring a situation back into equilibrium or stability
38. The government declared _____ for all political prisoners.
n. a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes

ANSWERS: 30. chairperson, 31. sentimental, 32. furious, 33. dissident, 34. coop, 35. mislead, 36. strides, 37. rebalance, 38. amnesty

39. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.
- v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
40. The _____ disease caused a severe outbreak in the city.
- n.* a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
41. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
- n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
42. To protect their sensitive information, many businesses _____ their files.
- v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
43. We need to _____ this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.
- v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
44. The company's _____ surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.
- n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
45. The hackers launched a devastating _____ stealing sensitive information from the company's servers.
- n.* an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network

ANSWERS: 39. prioritized, 40. flea-borne, 41. creditor, 42. encrypt, 43. revisit, 44. secrecy, 45. cyberattack,

46. Our schools offer _____ education by excellent teachers.
v. to make something personal or more personal to suit the needs of a particular person, place, etc.
47. It'll be somewhere in the _____ of \$100.
v. a place or facility where baseball is played; a rough estimation of something
48. The _____ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.
n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
49. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
50. An increase in employment helps _____ economic growth.
v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
51. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
52. The _____ ocean stretched before them as far as the eye could see.
adj. having no limits; limitless
53. The law was determined to be _____ by the court.
adj. not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state

ANSWERS: 46. individualized, 47. ballpark, 48. viol, 49. disturb, 50. propel, 51. germ, 52. boundless, 53. unconstitutional

54. The public was outraged to discover that the company had made a _____ deal with the government to avoid taxes.
- adj.* a term used to describe an unauthorized or concealed means of accessing a computer system or network, typically through a loophole or vulnerability in the system
55. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.
- v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
56. The manager held a secret meeting in the _____ to discuss the new project.
- n.* a private or secret room or office, especially one used for carrying out secretive or illegal activities; the behind-the-scenes workings of a business, organization, or political system; (adjective) done or happening behind the scenes, out of public view, or in a private or secretive manner
57. Western liberal democracy serves as the foundation for the _____ philosophy of the media.
- n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
58. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
- adj.* very frightening or intimidating
59. 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
60. The boxer's toughest _____ was his fear of losing.
- n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

ANSWERS: 54. backdoor, 55. invade, 56. backroom, 57. libertarian, 58. terrifying, 59. poetic, 60. adversary

61. He is more of a hypocrite than a _____ to be honest.

n. a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required

62. The government has laws in place to protect _____ from retaliation.

n. a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

63. The prosecution _____ that the defendant was guilty of the crime.

v. to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

64. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

ANSWERS: 61. patriot, 62. whistleblowers, 63. alleged, 64. Senate