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Session 1: Word List

- ken** *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
synonym: knowledge, understanding, familiarity
(1) within my **ken**, (2) **ken** of the person
He had a good **ken** of the city and could easily find his way around.
- crossfade** *v.* to smoothly transition or blend between two audio tracks, videos, or images, usually by reducing the volume of one while simultaneously increasing the volume of the other
synonym: fade out, blend, mix
(1) **crossfade** music, (2) **crossfade** between scenes
The DJ skillfully **crossfaded** between two songs, creating a seamless transition on the dance floor.
- synthesizer** *n.* an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds
synonym: sampler, sequencer, module
(1) **synthesizer** bass, (2) music **synthesizer**
The electronic **synthesizer** created a range of unique sounds

for the music.

discotheque

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

synonym: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

craze

n. an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad

synonym: mania, fad, agitation

(1) **craze** for speculation, (2) fitness **craze**

We experienced a **craze** for electric vehicles as interest in green tech grew.

ballad

n. a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style

synonym: folk song, jingle, ditty

(1) traditional **ballad**, (2) Irish **ballad**

The singer's **ballad** brought the audience to tears.

remix

v. to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item

synonym: recreate, recompose, alter

(1) **remix** a couple of tracks, (2) **remix** the album

He **remixed** the tracks to give them a jazz feel.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

ingenuity

n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

synonym: creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**
Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

masochist

n. someone who derives pleasure from their pain or suffering; one who enjoys being humiliated or degraded

(1) **masochist** tendencies, (2) **masochist** behavior

Some people are **masochists** who enjoy experiencing pain.

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.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

pardon

v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense

synonym: forgive, excuse, absolve

(1) **pardon** me, (2) supplicate for **pardon**

The governor decided to **pardon** the prisoner after reviewing

the evidence of his innocence.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

vibe

n. an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood

synonym : atmosphere, aura, feeling

(1) party **vibe**, (2) chill **vibe**

The music festival had a great **vibe**, with everyone enjoying the performances and having a good time.

chide

v. to scold or rebuke someone, typically mildly or gently; to express disapproval or disappointment towards someone's behavior or actions

synonym : scold, reprimand, admonish

(1) **chide** with reproach, (2) **chide** gently

She **chided** her child for not completing the homework on time.

bully

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

synonym : tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

nutshell

n. the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something

synonym :

summary, essence, covering

(1) move into a **nutshell**, (2) **nutshell** version

Can you explain your argument in a **nutshell**?

sampler

n. a piece of fabric or other material that has a variety of different stitches or designs worked into it, used as a reference or example of different embroidery techniques; a selection or collection of different samples or examples of something, such as music, food, or products

(1) **sampler** album, (2) electronic **sampler**

The artist made a **sampler** of different paint textures and colors to help her decide what to use for her next project.

snare

n. a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks

synonym: trap, noose, entanglement

(1) **snare** drum, (2) fall into a **snare**

The thief was caught in a **snare** set by the police.

beastie

n. a small or insignificant animal often used to describe insects, rodents, or other vermin

synonym: critter, creature, animal

(1) cute little **beastie**, (2) monster **beastie**

Scientists discovered a new species of **beastie** in the rainforest.

loot

v. steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder

synonym: plunder, pillage, rob

(1) **loot** the ship, (2) war **loot**

The bandits **looted** the small town, leaving it in ruins.

inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

synonym: shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

slick

adj. smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient

synonym: smooth, polished, shiny

(1) a **slick** operation, (2) **slick** design

The politician gave a **slick** speech, but it was full of empty promises.

predate

v. to have existed or happened earlier than something

synonym: foredate, antedate, precede

(1) **predate** A.D. 200., (2) **predate** the modern age

The idea of virtual worlds **predates** computers.

abbey

n. a monastery or convent, especially for monks or nuns

synonym: monastery, convent

(1) ruined **abbey**, (2) **abbey** church

The venerable **abbey** was founded in the 12th century.

catchy

adj. pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention

synonym: captivating, haunting, memorable

(1) **catchy** nickname, (2) a **catchy** title for a movie

This track starts with a **catchy** guitar riff.

throwback

n. a person or thing that is reminiscent of a past era or an earlier time; a retro or nostalgic item or concept

synonym: relic, reversion, remainder

(1) **throwback** memories, (2) musical **throwback**

The **throwback** jerseys the team wore were a big hit with the fans.

auditorium

n. a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances

synonym : hall, theater, amphitheater

(1) open-air **auditorium**, (2) **auditorium** annex

The **auditorium** seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.

wan

adj. looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy

synonym : pale, pallid, ashen

(1) **wan** light, (2) a **wan** smile

His **wan** complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.

snoop

v. to investigate or pry into something in a stealthy or nosy manner; to snoop through someone else's possessions or property

synonym : spy, pry, eavesdrop

(1) **snoop** around the house, (2) **snoop** for information

The nosy neighbor liked to **snoop** around and eavesdrop on other people's conversations.

biggie

n. something important or significant

synonym : important, significant, crucial

(1) a media **biggie**, (2) **biggie** in the market

Winning the lottery is a **biggie** for most people.

reinterpretation

n. a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork

synonym : re-evaluation, re-assessment, re-examination

(1) **reinterpretation** of history, (2) **reinterpretation** of the Constitution

The artist's **reinterpretation** of the classic painting received mixed reviews.

hypnotize

v. to put someone in a state of hypnosis (= the induction of a state of consciousness in which the mind readily acts on suggestions)

synonym : grip, enchant, anesthetize

(1) **hypnotize** a subject, (2) **hypnotize** them against negative minds

The local sorcerer insists that he can **hypnotize** him into a deep trance.

pastiche

n. a work of visual art, literature, theatre, or music that imitates the style or character of the work of one or more other artists, which often pays homage to or parodies the original works

synonym: patchwork, collage, imitation

(1) a **pastiche** of techniques from different regions,
(2) literary **pastiche**

The artist's work was a **pastiche** of various art styles and influences.

groan

v. to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction

synonym: moan, grunt, sigh

(1) **groan** in pain, (2) **groan** for water

The sight of the huge pile of laundry made me **groan** with dread.

bowie

n. a particular type of large knife with a crossguard and a clip point

synonym: knife, dagger, blade

(1) **bowie** knife, (2) hunting **bowie**

The unique curve of the **bowie** blade makes it exceptionally versatile for various tasks in the wilderness.

connote

v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

synonym: imply, suggest, signify

(1) **connote** emotion, (2) **connote** symbolism

The word 'home' **connotes** a sense of warmth and comfort.

hijack

v. to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

synonym: commandeer, seize, pirate

(1) **hijack** a helicopter, (2) **hijack** a phone number

He made a desperate effort to **hijack** an airliner.

nostalgia

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

synonym: longing, wistfulness, yearning

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

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

fuss

n. a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance

synonym: commotion, agitation, disturbance

(1) make a **fuss**, (2) get into a **fuss**

There was a **fuss** about the broken vase, but it was quickly forgotten.

firebrand

n. a person who is passionate, energetic, or controversial, often stirring up or inciting unrest or controversy; someone who is known for their radical or fiery speech or behavior

synonym: provocateur, agitator, rabble-rouser

(1) political **firebrand**, (2) charismatic **firebrand**

The **firebrand** journalist fearlessly exposed corruption in the government.

rehabilitate

v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

synonym: reform, restore, renovate

(1) **rehabilitate** prisoners, (2) **rehabilitate** wildlife

The organization works to **rehabilitate** drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

bland

adj. lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting

synonym : boring, insipid, flavorless

(1) make a **bland** reply, (2) **bland** novel

The dinner was rather **bland** and in need of some seasoning.

etch

v. to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

synonym : engrave, inscribe, carve

(1) **etch** a metal plate, (2) **etch** a design into wood

He used a sharp tool to **etch** his initials onto the metal.

timeless

adj. not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion

synonym : dateless, everlasting, imperishable

(1) **timeless** masterpiece, (2) **timeless** topic

There is a **timeless** aspect to his most remarkable work.

ineligible

adj. not eligible or qualified for something; barred from participation or consideration

synonym : disqualified, unqualified, barred

(1) **ineligible** candidate, (2) **ineligible** for promotion

He was **ineligible** for the scholarship because he did not meet the academic requirements.

devalue

v. to reduce the value or worth of something

synonym : diminish, depreciate, reduce

(1) **devalue** the pound, (2) **devalue** a brand

Her negative comments about the project only **devalued** the team's efforts.

Session 2: Spelling

1. cr_____de music
v. to smoothly transition or blend between two audio tracks, videos, or images, usually by reducing the volume of one while simultaneously increasing the volume of the other
2. supplicate for pa____n
v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
3. sa_____r album
n. a piece of fabric or other material that has a variety of different stitches or designs worked into it, used as a reference or example of different embroidery techniques; a selection or collection of different samples or examples of something, such as music, food, or products
4. ti_____ss topic
adj. not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
5. 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
6. monster be_____e
n. a small or insignificant animal often used to describe insects, rodents, or other vermin

ANSWERS: 1. crossfade, 2. pardon, 3. sampler, 4. timeless, 5. visceral, 6. beastie

7. a media bi___e *n.* something important or significant
8. ine_____le for promotion *adj.* not eligible or qualified for something; barred from participation or consideration
9. sl__k design *adj.* smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient
10. co_____e symbolism *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
11. war l__t *v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
12. reh_____ate prisoners *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
13. sn__p around the house *v.* to investigate or pry into something in a stealthy or nosy manner; to snoop through someone else's possessions or property
14. in___t under the skin *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
15. ti_____ss masterpiece *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion

ANSWERS: 7. biggie, 8. ineligible, 9. slick, 10. connote, 11. loot, 12. rehabilitate, 13. snoop, 14. inject, 15. timeless

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| 16. de____e a brand | v. | to reduce the value or worth of something |
| 17. hi___k a phone number | v. | to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence |
| 18. de___e all of my energies | v. | to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose |
| 19. hy_____ze a subject | v. | to put someone in a state of hypnosis (= the induction of a state of consciousness in which the mind readily acts on suggestions) |
| 20. ruined ab__y | n. | a monastery or convent, especially for monks or nuns |
| 21. sn__p for information | v. | to investigate or pry into something in a stealthy or nosy manner; to snoop through someone else's possessions or property |
| 22. open-air aud_____um | n. | a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances |
| 23. hi___k a helicopter | v. | to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence |
| 24. pa___n me | v. | to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense |
| 25. a pa_____he of techniques from different regions | n. | a work of visual art, literature, theatre, or music that imitates the style or character of the work of one or more other artists, which often pays homage to or parodies the original works |

ANSWERS: 16. devalue, 17. hijack, 18. devote, 19. hypnotize, 20. abbey, 21. snoop, 22. auditorium, 23. hijack, 24. pardon, 25. pastiche

26. reh_____ate wildlife *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
27. bu__y the weak *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
28. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
29. ch__e gently *v.* to scold or rebuke someone, typically mildly or gently; to express disapproval or disappointment towards someone's behavior or actions
30. k_n of the person *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
31. l__t the ship *v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
32. cute little be_____e *n.* a small or insignificant animal often used to describe insects, rodents, or other vermin
33. re__x a couple of tracks *v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item

ANSWERS: 26. rehabilitate, 27. bully, 28. electrify, 29. chide, 30. ken, 31. loot, 32. beastie, 33. remix

34. ch__e with reproach *v.* to scold or rebuke someone, typically mildly or gently; to express disapproval or disappointment towards someone's behavior or actions
35. nu_____ll version *n.* the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something
36. gr__n in pain *v.* to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction
37. a warm no_____ia *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
38. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
39. ab__y church *n.* a monastery or convent, especially for monks or nuns
40. bo__e knife *n.* a particular type of large knife with a crossguard and a clip point
41. bi___e in the market *n.* something important or significant
42. w_n light *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
43. fall into a sn__e *n.* a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks

ANSWERS: 34. chide, 35. nutshell, 36. groan, 37. nostalgia, 38. electrify, 39. abbey, 40. bowie, 41. biggie, 42. wan, 43. snare

44. rei_____ion of history *n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork
45. literary pa_____he *n.* a work of visual art, literature, theatre, or music that imitates the style or character of the work of one or more other artists, which often pays homage to or parodies the original works
46. a sl__k operation *adj.* smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient
47. a ca___y title for a movie *adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention
48. a w_n smile *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
49. re__x the album *v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
50. pr_____e the modern age *v.* to have existed or happened earlier than something
51. move into a nu_____ll *n.* the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something
52. get into a f__s *n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
53. bu__y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

ANSWERS: 44. reinterpretation, 45. pastiche, 46. slick, 47. catchy, 48. wan, 49. remix, 50. predate, 51. nutshell, 52. fuss, 53. bully

54. dis_____ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
55. syn_____er bass *n.* an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds
56. Irish ba____d *n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style
57. pr_____e A.D. 200. *v.* to have existed or happened earlier than something
58. music syn_____er *n.* an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds
59. de____e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
60. 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
61. charismatic fi_____nd *n.* a person who is passionate, energetic, or controversial, often stirring up or inciting unrest or controversy; someone who is known for their radical or fiery speech or behavior

ANSWERS: 54. discotheque, 55. synthesizer, 56. ballad, 57. predate, 58. synthesizer, 59. devote, 60. visceral, 61. firebrand

62. ine_____le candidate *adj.* not eligible or qualified for something; barred from participation or consideration
63. co_____e emotion *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
64. aud_____um annex *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
65. chill v__e *n.* an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood
66. ma_____st tendencies *n.* someone who derives pleasure from their pain or suffering; one who enjoys being humiliated or degraded
67. rei_____ion of the Constitution *n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork
68. make a bl__d reply *adj.* lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting
69. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
70. de_____e the pound *v.* to reduce the value or worth of something
71. dis_____ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

ANSWERS: 62. ineligible, 63. connote, 64. auditorium, 65. vibe, 66. masochist, 67. reinterpretation, 68. bland, 69. pun, 70. devalue, 71. discotheque

72. sn__e drum *n.* a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks
73. traditional ba___d *n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style
74. e__h a metal plate *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
75. within my k_n *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
76. bl__d novel *adj.* lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting
77. cr_____de between scenes *v.* to smoothly transition or blend between two audio tracks, videos, or images, usually by reducing the volume of one while simultaneously increasing the volume of the other
78. cr__e for speculation *n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
79. political fi_____nd *n.* a person who is passionate, energetic, or controversial, often stirring up or inciting unrest or controversy; someone who is known for their radical or fiery speech or behavior

ANSWERS: 72. snare, 73. ballad, 74. etch, 75. ken, 76. bland, 77. crossfade, 78. craze, 79. firebrand

80. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
81. ma_____st behavior *n.* someone who derives pleasure from their pain or suffering; one who enjoys being humiliated or degraded
82. musical th_____ck *n.* a person or thing that is reminiscent of a past era or an earlier time; a retro or nostalgic item or concept
83. the infinite in_____ty of man *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
84. hunting bo__e *n.* a particular type of large knife with a crossguard and a clip point
85. ca___y nickname *adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention
86. e__h a design into wood *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
87. th_____ck memories *n.* a person or thing that is reminiscent of a past era or an earlier time; a retro or nostalgic item or concept
88. gr__n for water *v.* to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction
89. make a f__s *n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance

ANSWERS: 80. pun, 81. masochist, 82. throwback, 83. ingenuity, 84. bowie, 85. catchy, 86. etch, 87. throwback, 88. groan, 89. fuss

90. party v__e *n.* an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood
91. in__t a personal opinion into a debate *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
92. electronic sa____r *n.* a piece of fabric or other material that has a variety of different stitches or designs worked into it, used as a reference or example of different embroidery techniques; a selection or collection of different samples or examples of something, such as music, food, or products
93. hy_____ze them against negative minds *v.* to put someone in a state of hypnosis (= the induction of a state of consciousness in which the mind readily acts on suggestions)
94. no_____ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
95. fitness cr__e *n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
96. abound in in_____ty *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

ANSWERS: 90. vibe, 91. inject, 92. sampler, 93. hypnotize, 94. nostalgia, 95. craze, 96. ingenuity

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The artist's _____ of the classic painting received mixed reviews.
n. a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork

2. He _____ the tracks to give them a jazz feel.
v. to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item

3. The sight of the huge pile of laundry made me _____ with dread.
v. to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction

4. The idea of virtual worlds _____ computers.
v. to have existed or happened earlier than something

5. The singer's _____ brought the audience to tears.
n. a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style

6. Creativity and _____ are often brought about by extreme concentration.
n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

7. The music festival had a great _____ with everyone enjoying the performances and having a good time.
n. an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood

ANSWERS: 1. reinterpretation, 2. remixed, 3. groan, 4. predates, 5. ballad, 6. ingenuity, 7. vibe,

8. The artist's work was a _____ of various art styles and influences.
- n.* a work of visual art, literature, theatre, or music that imitates the style or character of the work of one or more other artists, which often pays homage to or parodies the original works
9. He used a sharp tool to _____ his initials onto the metal.
- v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
10. The bandits _____ the small town, leaving it in ruins.
- v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
11. Some people are _____ who enjoy experiencing pain.
- n.* someone who derives pleasure from their pain or suffering; one who enjoys being humiliated or degraded
12. The unique curve of the _____ blade makes it exceptionally versatile for various tasks in the wilderness.
- n.* a particular type of large knife with a crossguard and a clip point
13. The _____ seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.
- n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
14. The DJ skillfully _____ between two songs, creating a seamless transition on the dance floor.
- v.* to smoothly transition or blend between two audio tracks, videos, or images, usually by reducing the volume of one while simultaneously increasing the volume of the other

ANSWERS: 8. pastiche, 9. etch, 10. looted, 11. masochists, 12. bowie, 13. auditorium, 14. crossfaded

15. The word 'home' _____ a sense of warmth and comfort.
- v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
16. Winning the lottery is a _____ for most people.
- n. something important or significant
17. The venerable _____ was founded in the 12th century.
- n. a monastery or convent, especially for monks or nuns
18. He couldn't wait to hit the _____ and dance the night away.
- n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
19. She _____ her child for not completing the homework on time.
- v. to scold or rebuke someone, typically mildly or gently; to express disapproval or disappointment towards someone's behavior or actions
20. The nosy neighbor liked to _____ around and eavesdrop on other people's conversations.
- v. to investigate or pry into something in a stealthy or nosy manner; to snoop through someone else's possessions or property
21. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.
- v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
22. The local sorcerer insists that he can _____ him into a deep trance.
- v. to put someone in a state of hypnosis (= the induction of a state of consciousness in which the mind readily acts on suggestions)

ANSWERS: 15. connotes, 16. biggie, 17. abbey, 18. discotheque, 19. chided, 20. snoop, 21. devoted, 22. hypnotize

23. Her negative comments about the project only _____ the team's efforts.
v. to reduce the value or worth of something
24. The politician gave a _____ speech, but it was full of empty promises.
adj. smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient
25. The thief was caught in a _____ set by the police.
n. a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks
26. We experienced a _____ for electric vehicles as interest in green tech grew.
n. an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
27. Let's try to _____ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.
v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
28. The governor decided to _____ the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.
v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
29. The organization works to _____ drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.
v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

ANSWERS: 23. devalued, 24. slick, 25. snare, 26. craze, 27. inject, 28. pardon, 29. rehabilitate

30. His ___ complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.

adj. looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy

31. Scientists discovered a new species of _____ in the rainforest.

n. a small or insignificant animal often used to describe insects, rodents, or other vermin

32. The ice cream truck's sound brought back _____ for my childhood.

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

33. He was _____ for the scholarship because he did not meet the academic requirements.

adj. not eligible or qualified for something; barred from participation or consideration

34. He had a good ___ of the city and could easily find his way around.

n. knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know

35. 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

36. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

37. The _____ jerseys the team wore were a big hit with the fans.

n. a person or thing that is reminiscent of a past era or an earlier time; a retro or nostalgic item or concept

ANSWERS: 30. wan, 31. beastie, 32. nostalgia, 33. ineligible, 34. ken, 35. visceral, 36. electrify, 37. throwback

38. The _____ journalist fearlessly exposed corruption in the government.
- n.* a person who is passionate, energetic, or controversial, often stirring up or inciting unrest or controversy; someone who is known for their radical or fiery speech or behavior
39. The artist made a _____ of different paint textures and colors to help her decide what to use for her next project.
- n.* a piece of fabric or other material that has a variety of different stitches or designs worked into it, used as a reference or example of different embroidery techniques; a selection or collection of different samples or examples of something, such as music, food, or products
40. This track starts with a _____ guitar riff.
- adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention
41. The electronic _____ created a range of unique sounds for the music.
- n.* an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds
42. The schoolyard _____ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.
- n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
43. The comedian's _____ had the audience laughing out loud.
- n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

ANSWERS: 38. firebrand, 39. sampler, 40. catchy, 41. synthesizer, 42. bully, 43. pun

44. Can you explain your argument in a _____
- n.* the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something
45. He made a desperate effort to _____ an airliner.
- v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
46. There was a _____ about the broken vase, but it was quickly forgotten.
- n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
47. There is a _____ aspect to his most remarkable work.
- adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
48. The dinner was rather _____ and in need of some seasoning.
- adj.* lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting

ANSWERS: 44. nutshell?, 45. hijack, 46. fuss, 47. timeless, 48. bland