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Session 1: Word List

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

infancy

n. the state or period of being a baby or very young child

synonym: childhood, babyhood, juvenescence

(1) **infancy** stage, (2) in early **infancy**

The technology is still in its **infancy** and has much room for improvement.

vineyard

n. a farm where grapes are grown to produce wine

(1) a productive **vineyard**, (2) **vineyard** worker

Vineyards stretch as far as the eye can see.

philistine

n. a person who is indifferent or actively hostile to culture and the arts

synonym: barbarian, uncultured, uncivilized

(1) **philistine** attitude, (2) a man of a **philistine**

He was a **philistine** with no interest in the arts or culture.

seafarer

n. a person who works at sea, especially on a merchant ship or a navy vessel; a person who is experienced in sailing or navigating on the sea

synonym : sailor, mariner, navigator

(1) qualified **seafarer**, (2) fellow **seafarer**

The experienced **seafarer** told stories of his adventures on the high seas.

highland

adj. an area of elevated land or hilly terrain

synonym : upland, plateau

(1) **highland** Indian, (2) **highland** agriculture

This region has a humid subtropical and **highland** climate.

deadlock

n. a state of impasse or stalemate, where no progress or agreement can be made between conflicting parties or viewpoints; a situation where future action or decision-making is halted

synonym : stalemate, gridlock, impasse

(1) political **deadlock**, (2) **deadlock** resolution

The negotiations came to a **deadlock** when neither party could reach an agreement.

bloodshed

n. the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict

synonym : carnage, violence, killing

(1) bloody **bloodshed**, (2) massive **bloodshed**

The negotiations failed, leading to threats of **bloodshed** between the two countries.

glitter

v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

synonym : sparkle, glisten, shine

(1) **glitter** against her skin, (2) **glitter** in her eyes

Her dress **glittered** in the sunlight as she walked down the street.

javelin

n. a long, pointed spear used in athletics competitions as a throwing weapon, originating from ancient Greek warfare

synonym : spear, lance, pilum

(1) lightweight **javelin**, (2) **javelin** competition

He threw the **javelin** with incredible force and accuracy, setting a new record.

spear

n. a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

synonym : javelin, pike, lance

(1) hunting **spear**, (2) sharp-pointed **spear**

Ancient people made **spears** with wood entirely.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming

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

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

shepherd

n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

synonym : herder, flock-keeper, sheepdog

(1) **shepherd** boy, (2) sheep without a **shepherd**

The **shepherd's** dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

adamant

adj. having a very strong determination to do something and refusing to be influenced or persuaded; (noun) a legendary rock that is very hard and impossible to crush

synonym : resolute, unyielding, obstinate

(1) **adamant** refusal, (2) **adamant** to temptation

She was **adamant** about not changing her mind.

mountainside

n. the side or slope of a mountain often used to describe the location or position of a particular object or activity

synonym : slope, hillside, incline

(1) climb a **mountainside**, (2) enjoy the view from the

mountainside

The hiker slipped and fell down the **mountainside**, injuring herself.

taunt

v. to tease or ridicule in a challenging manner

synonym: tease, ridicule, jeer

(1) **taunt** him with cowardice, (2) **taunt** the losing team

She **taunted** him with sarcastic comments about his lack of success.

sling

v. to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something

synonym: throw, hang, (noun) harness

(1) **sling** an arrow, (2) **sling** shot

The children were playing by **slinging** stones at the monument.

goliath

n. a biblical figure and legendary giant warrior whom the young shepherd David defeated; a symbol of great strength or size

synonym: giant, colossus, titan

(1) automotive **goliath**, (2) **goliath** bird-eating spider

The young entrepreneur took down the **goliath** corporation with her innovative idea.

underdog

n. a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context

synonym: loser, victim

(1) cheer for the **underdog**, (2) classic **underdog** story

The **underdog** team pulled off a stunning upset against the heavily favored opponent.

improbable

adj. not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring

synonym : unlikely, doubtful, implausible

(1) **improbable** story, (2) **improbable** event

It is **improbable** that we will find a solution to this problem overnight.

weaponry

n. a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country

synonym : arms, munition, artillery

(1) **weaponry** development, (2) advanced **weaponry**

The army used various **weaponry** to defend the country from attack.

cavalry

n. a highly mobile army unit

(1) troop of **cavalry**, (2) superbly trained **cavalry**

The **cavalry** regrouped and launched another attack.

horseback

n. the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse

synonym : equestrian, horse riding, mounted

(1) **horseback** trek, (2) **horseback** adventure

We went on a scenic trail ride on **horseback** through the mountains.

chariot

n. a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing

(1) **chariot** builder, (2) **chariot** race

The ancient Romans enjoyed spectating **chariot** races.

infantry

n. soldiers who fight on foot, often in organized military units; the branch of military force composed of foot soldiers

synonym : soldiery, troops

(1) **infantry** division, (2) **infantry** training

As a member of the **infantry** platoon, he learned the value of teamwork and resilience.

artillery

n. large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces

synonym : guns, cannons, ordnance

(1) **artillery** fire, (2) coastal **artillery**

The army brought in heavier **artillery** to break through the enemy defenses.

archer

n. a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows

synonym : Bowman, marksman, shooter

(1) **archer's** bow, (2) skilled **archer**

The **archer's** aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.

projectile

n. an object or weapon that is propelled through the air, with or without explosive power; something that is launched or thrown with great force

synonym : missile, bullet, rocket

(1) **projectile** weapon, (2) **projectile** motion

The **projectile** launched from the cannon soared and landed in the target zone.

whirl

v. to spin or turn rapidly; to move or be moved quickly in a circular manner; (noun) a spinning or rotating movement, often rapid or chaotic in nature

synonym : spin, rotate, swirl

(1) **whirl** in the washing machine, (2) **whirl** around the dance floor

The leaves began to **whirl** around in the windy weather.

slingshot

n. a Y-shaped stick with an elastic band attached for shooting small stones or other projectiles

synonym : catapult, launcher, trebuchet

(1) **slingshot** projectile, (2) **slingshot** aim

The kids used a **slingshot** to launch small stones into the

pond.

ballistic

adj. relating to or resembling the motion or behavior of a projectile in flight; intensely angry or out of control

synonym: furious, explosive, enraged

(1) **ballistic** missile, (2) **ballistic** vest

The boss went **ballistic** when he found out we missed the deadline.

caliber

n. a level of excellence or worth of someone or something; diameter of a tube or gun barrel

synonym: ability, competence, quality

(1) high- **caliber** executive, (2) the **caliber** of a vein

The students' **caliber** has improved from mediocre to above-average.

maim

v. to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part

synonym: injure, incapacitate, wound

(1) **maim** a victim, (2) **maim** his hand

The reckless driver **maimed** several pedestrians after losing control of the vehicle.

tapestry

n. a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation

synonym: embroidery, hanging, cloth

(1) colorful **tapestry**, (2) intricate **tapestry** design

The **tapestry** on the wall depicted a medieval battle scene.

duel

n. formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge

synonym: contest, fight, competition

(1) sword **duel**, (2) **duel** for honor

The **duel** between the two rival knights was a spectacle to

see.

short-range

adj. limited in extent, scope, or distance; designed or intended to operate or be effective only over a short distance or period of time

synonym: close-range, limited-range, near-range

(1) **short-range** plan, (2) **short-range** communication

The missile system was designed for **short-range** attacks on enemy territory.

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.

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.

retrospect

n. a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished

synonym: review, hindsight, contemplation

(1) **retrospect** review, (2) with hindsight **retrospect**

In **retrospect**, I wish I had made a different decision.

puzzling

adj. confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious

synonym: baffling, confusing, enigmatic

(1) **puzzling** behavior, (2) **puzzling** questions

The detective found the clues **puzzling** and couldn't solve the case immediately.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym: in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

oblivious

adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful

synonym: forgetful, clueless, unaware

(1) **oblivious** of his promise, (2) **oblivious** to our response

She was so engrossed in her work that she was **oblivious** to her surroundings.

speculate

v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

synonym: assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

anomaly

n. something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand

synonym: abnormality, irregularity, deviation

(1) **anomaly** detection, (2) global temperature **anomaly**

The sudden drop in the stock market was an **anomaly** that puzzled many investors.

acromegaly

n. a disorder characterized by the excessive production of growth hormone in adulthood, leading to gradual enlargement of the bones, typically in the hands, feet, and facial features

synonym: gigantism, hypertrophy, enlargement

(1) **acromegaly** treatment, (2) **acromegaly** symptoms

The patient's enlarged facial features were indicative of **acromegaly**.

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.

pituitary

n. a small, pea-sized gland located at the base of the brain that influences the growth and sexual development of the body by producing hormones

synonym : hypophyseal, hypothalamic, anterior lobe

(1) **pituitary** hormone, (2) anterior **pituitary**

The **pituitary** gland is responsible for releasing hormones that regulate growth and metabolism.

overproduction

n. the act of generating or producing a large quantity of something greater than the demand

synonym : surplus, excess, overabundance

(1) **overproduction** of gastric acid, (2) enzyme **overproduction**

The **overproduction** of goods led to a surplus in the market and lower prices.

compress

v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

synonym : condense, constrict, squeeze

(1) **compress** the chest, (2) **compress** gas

She **compressed** the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

foe

n. an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another

synonym : enemy, adversary, opponent

(1) a political **foe**, (2) bitter **foe**

The superhero's arch- **foe** was an evil mastermind who always got away.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. sleep pro_____ly | <i>adv.</i> to a great or complete degree; deeply |
| 2. sp_____te about the reason | <i>v.</i> to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence |
| 3. pi_____ry hormone | <i>n.</i> a small, pea-sized gland located at the base of the brain that influences the growth and sexual development of the body by producing hormones |
| 4. m__m a victim | <i>v.</i> to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part |
| 5. a political f_e | <i>n.</i> an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another |
| 6. intricate ta_____ry design | <i>n.</i> a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation |
| 7. a productive vi_____rd | <i>n.</i> a farm where grapes are grown to produce wine |
| 8. sl__g shot | <i>v.</i> to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely;
(noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something |
| 9. sp_____te on the outcome | <i>v.</i> to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence |

ANSWERS: 1. profoundly, 2. speculate, 3. pituitary, 4. maim, 5. foe, 6. tapestry, 7. vineyard, 8. sling, 9. speculate

10. enzyme ove_____ion *n.* the act of generating or producing a large quantity of something greater than the demand
11. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
12. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
13. ta__t the losing team *v.* to tease or ridicule in a challenging manner
14. sword d__l *n.* formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge
15. qualified se_____er *n.* a person who works at sea, especially on a merchant ship or a navy vessel; a person who is experienced in sailing or navigating on the sea
16. bloody bl_____ed *n.* the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict
17. ch_____t builder *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
18. sharp-pointed sp__r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
19. phi_____ne attitude *n.* a person who is indifferent or actively hostile to culture and the arts
20. ch_____t race *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing

ANSWERS: 10. overproduction, 11. obsess, 12. profoundly, 13. taunt, 14. duel, 15. seafarer, 16. bloodshed, 17. chariot, 18. spear, 19. philistine, 20. chariot

21. ta__t him with cowardice *v.* to tease or ridicule in a challenging manner
22. high-ca____r executive *n.* a level of excellence or worth of someone or something; diameter of a tube or gun barrel
23. gl____r against her skin *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
24. vi____rd worker *n.* a farm where grapes are grown to produce wine
25. in____ry training *n.* soldiers who fight on foot, often in organized military units; the branch of military force composed of foot soldiers
26. skilled ar____r *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
27. ob____us of his promise *adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
28. se____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
29. co____ss gas *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
30. ob____us to our response *adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
31. troop of ca____y *n.* a highly mobile army unit
32. sheep without a sh____rd *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

ANSWERS: 21. taunt, 22. caliber, 23. glitter, 24. vineyard, 25. infantry, 26. archer, 27. oblivious, 28. secondly, 29. compress, 30. oblivious, 31. cavalry, 32. shepherd

33. hi_____nd Indian *adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
34. imp_____le event *adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring
35. mis_____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
36. imp_____le story *adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring
37. co_____ss the chest *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
38. pro_____le motion *n.* an object or weapon that is propelled through the air, with or without explosive power; something that is launched or thrown with great force
39. the ca_____r of a vein *n.* a level of excellence or worth of someone or something; diameter of a tube or gun barrel
40. in_____y stage *n.* the state or period of being a baby or very young child
41. in_____ry division *n.* soldiers who fight on foot, often in organized military units; the branch of military force composed of foot soldiers
42. m__m his hand *v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part
43. cheer for the un_____og *n.* a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context

ANSWERS: 33. highland, 34. improbable, 35. misunderstand, 36. improbable, 37. compress, 38. projectile, 39. caliber, 40. infancy, 41. infantry, 42. maim, 43. underdog

44. superbly trained ca_____y *n.* a highly mobile army unit
45. acr_____ly symptoms *n.* a disorder characterized by the excessive production of growth hormone in adulthood, leading to gradual enlargement of the bones, typically in the hands, feet, and facial features
46. a be____n smile *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
47. pu_____ng questions *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
48. sl_____ot projectile *n.* a Y-shaped stick with an elastic band attached for shooting small stones or other projectiles
49. massive bl_____ed *n.* the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict
50. ba_____ic missile *adj.* relating to or resembling the motion or behavior of a projectile in flight; intensely angry or out of control
51. ja_____n competition *n.* a long, pointed spear used in athletics competitions as a throwing weapon, originating from ancient Greek warfare
52. sl_____ot aim *n.* a Y-shaped stick with an elastic band attached for shooting small stones or other projectiles
53. colorful ta_____ry *n.* a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation

ANSWERS: 44. cavalry, 45. acromegaly, 46. benign, 47. puzzling, 48. slingshot, 49. bloodshed, 50. ballistic, 51. javelin, 52. slingshot, 53. tapestry

54. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
55. sh_____rd boy *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
56. hunting sp__r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
57. political de_____ck *n.* a state of impasse or stalemate, where no progress or agreement can be made between conflicting parties or viewpoints; a situation where future action or decision-making is halted
58. fellow se_____er *n.* a person who works at sea, especially on a merchant ship or a navy vessel; a person who is experienced in sailing or navigating on the sea
59. bitter f_e *n.* an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
60. d__l for honor *n.* formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge
61. classic un_____og story *n.* a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context
62. ho_____ck trek *n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse

ANSWERS: 54. misunderstand, 55. shepherd, 56. spear, 57. deadlock, 58. seafarer, 59. foe, 60. duel, 61. underdog, 62. horseback

63. ar___r's bow *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
64. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
65. in early in_____y *n.* the state or period of being a baby or very young child
66. coastal ar_____ry *n.* large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces
67. wh__l around the dance floor *v.* to spin or turn rapidly; to move or be moved quickly in a circular manner; (noun) a spinning or rotating movement, often rapid or chaotic in nature
68. ad_____t refusal *adj.* having a very strong determination to do something and refusing to be influenced or persuaded; (noun) a legendary rock that is very hard and impossible to crush
69. global temperature an_____y *n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
70. de_____ck resolution *n.* a state of impasse or stalemate, where no progress or agreement can be made between conflicting parties or viewpoints; a situation where future action or decision-making is halted

ANSWERS: 63. archer, 64. terrifying, 65. infancy, 66. artillery, 67. whirl, 68. adamant, 69. anomaly, 70. deadlock

71. go_____h bird-eating spider *n.* a biblical figure and legendary giant warrior whom the young shepherd David defeated; a symbol of great strength or size
72. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
73. ad_____t to temptation *adj.* having a very strong determination to do something and refusing to be influenced or persuaded; (noun) a legendary rock that is very hard and impossible to crush
74. ar_____ry fire *n.* large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces
75. lightweight ja_____n *n.* a long, pointed spear used in athletics competitions as a throwing weapon, originating from ancient Greek warfare
76. sl__g an arrow *v.* to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something
77. sho_____ge communication *adj.* limited in extent, scope, or distance; designed or intended to operate or be effective only over a short distance or period of time
78. pro_____le weapon *n.* an object or weapon that is propelled through the air, with or without explosive power; something that is launched or thrown with great force

ANSWERS: 71. goliath, 72. terrifying, 73. adamant, 74. artillery, 75. javelin, 76. sling, 77. short-range, 78. projectile

79. ba_____ic vest *adj.* relating to or resembling the motion or behavior of a projectile in flight; intensely angry or out of control
80. we_____ry development *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
81. acr_____ly treatment *n.* a disorder characterized by the excessive production of growth hormone in adulthood, leading to gradual enlargement of the bones, typically in the hands, feet, and facial features
82. a man of a phi_____ne *n.* a person who is indifferent or actively hostile to culture and the arts
83. gl_____r in her eyes *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
84. hi_____nd agriculture *adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
85. enjoy the view from the mou_____ide *n.* the side or slope of a mountain often used to describe the location or position of a particular object or activity
86. wh__l in the washing machine *v.* to spin or turn rapidly; to move or be moved quickly in a circular manner; (noun) a spinning or rotating movement, often rapid or chaotic in nature
87. advanced we_____ry *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country

ANSWERS: 79. ballistic, 80. weaponry, 81. acromegaly, 82. philistine, 83. glitter, 84. highland, 85. mountainside, 86. whirl, 87. weaponry

88. climb a mou_____ide *n.* the side or slope of a mountain often used to describe the location or position of a particular object or activity
89. ret_____ct review *n.* a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished
90. automotive go_____h *n.* a biblical figure and legendary giant warrior whom the young shepherd David defeated; a symbol of great strength or size
91. an_____y detection *n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
92. anterior pi_____ry *n.* a small, pea-sized gland located at the base of the brain that influences the growth and sexual development of the body by producing hormones
93. sho_____ge plan *adj.* limited in extent, scope, or distance; designed or intended to operate or be effective only over a short distance or period of time
94. ove_____ion of gastric acid *n.* the act of generating or producing a large quantity of something greater than the demand
95. pu_____ng behavior *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
96. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 88. mountainside, 89. retrospect, 90. goliath, 91. anomaly, 92. pituitary, 93. short-range, 94. overproduction, 95. puzzling, 96. obsess

97. se____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
98. with hindsight ret_____ct *n.* a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished
99. ho_____ck adventure *n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse
100. be____n tumor *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

ANSWERS: 97. secondly, 98. retrospect, 99. horseback, 100. benign

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The experienced _____ told stories of his adventures on the high seas.
n. a person who works at sea, especially on a merchant ship or a navy vessel; a person who is experienced in sailing or navigating on the sea
2. The detective found the clues _____ and couldn't solve the case immediately.
adj. confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
3. Her dress _____ in the sunlight as she walked down the street.
v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
4. The ancient Romans enjoyed spectating _____ races.
n. a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
5. The leaves began to _____ around in the windy weather.
v. to spin or turn rapidly; to move or be moved quickly in a circular manner; (noun) a spinning or rotating movement, often rapid or chaotic in nature
6. The _____ dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.
n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
7. The _____ gland is responsible for releasing hormones that regulate growth and metabolism.
n. a small, pea-sized gland located at the base of the brain that influences the growth and sexual development of the body by producing hormones

ANSWERS: 1. seafarer, 2. puzzling, 3. glittered, 4. chariot, 5. whirl, 6. shepherd's, 7. pituitary

8. The _____ between the two rival knights was a spectacle to see.
- n.* formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge
9. She _____ him with sarcastic comments about his lack of success.
- v.* to tease or ridicule in a challenging manner
10. The _____ launched from the cannon soared and landed in the target zone.
- n.* an object or weapon that is propelled through the air, with or without explosive power; something that is launched or thrown with great force
11. The students' _____ has improved from mediocre to above-average.
- n.* a level of excellence or worth of someone or something; diameter of a tube or gun barrel
12. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.
- v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
13. The negotiations came to a _____ when neither party could reach an agreement.
- n.* a state of impasse or stalemate, where no progress or agreement can be made between conflicting parties or viewpoints; a situation where future action or decision-making is halted
14. The army brought in heavier _____ to break through the enemy defenses.
- n.* large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces

ANSWERS: 8. duel, 9. taunted, 10. projectile, 11. caliber, 12. misunderstand, 13. deadlock, 14. artillery

15. The superhero's arch-____ was an evil mastermind who always got away.
n. an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
16. The _____ on the wall depicted a medieval battle scene.
n. a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation
17. This region has a humid subtropical and _____ climate.
adj. an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
18. The boss went _____ when he found out we missed the deadline.
adj. relating to or resembling the motion or behavior of a projectile in flight; intensely angry or out of control
19. _____ stretch as far as the eye can see.
n. a farm where grapes are grown to produce wine
20. In _____ I wish I had made a different decision.
n. a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished
21. As a member of the _____ platoon, he learned the value of teamwork and resilience.
n. soldiers who fight on foot, often in organized military units; the branch of military force composed of foot soldiers
22. The missile system was designed for _____ attacks on enemy territory.
adj. limited in extent, scope, or distance; designed or intended to operate or be effective only over a short distance or period of time

ANSWERS: 15. foe, 16. tapestry, 17. highland, 18. ballistic, 19. Vineyards, 20. retrospect, 21. infantry, 22. short-range

23. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
24. The young entrepreneur took down the _____ corporation with her innovative idea.
n. a biblical figure and legendary giant warrior whom the young shepherd David defeated; a symbol of great strength or size
25. The _____ regrouped and launched another attack.
n. a highly mobile army unit
26. The _____ of goods led to a surplus in the market and lower prices.
n. the act of generating or producing a large quantity of something greater than the demand
27. The negotiations failed, leading to threats of _____ between the two countries.
n. the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict
28. The lump was discovered to be _____ and no further treatment was needed.
adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
29. She was so engrossed in her work that she was _____ to her surroundings.
adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
30. The children were playing by _____ stones at the monument.
v. to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely;
(noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something

ANSWERS: 23. obsessed, 24. goliath, 25. cavalry, 26. overproduction, 27. bloodshed, 28. benign, 29. oblivious, 30. slinging

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

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

32. Ancient people made _____ with wood entirely.

n. a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

33. The reckless driver _____ several pedestrians after losing control of the vehicle.

v. to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part

34. The technology is still in its _____ and has much room for improvement.

n. the state or period of being a baby or very young child

35. The sudden drop in the stock market was an _____ that puzzled many investors.

n. something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand

36. We went on a scenic trail ride on _____ through the mountains.

n. the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse

37. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

38. She was _____ about not changing her mind.

adj. having a very strong determination to do something and refusing to be influenced or persuaded; (noun) a legendary rock that is very hard and impossible to crush

ANSWERS: 31. profoundly, 32. spears, 33. maimed, 34. infancy, 35. anomaly, 36. horseback, 37. secondly, 38. adamant

39. He _____ that this investment would lead to success.
v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
40. It is _____ that we will find a solution to this problem overnight.
adj. not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring
41. The army used various _____ to defend the country from attack.
n. a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
42. The patient's enlarged facial features were indicative of _____.
n. a disorder characterized by the excessive production of growth hormone in adulthood, leading to gradual enlargement of the bones, typically in the hands, feet, and facial features
43. The _____ aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.
n. a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
44. The kids used a _____ to launch small stones into the pond.
n. a Y-shaped stick with an elastic band attached for shooting small stones or other projectiles
45. He was a _____ with no interest in the arts or culture.
n. a person who is indifferent or actively hostile to culture and the arts
46. He threw the _____ with incredible force and accuracy, setting a new record.
n. a long, pointed spear used in athletics competitions as a throwing weapon, originating from ancient Greek warfare

ANSWERS: 39. speculated, 40. improbable, 41. weaponry, 42. acromegaly, 43. archer's, 44. slingshot, 45. philistine, 46. javelin

47. She _____ the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

48. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.

adj. very frightening or intimidating

49. The _____ team pulled off a stunning upset against the heavily favored opponent.

n. a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context

50. The hiker slipped and fell down the _____ injuring herself.

n. the side or slope of a mountain often used to describe the location or position of a particular object or activity

ANSWERS: 47. compressed, 48. terrifying, 49. underdog, 50. mountainside,