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Session 1: Word List

cringe

v. to move back or away from someone or something because you are afraid or shocked; to shrink as in fear, disgust, or embarrassment

synonym: shrink, cower, quiver

(1) **cringe** with fear, (2) **cringe** at the thought of an accident
The dog **cringed** at its master voice.

annoying

adj. making someone feel slightly angry

synonym: aggravating, bothersome, irksome

(1) **annoying** banner ad, (2) **annoying** habit
The phone call is an **annoying** interruption.

remake

v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

synonym: revamp, redo, reproduce

(1) video game **remake**, (2) **remake** song

The director plans to **remake** the classic movie with a modern twist.

playwright

n. a person who writes plays
synonym: dramatist, scribe, librettist

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

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

depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
synonym: sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

plague

n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
synonym: epidemic, pandemic, pest

(1) catch the **plague**, (2) deadly **plague**

Our farm experienced a **plague** of locusts this year.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
synonym: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

accomplishment

n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
synonym: success, achievement, complete

(1) proud of his **accomplishments**, (2) the **accomplishment** of a social goal

Graduating from college was a major **accomplishment** for her.

insult

n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
synonym: affront, slight, offense

(1) an intentional **insult**, (2) **insult** each other
His **insult** toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

onstage

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**
He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing
synonym: especially, particularly, notably
(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically** American customers
This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

dialogue

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film
synonym: conversation, discussion, talk
(1) Platonic **dialogues**, (2) the form of a **dialogue**
He recorded the **dialogue** at the time of the incident.

drama

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
synonym: acting, play, theater
(1) secular **drama**, (2) upcoming crime **drama**
She had an audition for **drama** school.

mood

n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
synonym: mindset, disposition, temper
(1) the **mood** in a room, (2) in an ugly **mood**
His gaffe spoiled the **mood** of the dinner party.

atmosphere

n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
synonym: air, ambiance, circumstances
(1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial

atmosphere

The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

hamlet

n. a small village or settlement, often without a church

synonym: village, settlement, community

(1) **hamlet** village, (2) historic **hamlet**

The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small **hamlet**.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

lord

n. a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

synonym: master, noble, peer

(1) a young **lord**, (2) **lord** of castle

The feudal **lord** had ruled the land for many years.

fishmonger

n. a person who sells fish, typically at a fish market or shop; a merchant or retailer who specializes in selling fresh or preserved fish and seafood

synonym: fish seller, piscator

(1) local **fishmonger**, (2) friendly **fishmonger**

The **fishmonger** at the market displayed an impressive variety of fresh seafood.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym: background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

clue

n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

synonym: hint, indication, inkling

(1) a **clue** about the crime, (2) a **clue** to the diagnosis

The police couldn't find a **clue** to her whereabouts.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym: respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

monger

- v. to sell or promote something, especially by using aggressive or exaggerated tactics; to peddle or deal in (usually negative) information, rumors, or gossip; (noun) a dealer, trader, or seller of a particular commodity or goods

synonym: peddle, sell, (noun) dealer

(1) fish- **monger**, (2) **monger** hate speech

Some politicians use fear to **monger** support for their policies.

construct

- v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

brokerage

- n. the business of buying and selling goods or services on behalf of others, often for a commission or fee; the activity of acting as an intermediary or agent in negotiations or deals between two parties

synonym: agency, firm, house

(1) mortgage **brokerage**, (2) international **brokerage**

I need to contact a **brokerage** firm to help me invest my money.

pimp

- n. a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker

synonym: pandar, procurer, hustler

(1) **pimp** lifestyle, (2) **pimp** culture

The lazy **pimp** controlled and exploited the women working for him.

claim

- v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym:

assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

intensify

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

synonym: amplify, boost, strengthen

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

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

animosity

n. strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will

synonym: enmity, hostility, bitterness

(1) personal **animosity**, (2) deep-seated **animosity**

The **animosity** between the two political parties has only grown stronger over the years.

gang

n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

synonym: crew, posse, group

(1) a motorcycle **gang**, (2) **gang** member

The street **gang** was known for its violent behavior.

fist

n. a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist

synonym: clenched hand, knuckles, mitt

(1) tight **fist**, (2) raise a **fist**

The boxer clenched his **fist** before throwing a punch.

smack

v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

synonym: hit, slap, strike

(1) **smack** on the lips, (2) **smack** his knee

The baseball player **smacked** the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

get-go

n. the start or beginning of something

synonym: start, beginning, initiation

(1) at the **get-go**, (2) work well from the **get-go**

From the **get-go**, it was clear that the project would be a challenge.

distrust

n. a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something

synonym: suspicion, doubt, misgiving

(1) **distrust** in politics, (2) growing **distrust**

The employee's consistent tardiness and lack of accountability made her coworkers develop **distrust** in her abilities.

frown

v. to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration

synonym: scowl, glare, disapprove

(1) people with **frown** faces, (2) a worried **frown**

Thinking always made him **frown**.

nay

adv. not this merely but also; not only so but; (noun) a negative response or vote

synonym: no, never, not at all

(1) **nay** vote, (2) said **nay**

He claimed he could finish the project in a day, **nay**, in just a few hours.

dare

v. to have the courage to do something

synonym: challenge, risk, attempt

(1) **dare** not go, (2) **dare** to take risks

I wouldn't **dare** to speak to him like that.

thumb

n. the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger;
(verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists

synonym: digit, finger, phalange

(1) **thumb** wrestling, (2) **thumb** a ride

He used his right **thumb** to press the button on his phone.

disgrace

n. a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something

synonym: shame, dishonor, humiliation

(1) **disgrace** our family name, (2) political **disgrace**

The government's failure to address the poverty issue was a **disgrace** to their leadership

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym: commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

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.

hind

adj. situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal

synonym: back, rear, posterior

(1) **hind** toe, (2) **hind** paw

The farmer noticed a **hind** leg injury on one of his cows and

called the vet for help.

- hell** *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
synonym: inferno, agony, misery
(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose
The battlefield became **hell** on earth.
- cower** *v.* to crouch or curl up in fear or apprehension; to shrink or recoil from something threatening, usually physically or mentally
synonym: crouch, tremble, cringe
(1) **cower** in fear, (2) **cower** under pressure
The actress **cowered** in humiliation as the audience booed her performance.
- fuel** *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
synonym: energy, power, gas
(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**
The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
- sting** *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
synonym: bite, prick, poke
(1) **sting** me on the arm, (2) **sting** his face
Bees **sting** as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.
- rival** *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
synonym: adversary, competitor, contender
(1) **rival** bidder, (2) merge with a **rival** company

He interfered with his **rivals** in various ways during the campaign.

dramatic

adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

synonym : striking, theatrical, breathtaking

(1) make **dramatic** changes, (2) a **dramatic** rescue at sea

The statement had a **dramatic** impact on house prices.

spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

synonym : rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

alert

v. to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action

synonym : warn, inform, (adjective) vigilant

(1) **alert** consumers to the dangers, (2) **alert** system

The company's cybersecurity team **alerted** the CEO to potential threats.

hotheaded

adj. easily angered or excited; prone to act impulsively or rashly without thinking things through

synonym : hot-blooded, impulsive, rash

(1) **hotheaded** behavior, (2) **hotheaded** argument

He's known for his **hotheaded** temper and quick reactions.

severe

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

synonym : harsh, relentless, powerful

(1) **severe** heat, (2) a **severe** case of pneumonia

The senator received **severe** criticism from his opponent.

downfall

n. a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure

synonym: demise, collapse, ruin

(1) a **downfall** earthquake, (2) **downfall** government

The company's financial mismanagement was the **downfall** of the once-successful business.

Session 2: Spelling

1. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
2. appeared on____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
3. personal an____ty *n.* strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will
4. l__d of castle *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
5. make dr____ic changes *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
6. imp____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
7. d__e to take risks *v.* to have the courage to do something
8. al__t consumers to the dangers *v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
9. for spe____lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
10. sp__l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

ANSWERS: 1. hell, 2. onstage, 3. animosity, 4. lord, 5. dramatic, 6. impressive, 7. dare, 8. alert, 9. specifically, 10. spoil

11. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
12. historical co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
13. sm__k his knee *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
14. co__r in fear *v.* to crouch or curl up in fear or apprehension; to shrink or recoil from something threatening, usually physically or mentally
15. de____s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
16. friendly fis____er *n.* a person who sells fish, typically at a fish market or shop; a merchant or retailer who specializes in selling fresh or preserved fish and seafood
17. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
18. ho____ed argument *adj.* easily angered or excited; prone to act impulsively or rashly without thinking things through
19. ha__t village *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church

ANSWERS: 11. react, 12. context, 13. smack, 14. cower, 15. depress, 16. fishmonger, 17. claim, 18. hotheaded, 19. hamlet

30. p__p culture *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
31. st__g me on the arm *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
32. di____st in politics *n.* a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something
33. a motorcycle g__g *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
34. a c__e about the crime *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
35. h__d paw *adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal
36. mo___r hate speech *v.* to sell or promote something, especially by using aggressive or exaggerated tactics; to peddle or deal in (usually negative) information, rumors, or gossip; (noun) a dealer, trader, or seller of a particular commodity or goods
37. re___e song *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

ANSWERS: 30. pimp, 31. sting, 32. distrust, 33. gang, 34. clue, 35. hind, 36. monger, 37. remake

38. political di____ce *n.* a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something
39. an intentional in____t *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
40. ho____ed behavior *adj.* easily angered or excited; prone to act impulsively or rashly without thinking things through
41. re__t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
42. in____t each other *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
43. said n_y *adv.* not this merely but also; not only so but; (noun) a negative response or vote
44. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
45. pr____e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
46. a worried fr__n *v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration

ANSWERS: 38. disgrace, 39. insult, 40. hotheaded, 41. react, 42. insult, 43. nay, 44. claim, 45. provoke, 46. frown

47. ri__l bidder *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
48. mortgage br_____ge *n.* the business of buying and selling goods or services on behalf of others, often for a commission or fee; the activity of acting as an intermediary or agent in negotiations or deals between two parties
49. Platonic di_____ues *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
50. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
51. g__g member *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
52. catch the pl___e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
53. growing di_____st *n.* a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something
54. carbon dioxide in the atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
55. secular dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

ANSWERS: 47. rival, 48. brokerage, 49. dialogue, 50. develop, 51. gang, 52. plague, 53. distrust, 54. atmosphere, 55. drama

56. international br_____ge *n.* the business of buying and selling goods or services on behalf of others, often for a commission or fee; the activity of acting as an intermediary or agent in negotiations or deals between two parties
57. fish-mo____r *v.* to sell or promote something, especially by using aggressive or exaggerated tactics; to peddle or deal in (usually negative) information, rumors, or gossip; (noun) a dealer, trader, or seller of a particular commodity or goods
58. dis_____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
59. acclaimed pla_____ht *n.* a person who writes plays
60. a se____e case of pneumonia *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
61. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
62. a pla_____ht attached to the theatre *n.* a person who writes plays
63. don't dis_____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
64. have a ne____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
65. d__e not go *v.* to have the courage to do something

ANSWERS: 56. brokerage, 57. monger, 58. disappoint, 59. playwright, 60. severe, 61. impressive, 62. playwright, 63. disappoint, 64. negative, 65. dare

66. do____ll government *n.* a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure
67. p__p lifestyle *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
68. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
69. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
70. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
71. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
72. th__b wrestling *n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
73. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
74. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
75. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
76. h__d toe *adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal
77. se___e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

ANSWERS: 66. downfall, 67. pimp, 68. crazy, 69. fuel, 70. crazy, 71. construct, 72. thumb, 73. negative, 74. hell, 75. relation, 76. hind, 77. severe

88. the m__d in a room *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
89. a convivial atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
90. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
91. a c__e to the diagnosis *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
92. walk on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
93. work well from the ge___o *n.* the start or beginning of something
94. al__t system *v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
95. video game re___e *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
96. the form of a di_____ue *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
97. de_____s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

ANSWERS: 88. mood, 89. atmosphere, 90. construct, 91. clue, 92. onstage, 93. get-go, 94. alert, 95. remake, 96. dialogue, 97. depress

98. co__r under pressure *v.* to crouch or curl up in fear or apprehension; to shrink or recoil from something threatening, usually physically or mentally
99. in_____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
100. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
101. in_____fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
102. tight f__t *n.* a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist
103. an_____ng banner ad *adj.* making someone feel slightly angry
104. a young l__d *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
105. n_y vote *adv.* not this merely but also; not only so but; (noun) a negative response or vote
106. in an ugly m__d *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
107. historic ha____t *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
108. an_____ng habit *adj.* making someone feel slightly angry

ANSWERS: 98. cower, 99. intensify, 100. develop, 101. intensify, 102. fist, 103. annoying, 104. lord, 105. nay, 106. mood, 107. hamlet, 108. annoying

109. not no____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
110. proud of his acc_____ents *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
111. upcoming crime dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
112. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
113. deep-seated an_____ty *n.* strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will
114. a do_____ll earthquake *n.* a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure

ANSWERS: 109. normally, 110. accomplishment, 111. drama, 112. fuel, 113. animosity, 114. downfall

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The boxer clenched his _____ before throwing a punch.
n. a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist

2. Rebels have pledged to _____ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.
v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

3. The baseball player _____ the ball out of the park, securing a home run.
v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

4. The actress _____ in humiliation as the audience booed her performance.
v. to crouch or curl up in fear or apprehension; to shrink or recoil from something threatening, usually physically or mentally

5. He performed his magic trick _____ leaving the audience in awe.
adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

6. The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small _____.
n. a small village or settlement, often without a church

7. The director plans to _____ the classic movie with a modern twist.
v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

ANSWERS: 1. fist, 2. intensify, 3. smacked, 4. cowered, 5. onstage, 6. hamlet, 7. remake

8. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
9. Our farm experienced a _____ of locusts this year.
n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
10. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
11. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's _____.
n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
12. Thinking always made him _____.
v. to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
13. The farmer noticed a _____ leg injury on one of his cows and called the vet for help.
adj. situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal
14. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.
v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

ANSWERS: 8. relations, 9. plague, 10. develop, 11. atmosphere, 12. frown, 13. hind, 14. disappoint

15. The street _____ was known for its violent behavior.
n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
16. The _____ at the market displayed an impressive variety of fresh seafood.
n. a person who sells fish, typically at a fish market or shop; a merchant or retailer who specializes in selling fresh or preserved fish and seafood
17. The dog _____ at its master voice.
v. to move back or away from someone or something because you are afraid or shocked; to shrink as in fear, disgust, or embarrassment
18. I wouldn't _____ to speak to him like that.
v. to have the courage to do something
19. The feudal _____ had ruled the land for many years.
n. a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
20. Some politicians use fear to _____ support for their policies.
v. to sell or promote something, especially by using aggressive or exaggerated tactics; to peddle or deal in (usually negative) information, rumors, or gossip;
(noun) a dealer, trader, or seller of a particular commodity or goods
21. The lazy _____ controlled and exploited the women working for him.
n. a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
22. He interfered with his _____ in various ways during the campaign.
n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

ANSWERS: 15. gang, 16. fishmonger, 17. cringed, 18. dare, 19. lord, 20. monger, 21. pimp, 22. rivals

23. If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will _____.
- v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
24. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
- adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
25. The battlefield became _____ on earth.
- n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
26. His _____ toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.
- n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
27. He recorded the _____ at the time of the incident.
- n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
28. The company's financial mismanagement was the _____ of the once-successful business.
- n.* a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure
29. The government's failure to address the poverty issue was a _____ to their leadership
- n.* a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something
30. The senator received _____ criticism from his opponent.
- adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

ANSWERS: 23. spoil, 24. negative, 25. hell, 26. insult, 27. dialogue, 28. downfall, 29. disgrace, 30. severe

31. The economic recession _____ the housing market.
v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
32. The police couldn't find a _____ to her whereabouts.
n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
33. The company's cybersecurity team _____ the CEO to potential threats.
v. to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
34. The employee's consistent tardiness and lack of accountability made her coworkers develop _____ in her abilities.
n. a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something
35. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
36. The _____ between the two political parties has only grown stronger over the years.
n. strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will
37. The statement had a _____ impact on house prices.
adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
38. Graduating from college was a major _____ for her.
n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training

ANSWERS: 31. depressed, 32. clue, 33. alerted, 34. distrust, 35. fuel, 36. animosity, 37. dramatic, 38. accomplishment

39. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
40. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
41. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
- v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
42. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.
- v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
43. From the _____ it was clear that the project would be a challenge.
- n.* the start or beginning of something
44. He's known for his _____ temper and quick reactions.
- adj.* easily angered or excited; prone to act impulsively or rashly without thinking things through
45. The _____ work was praised by critics and audiences alike.
- n.* a person who writes plays
46. Bees _____ as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.
- v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

ANSWERS: 39. claim, 40. context, 41. constructs, 42. provoked, 43. get-go, 44. hotheaded, 45. playwright's, 46. sting

47. The phone call is an _____ interruption.

adj. making someone feel slightly angry

48. He used his right _____ to press the button on his phone.

n. the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists

49. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

50. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.

adv. usually; under normal conditions

51. His gaffe spoiled the _____ of the dinner party.

n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

52. How did he _____ to your idea?

v. to take action in response to something

53. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

54. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

55. She had an audition for _____ school.

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

56. I need to contact a _____ firm to help me invest my money.

n. the business of buying and selling goods or services on behalf of others, often for a commission or fee; the activity of acting as an intermediary or agent in negotiations or deals between two parties

ANSWERS: 47. annoying, 48. thumb, 49. specifically, 50. normally, 51. mood, 52. react, 53. impressive, 54. crazy, 55. drama, 56. brokerage

57. He claimed he could finish the project in a day, _____ in just a few hours.

adv. not this merely but also; not only so but; (noun) a negative response or vote

ANSWERS: 57. nay,