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Session 1: Word List

conventionally

adv. in a way that follows accepted customs, rules, or standards; in a way that is typical or traditional

synonym: traditionally, customarily, conventionally

(1) **conventionally** dressed, (2) **conventionally** grown crops

Conventionally, doctors recommend getting at least 8 hours of sleep per night for optimal health.

attune

v. to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment

synonym: align, harmonize, acclimate

(1) **attune** to nature, (2) **attune** myself to the rhythm

It is important to **attune** yourself to your customers' needs to provide the best service possible.

nuance

n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

synonym: shading, refinement, subtlety

(1) rich in **nuance**, (2) subtle cultural **nuance**

The painter has tried to express every **nuance** of the woman's expression in his work.

synchronize

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
synonym: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches
The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

revered

v. highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities

synonym: respected, admired, honored

(1) **revered** figure, (2) the most **revered** President
The **revered** teacher was loved by her students.

artifact

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

synonym: antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**
The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

discontent

n. dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval

synonym: dissatisfaction, unrest, displeasure

(1) political **discontent**, (2) widespread **discontent**
The worker's **discontent** with their wages led to a strike.

pivotal

adj. relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something

synonym: crucial, essential, important

(1) **pivotal** moment, (2) **pivotal** role
The CEO's decision was **pivotal** in the success of the company's expansion plans.

inscribe

v. to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

synonym: engrave, carve, etch

(1) **inscribe** a message, (2) **inscribe** in her mind clearly
The artist **inscribed** a beautiful design on the surface of the

vase.

commemorate

v. to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

synonym: honor, remember, celebrate

(1) **commemorate** her long life, (2) **commemorate** a deed
The country **commemorated** the war heroes on Memorial Day.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym: outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**
They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

dissent

n. possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted

synonym: discord, conflict, disagreement

(1) **dissent** opinion, (2) with no **dissent**
The dictatorship crushes all **dissent** severely.

synonymous

adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

synonym: equivalent, interchangeable, similar

(1) **synonymous** terms, (2) non- **synonymous** mutation
The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are **synonymous**.

discursive

adj. rambling or digressing from one topic to another without a clear or coherent structure; characterized by a tendency to wander or stray from the main point or subject

synonym: rambling, digressive, meandering

(1) **discursive** essay, (2) **discursive** argument
The book includes many **discursive** footnotes that add additional context and information.

dinosaur

n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

synonym : reptile, beast, monster

(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil

The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

locomotive

n. a powered rail vehicle used for pulling trains or railway cars; an engine that produces the necessary power for the train to move on the tracks

synonym : train, engine, motor

(1) **locomotive** engine, (2) diesel **locomotive**

The powerful **locomotive** chugged along the tracks, hauling a long line of freight cars.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

diplomacy

n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way

synonym : tact, negotiation, delicacy

(1) the language of **diplomacy**, (2) the art of **diplomacy**

Effective **diplomacy** is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.

intellect

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

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

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

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

objects.

confer

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

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

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

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

hulking

adj. large, heavy, and clumsy

synonym: large, bulky, massive

(1) **hulking** silhouette, (2) **hulking** presence

He was intimidated by the **hulking** figure standing in the doorway.

cloister

n. a covered walkway, usually surrounding a central courtyard or garden, typically found in monasteries or convents; a tranquil and secluded place, often associated with religious or academic seclusion and contemplation

synonym: monastery, abbey, convent

(1) medieval **cloister**, (2) secluded **cloister**

The peaceful ambiance of the monastery's **cloister** provided a quiet space for reflection.

arrogant

adj. having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities

synonym: haughty, supercilious, disdainful

(1) an **arrogant** attitude, (2) grow **arrogant**

He was so **arrogant** that he thought he was always right.

redeem

v. to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation

synonym: rescue, save, recover

(1) **redeem** a coupon, (2) **redeem** a government bond

He tried to **redeem** himself by volunteering at the local charity after his mistakes.

facade

n. the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

synonym: front, camouflage, masquerade

(1) the outside **facade** of a castle, (2) **facade** of wealth

A gentle **facade** concealed his powerfulness.

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.

courtyard

n. an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings

synonym: patio, garden, atrium

(1) quiet **courtyard**, (2) spacious **courtyard**

The hotel's beautiful **courtyard** was the perfect spot for a wedding reception.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym: entomb, sink, forget

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

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

monumental

adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

synonym: massive, awesome, enormous

(1) **monumental** task, (2) **monumental** sculpture

Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's **monumental** contributions to physics.

neoclassical

adj. relating to a revival of classic forms, styles, or ideas, especially those of ancient Greek and Roman art and architecture, that emerged in the late 18th and early 19th centuries

(1) **neoclassical** economics, (2) **neoclassical** music

The **neoclassical** style of architecture is characterized by symmetry and simplicity.

opaque

adj. not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view

synonym: impenetrable, obscure, cloudy

(1) **opaque** material, (2) **opaque** color

The curtains were made of **opaque** fabric that blocked out all light.

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym: settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach

I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

ephemeral

adj. lasting or used for only a short time

synonym: temporary, momentary, brief

(1) **ephemeral** joys, (2) **ephemeral** materials

His success as a famous actor was **ephemeral**.

airbag

n. a safety device designed to inflate rapidly in the event of a collision, protecting the occupants of a vehicle and reducing the risk of injury or death

synonym: air cushion, safety bag, crash bag

(1) defective **airbag**, (2) **airbag** deployment

The **airbag** system in the car saved the driver's life in a severe crash.

ooze

v. to flow or seep out slowly, often in a thick, viscous manner; to exude or emit slowly and steadily

synonym: flow, seep, drip

(1) **ooze** from the speakers, (2) **ooze** with confidence

The wound on his leg continued to **ooze** blood even after he applied pressure.

poetic

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

synonym : literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

inhale

v. to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
synonym : breathe in, take in, draw in

(1) **inhale** the smoke, (2) **inhale** the aroma

He **inhaled** deeply, trying to calm down.

dub

v. to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language

synonym : name, designate, nickname

(1) **dub** the film in English, (2) **dub** data

We **dubbed** him Ironman because of his toughness.

translucent

adj. allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent

synonym : semi-transparent, see-through

(1) **translucent** glass, (2) **translucent** skin

The sunlight shone through the **translucent** curtains, casting a warm glow in the room.

inflated

adj. swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high

synonym : enlarged, swollen, distended

(1) **inflated** prices, (2) an **inflated** balloon

The athlete's ego became **inflated** by their success.

sanctity

n. the quality of being sacred, holy, or blessed; the state of being pure, untainted, or inviolable; the ultimate importance or reverence attributed to something

synonym : holiness, sacredness, purity

(1) **sanctity** of life, (2) violate the **sanctity**

The **sanctity** of human life is a fundamental principle of many religions.

blush

v. to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty

synonym : flush, redden, glow

(1) **blush** bright red, (2) **blush** for my mistake

She **blushed** when the boy complimented her.

iconoclastic

adj. characterized by a tendency to challenge or overthrow traditional beliefs, customs, or values; breaking or rejecting established norms or conventions

synonym : nonconformist, rebellious, unconventional

(1) **iconoclastic** artist, (2) **iconoclastic** movement

His **iconoclastic** views challenged traditional beliefs and sparked debate.

spire

n. a tall, pointed structure on a building or landscape; a tapering conical or pyramidal structure on a plant or an animal

synonym : spike, turret, pinnacle

(1) **spire** cathedral, (2) gilded **spire**

The church's **spire** towered over the small village, visible from miles away.

minaret

n. a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer

synonym : tower, belfry

(1) **minaret** tower, (2) **minaret** call

The **minaret** of the mosque soared high above the city.

pantheon

n. a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important

synonym: temple, shrine, sanctuary

(1) **pantheon** of products, (2) ancient **pantheon**

The **pantheon** of Greek gods and goddesses is well-known throughout Western culture.

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.

strained

adj. tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness

synonym: tense, tight, forced

(1) **strained** relationship, (2) **strained** muscles

The musician's face showed a **strained** expression as he struggled to hit the high note.

vantage

n. a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage

synonym: advantage, benefit, edge

(1) strategic **vantage**, (2) gain a **vantage**

From our **vantage** point, we could see the whole city skyline.

capitol

n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

synonym: government building, legislative center

(1) the nation's **capitol**, (2) **Capitol** Hill hearing

The **capitol** building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

hoist

v. to elevate or drag anything to a higher position, usually with the help of ropes or specific equipment

synonym: raise, lift, haul up

(1) **hoist** the flags, (2) **hoist** the anchor

The surgeon **hoisted** the patient onto the operation table.

restrain

v. to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses

synonym: restrict, limit, control

(1) **restrain** from violence, (2) **restrain** a child

The police had to **restrain** the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.

ballast

n. heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support

synonym: weight, stabilizer, counterbalance

(1) **ballast** weight, (2) **ballast** water

The ship's **ballast** helped to keep it stable during the storm.

bureaucracy

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

synonym: administration, government, system

(1) government **bureaucracy**, (2) arbitrary **bureaucracy**

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

hurdle

n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

synonym: obstacle, barrier, challenge

(1) overcome **hurdles**, (2) **hurdle** race

The company faced several **hurdles** in the development of its new product.

warp

v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

synonym : twist, distort, deform

(1) **warp** under pressure, (2) become **warped**

The ship's hull was **warped** from years of use in rough seas.

weft

n. a thread or yarn that is woven horizontally through a loom, intersecting with the warp and forming the fabric

synonym : woof, warp, web

(1) **weft** knitting, (2) cotton **weft**

The fabric's **weft** threads run across the width of the fabric while the warp threads run lengthwise.

luminous

adj. emitting or reflecting light, especially in the dark; shining or glowing brightly; full of light or enlightenment

synonym : radiant, glowing, brilliant

(1) **luminous** glow, (2) **luminous** stars

The room was filled with **luminous** decorations that shone in the dark.

reconfigure

v. to change the configuration or arrangement of something, often to improve its performance or functionality

synonym : reshape, restructure, realign

(1) **reconfigure** the network, (2) **reconfigure** the operating system

We need to **reconfigure** the office layout to use the space better.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym : flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

rigidity

n. the state or quality of being rigid or inflexible; the inability to adapt to change or new circumstances; the condition of being stiff or unyielding

synonym : stiffness, inflexibility, firmness

(1) mental **rigidity**, (2) legal **rigidity**

The **rigidity** of the school's dress code policy caused much controversy among the students and parents.

inflate

v. to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder

synonym : blow up, expand, puff up

(1) **inflate** a tire, (2) **inflate** expense reports

She **inflated** the balloons for the party.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. syn_____ze our watches | <i>v.</i> to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate |
| 2. the outside fa___e of a castle | <i>n.</i> the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant |
| 3. widespread dis_____nt | <i>n.</i> dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval |
| 4. bl__h bright red | <i>v.</i> to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty |
| 5. Ca_____l Hill hearing | <i>n.</i> a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress |
| 6. legal ri_____ty | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of being rigid or inflexible; the inability to adapt to change or new circumstances; the condition of being stiff or unyielding |
| 7. b__y in the earth | <i>v.</i> to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb |
| 8. gilded sp__e | <i>n.</i> a tall, pointed structure on a building or landscape; a tapering conical or pyramidal structure on a plant or an animal |
| 9. enrich my in_____ct | <i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level |

ANSWERS: 1. synchronize, 2. facade, 3. discontent, 4. blush, 5. capitol, 6. rigidity, 7. bury, 8. spire, 9. intellect

10. st____ed muscles *adj.* tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness
11. gain a va_____e *n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage
12. subtle cultural nu____e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
13. co_____ss gas *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
14. ep_____al materials *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
15. hulking di_____ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
16. rich in nu____e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
17. o__e from the speakers *v.* to flow or seep out slowly, often in a thick, viscous manner; to exude or emit slowly and steadily
18. sp__e cathedral *n.* a tall, pointed structure on a building or landscape; a tapering conical or pyramidal structure on a plant or an animal
19. in_____be in her mind clearly *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

ANSWERS: 10. strained, 11. vantage, 12. nuance, 13. compress, 14. ephemeral, 15. dinosaur, 16. nuance, 17. ooze, 18. spire, 19. inscribe

20. the art of di_____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
21. po___c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
22. re_____in from violence *v.* to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
23. mental ri_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being rigid or inflexible; the inability to adapt to change or new circumstances; the condition of being stiff or unyielding
24. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
25. rec_____re the network *v.* to change the configuration or arrangement of something, often to improve its performance or functionality
26. dis_____ve argument *adj.* rambling or digressing from one topic to another without a clear or coherent structure; characterized by a tendency to wander or stray from the main point or subject
27. lu_____us stars *adj.* emitting or reflecting light, especially in the dark; shining or glowing brightly; full of light or enlightenment

ANSWERS: 20. diplomacy, 21. poetic, 22. restrain, 23. rigidity, 24. pandemic, 25. reconfigure, 26. discursive, 27. luminous

28. hu____g silhouette *adj.* large, heavy, and clumsy
29. bl__h for my mistake *v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty
30. di____ur fossil *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
31. ho__t the flags *v.* to elevate or drag anything to a higher position, usually with the help of ropes or specific equipment
32. m__m a victim *v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part
33. ai____g deployment *n.* a safety device designed to inflate rapidly in the event of a collision, protecting the occupants of a vehicle and reducing the risk of injury or death
34. human in____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
35. re____m a government bond *v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
36. ho__t the anchor *v.* to elevate or drag anything to a higher position, usually with the help of ropes or specific equipment

ANSWERS: 28. hulking, 29. blush, 30. dinosaur, 31. hoist, 32. maim, 33. airbag, 34. intellect, 35. redeem, 36. hoist

37. ancient pa____on *n.* a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important
38. defective ai____g *n.* a safety device designed to inflate rapidly in the event of a collision, protecting the occupants of a vehicle and reducing the risk of injury or death
39. w__t knitting *n.* a thread or yarn that is woven horizontally through a loom, intersecting with the warp and forming the fabric
40. become w__ped *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
41. tra_____nt skin *adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent
42. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
43. political dis_____nt *n.* dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval
44. dis_____ve essay *adj.* rambling or digressing from one topic to another without a clear or coherent structure; characterized by a tendency to wander or stray from the main point or subject

ANSWERS: 37. pantheon, 38. airbag, 39. weft, 40. warp, 41. translucent, 42. bury, 43. discontent, 44. discursive

45. pi____l role *adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
46. global pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
47. cotton w__t *n.* a thread or yarn that is woven horizontally through a loom, intersecting with the warp and forming the fabric
48. loc____ve engine *n.* a powered rail vehicle used for pulling trains or railway cars; an engine that produces the necessary power for the train to move on the tracks
49. in___e the smoke *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
50. syn____ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
51. ba____t weight *n.* heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support
52. fa___e of wealth *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
53. di____t opinion *n.* possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted
54. re____in a child *v.* to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses

ANSWERS: 45. pivotal, 46. pandemic, 47. weft, 48. locomotive, 49. inhale, 50. synchronize, 51. ballast, 52. facade, 53. dissent, 54. restrain

55. medieval cl_____er *n.* a covered walkway, usually surrounding a central courtyard or garden, typically found in monasteries or convents; a tranquil and secluded place, often associated with religious or academic seclusion and contemplation
56. st_____ed relationship *adj.* tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness
57. with no di_____t *n.* possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted
58. quiet co_____rd *n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
59. in_____t a cave *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
60. violate the sa_____ty *n.* the quality of being sacred, holy, or blessed; the state of being pure, untainted, or inviolable; the ultimate importance or reverence attributed to something
61. re_____d figure *v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
62. at_____e myself to the rhythm *v.* to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
63. con_____lly grown crops *adv.* in a way that follows accepted customs, rules, or standards; in a way that is typical or traditional
64. mi_____t tower *n.* a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer

ANSWERS: 55. cloister, 56. strained, 57. dissent, 58. courtyard, 59. inhabit, 60. sanctity, 61. revered, 62. attune, 63. conventionally, 64. minaret

65. o__e with confidence *v.* to flow or seep out slowly, often in a thick, viscous manner; to exude or emit slowly and steadily
66. lu____us glow *adj.* emitting or reflecting light, especially in the dark; shining or glowing brightly; full of light or enlightenment
67. d_b data *v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
68. the nation's ca____l *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
69. neo____cal economics *adj.* relating to a revival of classic forms, styles, or ideas, especially those of ancient Greek and Roman art and architecture, that emerged in the late 18th and early 19th centuries
70. su__e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
71. mi____t call *n.* a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer
72. diesel loc____ve *n.* a powered rail vehicle used for pulling trains or railway cars; an engine that produces the necessary power for the train to move on the tracks
73. strategic va____e *n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage

ANSWERS: 65. ooze, 66. luminous, 67. dub, 68. capitol, 69. neoclassical, 70. supple, 71. minaret, 72. locomotive, 73. vantage

74. tra_____nt glass *adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind it cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent
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77. co_____ss the chest *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
78. in_____t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
79. op___e material *adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
80. ico_____tic artist *adj.* characterized by a tendency to challenge or overthrow traditional beliefs, customs, or values; breaking or rejecting established norms or conventions
81. re___m a coupon *v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation

ANSWERS: 74. translucent, 75. poetic, 76. sanctity, 77. compress, 78. inhabit, 79. opaque, 80. iconoclastic, 81. redeem

82. op___e color *adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
83. hu___e race *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
84. syn_____us terms *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
85. at___e to nature *v.* to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
86. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
87. grow ar_____nt *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
88. in_____e a tire *v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
89. ico_____tic movement *adj.* characterized by a tendency to challenge or overthrow traditional beliefs, customs, or values; breaking or rejecting established norms or conventions
90. paleolithic ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
91. d_b the film in English *v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
92. non-syn_____us mutation *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

ANSWERS: 82. opaque, 83. hurdle, 84. synonymous, 85. attune, 86. confer, 87. arrogant, 88. inflate, 89. iconoclastic, 90. artifact, 91. dub, 92. synonymous

93. arbitrary bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
94. ep_____al joys *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
95. in_____e expense reports *v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
96. mon_____al task *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
97. con_____lly dressed *adv.* in a way that follows accepted customs, rules, or standards; in a way that is typical or traditional
98. ba_____t water *n.* heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support
99. Peruvian ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
100. m__m his hand *v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part
101. in_____ed prices *adj.* swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high
102. pa_____on of products *n.* a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important

ANSWERS: 93. bureaucracy, 94. ephemeral, 95. inflate, 96. monumental, 97. conventionally, 98. ballast, 99. artifact, 100. maim, 101. inflated, 102. pantheon

103. an in_____ed balloon *adj.* swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high
104. in_____be a message *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
105. overcome hu_____es *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
106. mon_____al sculpture *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
107. pi_____l moment *adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
108. an ar_____nt attitude *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
109. co_____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
110. com_____te her long life *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
111. w___p under pressure *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
112. the language of di_____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way

ANSWERS: 103. inflated, 104. inscribe, 105. hurdle, 106. monumental, 107. pivotal, 108. arrogant, 109. confer, 110. commemorate, 111. warp, 112. diplomacy

113. com_____te a deed *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
114. rec_____re the operating system *v.* to change the configuration or arrangement of something, often to improve its performance or functionality
115. neo_____cal music *adj.* relating to a revival of classic forms, styles, or ideas, especially those of ancient Greek and Roman art and architecture, that emerged in the late 18th and early 19th centuries
116. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
117. secluded cl_____er *n.* a covered walkway, usually surrounding a central courtyard or garden, typically found in monasteries or convents; a tranquil and secluded place, often associated with religious or academic seclusion and contemplation
118. government bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
119. in____e the aroma *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
120. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 113. commemorate, 114. reconfigure, 115. neoclassical, 116. determinant, 117. cloister, 118. bureaucracy, 119. inhale, 120. determinant

121. hu____g presence *adj.* large, heavy, and clumsy
122. su___e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
123. spacious co_____rd *n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
124. the most re____d President *v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities

ANSWERS: 121. hulking, 122. supple, 123. courtyard, 124. revered

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The artist _____ a beautiful design on the surface of the vase.
v. to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
2. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.
adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
3. The _____ of the school's dress code policy caused much controversy among the students and parents.
n. the state or quality of being rigid or inflexible; the inability to adapt to change or new circumstances; the condition of being stiff or unyielding
4. It is important to _____ yourself to your customers' needs to provide the best service possible.
v. to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
5. His _____ views challenged traditional beliefs and sparked debate.
adj. characterized by a tendency to challenge or overthrow traditional beliefs, customs, or values; breaking or rejecting established norms or conventions
6. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly _____.
v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
7. The _____ of human life is a fundamental principle of many religions.
n. the quality of being sacred, holy, or blessed; the state of being pure, untainted, or inviolable; the ultimate importance or reverence attributed to something

ANSWERS: 1. inscribed, 2. supple, 3. rigidity, 4. attune, 5. iconoclastic, 6. synchronized, 7. sanctity

8. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
9. From our _____ point, we could see the whole city skyline.
n. a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage
10. The peaceful ambiance of the monastery's _____ provided a quiet space for reflection.
n. a covered walkway, usually surrounding a central courtyard or garden, typically found in monasteries or convents; a tranquil and secluded place, often associated with religious or academic seclusion and contemplation
11. The _____ of the mosque soared high above the city.
n. a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer
12. He was so _____ that he thought he was always right.
adj. having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
13. The hotel's beautiful _____ was the perfect spot for a wedding reception.
n. an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
14. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a _____ scene from a movie.
adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
15. The company faced several _____ in the development of its new product.
n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

ANSWERS: 8. bury, 9. vantage, 10. cloister, 11. minaret, 12. arrogant, 13. courtyard, 14. poetic, 15. hurdles

16. He tried to _____ himself by volunteering at the local charity after his mistakes.
- v. to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
17. The book includes many _____ footnotes that add additional context and information.
- adj. rambling or digressing from one topic to another without a clear or coherent structure; characterized by a tendency to wander or stray from the main point or subject
18. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
19. I have no idea what sort of folks _____ the neighborhood.
- v. to live in a specific location; to reside
20. She _____ the balloons for the party.
- v. to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
21. Effective _____ is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.
- n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
22. We need to _____ the office layout to use the space better.
- v. to change the configuration or arrangement of something, often to improve its performance or functionality

ANSWERS: 16. redeem, 17. discursive, 18. intellect, 19. inhabit, 20. inflated, 21. diplomacy, 22. reconfigure

23. The _____ system in the car saved the driver's life in a severe crash.
- n.* a safety device designed to inflate rapidly in the event of a collision, protecting the occupants of a vehicle and reducing the risk of injury or death
24. The curtains were made of _____ fabric that blocked out all light.
- adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
25. 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
26. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
27. The _____ of Greek gods and goddesses is well-known throughout Western culture.
- n.* a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important
28. The ship's hull was _____ from years of use in rough seas.
- v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
29. The discovery of a new _____ species made headlines in the scientific community.
- n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

ANSWERS: 23. airbag, 24. opaque, 25. maimed, 26. determinant, 27. pantheon, 28. warped, 29. dinosaur

30. His success as a famous actor was _____.

adj. lasting or used for only a short time

31. Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's _____ contributions to physics.

adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

32. The _____ building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

33. He _____ deeply, trying to calm down.

v. to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke

34. The museum has a vast collection of Greek _____.

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

35. The surgeon _____ the patient onto the operation table.

v. to elevate or drag anything to a higher position, usually with the help of ropes or specific equipment

36. The bumbling _____ made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

37. The _____ teacher was loved by her students.

v. highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities

38. The fabric's _____ threads run across the width of the fabric while the warp threads run lengthwise.

n. a thread or yarn that is woven horizontally through a loom, intersecting with the warp and forming the fabric

ANSWERS: 30. ephemeral, 31. monumental, 32. capitol, 33. inhaled, 34. artifacts, 35. hoisted, 36. bureaucracy, 37. revered, 38. weft

39. She _____ when the boy complimented her.

v. to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty

40. The athlete's ego became _____ by their success.

adj. swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high

41. The musician's face showed a _____ expression as he struggled to hit the high note.

adj. tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness

42. We _____ him Ironman because of his toughness.

v. to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language

43. He was intimidated by the _____ figure standing in the doorway.

adj. large, heavy, and clumsy

44. The worker's _____ with their wages led to a strike.

n. dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval

45. 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

46. The room was filled with _____ decorations that shone in the dark.

adj. emitting or reflecting light, especially in the dark; shining or glowing brightly; full of light or enlightenment

ANSWERS: 39. blushed, 40. inflated, 41. strained, 42. dubbed, 43. hulking, 44. discontent, 45. compressed, 46. luminous

47. The ship's _____ helped to keep it stable during the storm.
n. heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support
48. The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are _____.
adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
49. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
50. The country _____ the war heroes on Memorial Day.
v. to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
51. The church's _____ towered over the small village, visible from miles away.
n. a tall, pointed structure on a building or landscape; a tapering conical or pyramidal structure on a plant or an animal
52. The _____ style of architecture is characterized by symmetry and simplicity.
adj. relating to a revival of classic forms, styles, or ideas, especially those of ancient Greek and Roman art and architecture, that emerged in the late 18th and early 19th centuries
53. The dictatorship crushes all _____ severely.
n. possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted
54. The police had to _____ the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.
v. to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses

ANSWERS: 47. ballast, 48. synonymous, 49. pandemic, 50. commemorated, 51. spire, 52. neoclassical, 53. dissent, 54. restrain

55. The sunlight shone through the _____ curtains, casting a warm glow in the room.
adj. allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent
56. A gentle _____ concealed his powerfulness.
n. the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
57. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
58. The wound on his leg continued to _____ blood even after he applied pressure.
v. to flow or seep out slowly, often in a thick, viscous manner; to exude or emit slowly and steadily
59. _____ doctors recommend getting at least 8 hours of sleep per night for optimal health.
adv. in a way that follows accepted customs, rules, or standards; in a way that is typical or traditional
60. The powerful _____ chugged along the tracks, hauling a long line of freight cars.
n. a powered rail vehicle used for pulling trains or railway cars; an engine that produces the necessary power for the train to move on the tracks
61. The painter has tried to express every _____ of the woman's expression in his work.
n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

ANSWERS: 55. translucent, 56. facade, 57. confer, 58. ooze, 59. Conventionally, 60. locomotive, 61. nuance

62. The CEO's decision was _____ in the success of the company's expansion plans.

adj. relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something

ANSWERS: 62. pivotal