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Session 1: Word List

hallowed

adj. considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect

synonym : sanctified, sacred, revered

(1) **hallowed** tradition, (2) **hallowed** memory

The church was considered a **hallowed** ground for the community, where their ancestors had worshiped for generations.

jeopardy

n. the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss

synonym : danger, risk, peril

(1) put his life in **jeopardy**, (2) tax in **jeopardy**

The project is in **jeopardy** of being canceled due to a lack of funding.

comet

n. a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun

synonym : meteor, asteroid, meteoroid

(1) the surface of the **comet**, (2) **comet** Halley

The **comet's** bright tail could be seen in the night sky.

pumpkin

n. large, round, yellow or orange fruit with a thick rind and pulpy interior, often carved into a Halloween decoration or used as a base for pies, soups, or other dishes

synonym : gourd, squash, vegetable

(1) **pumpkin** soup, (2) **pumpkin** pie

The **pumpkin** festival was filled with giant carved pumpkins on display and pumpkin-themed food stalls.

karma

n. a concept that originated in Hinduism and Buddhism and referred to the idea that a person's actions in the present moment will affect their future experiences and circumstances

synonym : destiny, fate, providence

(1) bad **karma**, (2) **karma** yoga

Some people believe that if you do good deeds, you will accumulate positive **karma** that will benefit you in the future.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

feud

n. a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence

synonym : argument, conflict, dispute

(1) family **feud**, (2) carry out a **feud**

The retired politician resolved the **feud** between groups through mediation.

oversea

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

synonym : foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

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.

fad *n.* an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze
synonym: craze, mania, trend

(1) become a **fad**, (2) computer game **fad**

His interest in music composition is only a **fad**.

mastery *n.* complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity

synonym: proficiency, aptitude, domination

(1) **mastery** of mathematics, (2) strive for **mastery**

The country finally gained **mastery** over the whole land of its neighbors.

factoid *n.* something commonly accepted as fact, even though it is probably not true

(1) an attention-grabbing **factoid**, (2) wacky **factoid**

We talked about an interesting **factoid** in today's newspaper.

doubly *adv.* to twice the extent or degree; in a way that involves two things at once; with twice as much force, effect, or significance

synonym: twice, twofold, in two ways

(1) **doubly** difficult, (2) **doubly** effective

The athlete faced a challenge that was **doubly** daunting because of her injury.

ironic *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym: sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

supercomputer

n. a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing

synonym: high-performance computer, mainframe, giant computer

(1) **supercomputer** performance, (2) **supercomputer** technology

China has developed one of the world's fastest **supercomputers** for its space program.

nerd

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

synonym: geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

pun

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

synonym: joke, quip, wordplay

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

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

unpack

v. to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better

synonym: dissect, unwrap, unbox

(1) **unpack** a crate, (2) **unpack** a concept

I need to **unpack** my suitcase and put my clothes away.

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

synonym: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

ken *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight;
(verb) to be aware of or know
synonym: knowledge, understanding, familiarity
(1) within my **ken**, (2) **ken** of the person
He had a good **ken** of the city and could easily find his way around.

pilgrim *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
synonym: traveler, wayfarer, sojourner
(1) shrine for **pilgrims**, (2) **pilgrim** site
The group of **pilgrims** walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.

snowy *adj.* characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions
synonym: wintry, frosty, icy
(1) **snowy** mountain, (2) **snowy** landscape
Children love to play outside in the **snowy** weather.

darling *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
synonym: sweetheart, beloved, dear
(1) have a **darling** baby, (2) medium **darling**
My **darling** child, I love you so much.

applaud *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
synonym: clap, celebrate, praise
(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra
I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

pageant *n.* a public spectacle or display, often involving colorful costumes, music, and elaborate sets; a contest in which

people participate, often involving a parade, talent show, or beauty competition

synonym : parade, spectacle, show

(1) **pageant** queen, (2) national **pageant**

The beauty **pageant** contestants all looked stunning in their gowns.

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**.

podium

n. a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards

synonym : lectern, stand, dais

(1) win a **podium** position, (2) **podium** finisher

The speaker stood confidently on the **podium** while delivering their speech.

buzzer

n. a device that produces a rapid, high-pitched sound or noise, often used to signal something or draw attention to something

synonym : alarm, signal, beeper

(1) door **buzzer**, (2) alarm **buzzer**

She jumped when the harsh **buzzer** noise indicated her laundry was done.

paralegal

n. a person who is trained to perform legal work but is not a qualified lawyer; someone who assists lawyers in their work and helps with legal research and documents

synonym : legal assistant, legal secretary, lawyer's assistant

(1) **paralegal** assistant, (2) **paralegal** services

The law firm hired a team of **paralegals** to assist with the large volume of documents in the case.

- spit** v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
synonym: expectorate, saliva, spew
(1) **spit** a bullet, (2) **spit** a mouthful of saliva
She tried to **spit** out the gum that she had been chewing.
- ominous** *adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
synonym: foreboding, portentous, ominous
(1) an **ominous** silence, (2) **ominous** sign
The **ominous** clouds in the sky foretold of an approaching storm.
- outsource** v. to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
synonym: delegate, contract out, farm out
(1) **outsource** a non-core function, (2) **outsource** to India
The company decided to **outsource** its IT services to a third-party provider.
- unimportant** *adj.* not important
synonym: inconsiderable, inconsequential, insignificant
(1) **unimportant** information, (2) **unimportant** event
He regretted having undertaken the **unimportant** job without thinking about the consequences.
- hippocampus** *n.* a major component of the brain of humans and other vertebrates that is part of the limbic system and is vital for memory
(1) involvement of the **hippocampus**, (2) neurons in the **hippocampus**
The **hippocampus** is crucial for learning and memory storage.
- atrophy** *n.* a decrease in size of a muscle, organ, etc., caused by disease or disuse
synonym: disintegration, degeneration, wasting away

(1) weakness with **atrophy**, (2) **atrophy** of the muscles
Daily exercise and adequate sleep are necessary to prevent the progression of **atrophy**.

dashboard

n. a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview

synonym: control panel

(1) auto **dashboard**, (2) business **dashboard**

He noticed that the oil warning light on the **dashboard** of his car had turned on.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

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

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

Renaissance

n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

synonym: rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

fingertip

n. the end or tip of a finger

(1) apply **fingertip** pressure, (2) burn my **fingertip**

The archaeologist ran his **fingertips** along the pattern of the tombstones.

blacksmith

n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

abrupt

adj. sudden and unexpected

synonym: sudden, unexpected, quick

(1) **abrupt** departure, (2) speak in an **abrupt** manner
The sudden, **abrupt** change in weather caught everyone by surprise.

churning

n. the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy

synonym: agitation, turmoil, commotion

(1) butter **churning**, (2) **churning** emotions

The **churning** of the waves on the beach made it difficult to swim.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

lifeguard

n. a person who is trained to swim and rescue people who are in danger of drowning in a body of water, such as a pool or ocean, often employed at beaches, pools, and other aquatic facilities to ensure swimmers' safety

synonym: rescuer, guardian, saver

(1) **lifeguard** station, (2) **lifeguard** on duty

The **lifeguard** training program includes first aid, CPR, and rescue techniques.

lubricate

v. to apply a substance, such as oil or grease, to reduce friction or wear on a surface

synonym: grease, oil, make slippery

(1) **lubricate** the economy, (2) **lubricate** the hinges with oil

The mechanic **lubricated** the gears to prevent them from grinding.

theologian

n. an expert or student who studies theology

synonym: clergyperson, philosopher, scholar

(1) Swedish **theologian**, (2) great **theologians**
Death gets more than its share of attention from **theologians**.

recite

v. to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,

synonym: repeat, replicate, recount

(1) **recite** a charm, (2) **recite** a long list of the article

He could **recite** all of Shakespeare's works.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

utopia

n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

synonym: paradise, heaven, Arcadia

(1) perfect **utopia**, (2) a **utopia** for an engineer

The concept of **utopia** is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

astronaut

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

synonym: spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

airlock

n. a chamber between two areas that can be sealed against pressure, allowing the passage of people and objects to go from one area to the other

(1) an **airlock** chamber, (2) **airlock** module

The mechanic has just inspected the jammed **airlock**.

gloomy

adj. characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy

synonym : melancholy, dismal, dreary

(1) **gloomy** mood, (2) **gloomy** expression

The **gloomy** weather made staying motivated and happy throughout the day hard.

dystopia

n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

synonym : anti-utopia

(1) a crumbling **dystopia**, (2) the escape from **dystopia**

The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into **dystopias**.

inquisitive

adj. curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy

synonym : curious, inquiring, nosy

(1) **inquisitive** mind, (2) **inquisitive** researcher

The **inquisitive** child asked endless questions about the world around her.

unquenchable

adj. unable to be satisfied or appeased; impossible to extinguish or put an end to

synonym : insatiable, never-ending

(1) **unquenchable** enthusiasm, (2) **unquenchable** desire

Her **unquenchable** thirst for knowledge motivated her to pursue a research career.

memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym : learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions

of the law.

thirst

n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

synonym: craving, desire, appetite

(1) a burning **thirst**, (2) **thirst** for authority

He read books to quench his **thirst** for knowledge.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. Swedish the_____an | <i>n.</i> an expert or student who studies theology |
| 2. sc_____r around the internet | <i>v.</i> to cause to separate and go in different directions |
| 3. ha_____ed memory | <i>adj.</i> considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect |
| 4. bla_____th welding | <i>n.</i> a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil |
| 5. ir___c result | <i>adj.</i> using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect |
| 6. s__t a mouthful of saliva | <i>v.</i> to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth |
| 7. ha_____ed tradition | <i>adj.</i> considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect |
| 8. po___m finisher | <i>n.</i> a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards |
| 9. ou_____ce a non-core function | <i>v.</i> to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure |
| 10. try hard to me_____ze the lines | <i>v.</i> to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly |
| 11. speak in an ab___t manner | <i>adj.</i> sudden and unexpected |

ANSWERS: 1. theologian, 2. scatter, 3. hallowed, 4. blacksmith, 5. ironic, 6. spit, 7. hallowed, 8. podium, 9. outsource, 10. memorize, 11. abrupt

12. become a f_d *n.* an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze
13. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
14. re___e a long list of the article *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
15. the escape from dy_____ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
16. as_____ut in training *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
17. ov_____a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
18. computer game f_d *n.* an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze
19. a ut___a for an engineer *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
20. bad ka__a *n.* a concept that originated in Hinduism and Buddhism and referred to the idea that a person's actions in the present moment will affect their future experiences and circumstances

ANSWERS: 12. fad, 13. smartphone, 14. recite, 15. dystopia, 16. astronaut, 17. oversea, 18. fad, 19. utopia, 20. karma

21. pa____t queen *n.* a public spectacle or display, often involving colorful costumes, music, and elaborate sets; a contest in which people participate, often involving a parade, talent show, or beauty competition
22. sn__y mountain *adj.* characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions
23. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
24. a computer n__d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
25. an ir____c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
26. wacky fa_____d *n.* something commonly accepted as fact, even though it is probably not true
27. n__d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
28. un____k a crate *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better

ANSWERS: 21. pageant, 22. snowy, 23. fascinate, 24. nerd, 25. ironic, 26. factoid, 27. nerd, 28. unpack

29. industrial ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
30. om_____s sign *adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
31. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
32. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
33. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
34. pa_____al assistant *n.* a person who is trained to perform legal work but is not a qualified lawyer; someone who assists lawyers in their work and helps with legal research and documents
35. sc_____r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
36. alarm bu____r *n.* a device that produces a rapid, high-pitched sound or noise, often used to signal something or draw attention to something
37. ch_____ng emotions *n.* the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy
38. lu_____te the hinges with oil *v.* to apply a substance, such as oil or grease, to reduce friction or wear on a surface

ANSWERS: 29. Renaissance, 30. ominous, 31. pun, 32. fascinate, 33. terrifying, 34. paralegal, 35. scatter, 36. buzzer, 37. churning, 38. lubricate

39. business da_____rd *n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview
40. perfect ut___a *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
41. ab___t departure *adj.* sudden and unexpected
42. an ai_____k chamber *n.* a chamber between two areas that can be sealed against pressure, allowing the passage of people and objects to go from one area to the other
43. shrine for pi_____ms *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
44. lu_____te the economy *v.* to apply a substance, such as oil or grease, to reduce friction or wear on a surface
45. bla_____th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
46. un___k a concept *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
47. th___t for authority *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
48. a crumbling dy_____ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

ANSWERS: 39. dashboard, 40. utopia, 41. abrupt, 42. airlock, 43. pilgrim, 44. lubricate, 45. blacksmith, 46. unpack, 47. thirst, 48. dystopia

49. an om____s silence *adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
50. me____ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
51. involvement of the hip____us *n.* a major component of the brain of humans and other vertebrates that is part of the limbic system and is vital for memory
52. pa____al services *n.* a person who is trained to perform legal work but is not a qualified lawyer; someone who assists lawyers in their work and helps with legal research and documents
53. pu____n soup *n.* large, round, yellow or orange fruit with a thick rind and pulpy interior, often carved into a Halloween decoration or used as a base for pies, soups, or other dishes
54. for ov____a use *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
55. win a po____m position *n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards
56. do____y difficult *adv.* to twice the extent or degree; in a way that involves two things at once; with twice as much force, effect, or significance
57. ai____k module *n.* a chamber between two areas that can be sealed against pressure, allowing the passage of people and objects to go from one area to the other

ANSWERS: 49. ominous, 50. memorize, 51. hippocampus, 52. paralegal, 53. pumpkin, 54. oversea, 55. podium, 56. doubly, 57. airlock

58. inq_____ve mind *adj.* curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy
59. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
60. artistic ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
61. a burning th____t *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
62. gl____y mood *adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy
63. the surface of the co__t *n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun
64. sup_____ter performance *n.* a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing
65. great the_____ans *n.* an expert or student who studies theology
66. ma_____y of mathematics *n.* complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity

ANSWERS: 58. inquisitive, 59. creditor, 60. Renaissance, 61. thirst, 62. gloomy, 63. comet, 64. supercomputer, 65. theologian, 66. mastery

67. ka__a yoga *n.* a concept that originated in Hinduism and Buddhism and referred to the idea that a person's actions in the present moment will affect their future experiences and circumstances
68. do___y effective *adv.* to twice the extent or degree; in a way that involves two things at once; with twice as much force, effect, or significance
69. burn my fi_____ip *n.* the end or tip of a finger
70. co__t Halley *n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun
71. li_____rd station *n.* a person who is trained to swim and rescue people who are in danger of drowning in a body of water, such as a pool or ocean, often employed at beaches, pools, and other aquatic facilities to ensure swimmers' safety
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75. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

ANSWERS: 67. karma, 68. doubly, 69. fingertip, 70. comet, 71. lifeguard, 72. dashboard, 73. recite, 74. unimportant, 75. smartphone

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80. strive for ma_____y *n.* complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity
81. have a da_____g baby *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
82. sp__l the surprise *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
83. k_n of the person *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
84. unq_____ble enthusiasm *adj.* unable to be satisfied or appeased; impossible to extinguish or put an end to

ANSWERS: 76. buzzer, 77. snowy, 78. spoil, 79. pageant, 80. mastery, 81. darling, 82. spoil, 83. ken, 84. unquenchable

85. medium da____g *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
86. s__t a bullet *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
87. within my k_n *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
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94. as_____ut mission *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
95. an attention-grabbing fa____d *n.* something commonly accepted as fact, even though it is probably not true

ANSWERS: 85. darling, 86. spit, 87. ken, 88. pilgrim, 89. feud, 90. supercomputer, 91. churning, 92. atrophy, 93. fingertip, 94. astronaut, 95. factoid

96. unq_____ble desire *adj.* unable to be satisfied or appeased; impossible to extinguish or put an end to
97. ap_____d his courage *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
98. ob____s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
99. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
100. gl____y expression *adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy
101. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
102. pu_____n pie *n.* large, round, yellow or orange fruit with a thick rind and pulpy interior, often carved into a Halloween decoration or used as a base for pies, soups, or other dishes
103. put his life in je_____dy *n.* the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss
104. tax in je_____dy *n.* the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss
105. ou_____ce to India *v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
106. ap_____d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

ANSWERS: 96. unquenchable, 97. applaud, 98. obsess, 99. pun, 100. gloomy, 101. terrifying, 102. pumpkin, 103. jeopardy, 104. jeopardy, 105. outsource, 106. applaud

107. carry out a f__d *n.* a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence
108. uni_____nt information *adj.* not important
109. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
110. inq_____ve researcher *adj.* curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy
111. neurons in the hip_____us *n.* a major component of the brain of humans and other vertebrates that is part of the limbic system and is vital for memory
112. at_____y of the muscles *n.* a decrease in size of a muscle, organ, etc., caused by disease or disuse
113. li_____rd on duty *n.* a person who is trained to swim and rescue people who are in danger of drowning in a body of water, such as a pool or ocean, often employed at beaches, pools, and other aquatic facilities to ensure swimmers' safety
114. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 107. feud, 108. unimportant, 109. obsess, 110. inquisitive, 111. hippocampus, 112. atrophy, 113. lifeguard, 114. creditor

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ festival was filled with giant carved pumpkins on display and pumpkin-themed food stalls.
 - n. large, round, yellow or orange fruit with a thick rind and pulpy interior, often carved into a Halloween decoration or used as a base for pies, soups, or other dishes

2. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.
 - n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

3. His interest in music composition is only a ____.
 - n. an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze

4. The group of _____ walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.
 - n. a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

5. The mechanic has just inspected the jammed _____.
 - n. a chamber between two areas that can be sealed against pressure, allowing the passage of people and objects to go from one area to the other

6. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
 - n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

7. She jumped when the harsh _____ noise indicated her laundry was done.
 - n. a device that produces a rapid, high-pitched sound or noise, often used to signal something or draw attention to something

ANSWERS: 1. pumpkin, 2. pun, 3. fad, 4. pilgrims, 5. airlock, 6. smartphones, 7. buzzer

8. I need to _____ my suitcase and put my clothes away.
- v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
9. The mechanic _____ the gears to prevent them from grinding.
- v.* to apply a substance, such as oil or grease, to reduce friction or wear on a surface
10. My _____ child, I love you so much.
- n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
11. 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
12. It was _____ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.
- adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
13. He regretted having undertaken the _____ job without thinking about the consequences.
- adj.* not important
14. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
- n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
15. Some people believe that if you do good deeds, you will accumulate positive _____ that will benefit you in the future.
- n.* a concept that originated in Hinduism and Buddhism and referred to the idea that a person's actions in the present moment will affect their future experiences and circumstances

ANSWERS: 8. unpack, 9. lubricated, 10. darling, 11. spoil, 12. ironic, 13. unimportant, 14. creditor, 15. karma

16. He had a good ____ of the city and could easily find his way around.
n. knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
17. The _____ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
18. The church was considered a _____ ground for the community, where their ancestors had worshiped for generations.
adj. considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect
19. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
20. The _____ is crucial for learning and memory storage.
n. a major component of the brain of humans and other vertebrates that is part of the limbic system and is vital for memory
21. The _____ clouds in the sky foretold of an approaching storm.
adj. giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
22. He was, by nature, a cyber _____.
n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
23. She tried to ____ out the gum that she had been chewing.
v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
24. Folk music is now experiencing a _____.
n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

ANSWERS: 16. ken, 17. blacksmith, 18. hallowed, 19. obsessed, 20. hippocampus, 21. ominous, 22. nerd, 23. spit, 24. renaissance

25. The _____ training program includes first aid, CPR, and rescue techniques.
- n.* a person who is trained to swim and rescue people who are in danger of drowning in a body of water, such as a pool or ocean, often employed at beaches, pools, and other aquatic facilities to ensure swimmers' safety
26. The project is in _____ of being canceled due to a lack of funding.
- n.* the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss
27. He could _____ all of Shakespeare's works.
- v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
28. We talked about an interesting _____ in today's newspaper.
- n.* something commonly accepted as fact, even though it is probably not true
29. The _____ of the waves on the beach made it difficult to swim.
- n.* the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy
30. The hunter's approach _____ the geese.
- v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
31. Daily exercise and adequate sleep are necessary to prevent the progression of _____.
- n.* a decrease in size of a muscle, organ, etc., caused by disease or disuse
32. I enthusiastically _____ my rival's achievement.
- v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

ANSWERS: 25. lifeguard, 26. jeopardy, 27. recite, 28. factoid, 29. churning, 30. scattered, 31. atrophy, 32. applaud

33. The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into _____.
- n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
34. Death gets more than its share of attention from _____.
- n.* an expert or student who studies theology
35. The _____ bright tail could be seen in the night sky.
- n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun
36. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
- adj.* very frightening or intimidating
37. The athlete faced a challenge that was _____ daunting because of her injury.
- adv.* to twice the extent or degree; in a way that involves two things at once; with twice as much force, effect, or significance
38. China has developed one of the world's fastest _____ for its space program.
- n.* a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing
39. The _____ weather made staying motivated and happy throughout the day hard.
- adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy
40. The company decided to _____ its IT services to a third-party provider.
- v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure

ANSWERS: 33. dystopias, 34. theologians, 35. comet's, 36. terrifying, 37. doubly, 38. supercomputers, 39. gloomy, 40. outsource

41. The beauty _____ contestants all looked stunning in their gowns.
n. a public spectacle or display, often involving colorful costumes, music, and elaborate sets; a contest in which people participate, often involving a parade, talent show, or beauty competition
42. The _____ child asked endless questions about the world around her.
adj. curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy
43. The law firm hired a team of _____ to assist with the large volume of documents in the case.
n. a person who is trained to perform legal work but is not a qualified lawyer; someone who assists lawyers in their work and helps with legal research and documents
44. The archaeologist ran his _____ along the pattern of the tombstones.
n. the end or tip of a finger
45. The country finally gained _____ over the whole land of its neighbors.
n. complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity
46. The magic tricks _____ the children.
v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
47. Lawyers need to _____ even the most minor provisions of the law.
v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
48. The retired politician resolved the _____ between groups through mediation.
n. a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence

ANSWERS: 41. pageant, 42. inquisitive, 43. paralegals, 44. fingertips, 45. mastery, 46. fascinated, 47. memorize, 48. feud

49. Children love to play outside in the _____ weather.

adj. characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions

50. The sudden, _____ change in weather caught everyone by surprise.

adj. sudden and unexpected

51. He noticed that the oil warning light on the _____ of his car had turned on.

n. a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview

52. The shuttle _____ trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

53. The concept of _____ is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

54. Her _____ thirst for knowledge motivated her to pursue a research career.

adj. unable to be satisfied or appeased; impossible to extinguish or put an end to

55. The company enhanced _____ operations to tap into new markets.

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

56. He read books to quench his _____ for knowledge.

n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

ANSWERS: 49. snowy, 50. abrupt, 51. dashboard, 52. astronaut, 53. utopia, 54. unquenchable, 55. oversea, 56. thirst

57. The speaker stood confidently on the _____ while delivering their speech.
- n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards

ANSWERS: 57. podium