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Session 1: Word List

disbeliever

n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

synonym: non-believer, skeptic, doubter

(1) persuade a **disbeliever**, (2) stubborn **disbeliever**

Despite the evidence, she remained a **disbeliever** in the theory of evolution.

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.

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

synonym: surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

ecstatic

adj. feeling or characterized by intense joy, delight, or enthusiasm

synonym: joyful, thrilled, exultant

(1) **ecstatic** joy, (2) **ecstatic** dance

She was **ecstatic** to receive the news that she had won the lottery.

uplift

n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

synonym: upthrust, upheaval, (verb) raise

(1) **uplift** mountains, (2) **uplift** my spirit

The **uplift** in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

doorway

n. an opening in a wall for a door to fit into

synonym: entrance, portal, gateway

(1) a wide **doorway**, (2) **doorway** to success

He leaned against the **doorway**, waiting for her to come home.

staircase

n. a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

synonym: stairway, stairwell

(1) spiral **staircase**, (2) beetle up the **staircase**

She walked urgently down the emergency **staircase**.

savior

n. a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth

synonym: hero, rescuer, redeemer

(1) political **savior**, (2) pray to the **savior**

The guru of that religion thought of himself as a **savior**.

rejoice

v. to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or

event

synonym : enjoy, delight, celebrate

(1) **rejoice** over a victory, (2) **rejoice** at the moment

We should all **rejoice** in the good things life has to offer.

tremble

v. to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness

synonym : shiver, flutter, quaver

(1) **tremble** in fear, (2) **tremble** violently with emotion

When I heard the news, my whole body **trembled** with excitement.

petty

adj. of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters

synonym : minor, insignificant, trivial

(1) **petty** crime, (2) **petty** cash

The **petty** arguments between coworkers were causing a toxic work environment.

psychedelic

adj. relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs

synonym : trippy, hallucinogenic, mind-bending

(1) **psychedelic** therapy, (2) **psychedelic** art

The Beatles' **psychedelic** music was a hallmark of the 1960s counterculture movement.

psilocybin

n. a naturally occurring psychedelic compound found in more than 200 species of mushrooms, which produces various perceptual, cognitive, and emotional effects when ingested

synonym : magic mushrooms, shrooms

(1) **psilocybin** mushrooms, (2) **psilocybin** microdosing

The use of **psilocybin** in religious ceremonies has been documented in various cultures throughout history.

mushroom

n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

synonym: fungus, toadstool

(1) **mushroom** spores, (2) **mushroom** cultivation

The **mushroom** risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.

yank

v. to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement

synonym: draw, jerk, tug

(1) **yank** out a tooth, (2) **yank** at a rope

He tried to **yank** the memories from his brain.

rave

v. to talk in a noisy, excited, or uncontrolled manner; to praise someone or something enthusiastically

synonym: babble, freak out, be enthusiastic

(1) **rave** against the politician, (2) **rave** myself hoarse

You can rant and **rave** at the arrest, but you'll still have to accept it.

transcendent

adj. going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime

synonym: beyond human experience, divine, spiritual

(1) **transcendent** wisdom, (2) **transcendent** joy

The **transcendent** beauty of the Grand Canyon took his breath away.

insensible

adj. lacking physical sensation or awareness; unconscious or unaware; lacking good judgment or understanding

synonym: unfeeling, unconscious, numb

(1) **insensible** to pain, (2) **insensible** reaction

She remained **insensible** to the noise around her, deep in

concentration.

immortality

n. the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
synonym: endless life, timelessness, agelessness

(1) the **immortality** of the soul, (2) achieve **immortality**

Many people believe in the concept of **immortality** and an afterlife.

comrade

n. a close associate, friend, or companion, especially one who shares one's interests, beliefs, or political convictions; a fellow member of an organization, especially a military or political group, who shares a common cause or objective

synonym: ally, friend, mate

(1) **comrade** in arms, (2) trusted **comrade**

We worked together as **comrades** to finish the project on time.

sociologist

n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

(1) religious **sociologist**, (2) French **sociologist**

Sociologist studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.

profane

adj. showing disrespect towards what is considered sacred or holy; relating to secular or non-religious matters; vulgar or obscene in language or behavior

synonym: sacrilegious, blasphemous, impious

(1) **profane** gesture, (2) **profane** jokes

The **profane** language in the movie made it unsuitable for children.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym: autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

meme

n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

synonym : buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

parasitic

adj. living off another organism to the detriment of the host

synonym : symbiotic, dependent, exploitative

(1) **parasitic** relationship, (2) brood- **parasitic** bird

The **parasitic** plant was able to survive by stealing nutrients from its host.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym : brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym : defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

contentious

adj. likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue

synonym : antagonistic, combative, confrontational

(1) **contentious** subject, (2) **contentious** debate

There are many **contentious** issues in claiming a patent.

cohere

v. to form a united whole or stick together, particularly about a group or organization; to be logically consistent and connected

synonym: stick together, hold together

(1) **cohere** as a team, (2) **cohere** with the theory

The team's game plan did not **cohere** with their opponents' tactics.

coherence

n. the quality of being logical and consistent

synonym: consistency, harmony, unity

(1) **coherence** in a speech, (2) lack **coherence**

The story's **coherence** could have been better when the author included too many unrelated details.

comeback

n. a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult

synonym: return, resurgence, revival

(1) political **comeback**, (2) career **comeback**

The musician made an impressive **comeback** with their latest album.

olympiad

n. a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years

(1) the modern **olympiad**, (2) summer **olympiad**

She won a gold medal in the physics **olympiad** and was praised by her teachers and peers.

advantageous

adj. providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial

synonym: beneficial, favorable, profitable

(1) **advantageous** conditions, (2) **advantageous** interest rate

The new job opportunity offered by the company is highly **advantageous**.

sabotage

n. the deliberate and malicious damage, destruction, or disruption of equipment, machinery, or other property, often by someone with a particular agenda or motive; the subversion of an organization or institution by secret agents or spies

synonym: sabotage, subversion, destruction

(1) act of **sabotage**, (2) **sabotage** mission

The **sabotage** of the factory's equipment caused significant damage.

trite

adj. lacking originality or freshness; overused, common, or clichéd; lacking in depth or significance due to being overly familiar or predictable

synonym: clichéd, banal, overused

(1) **trite** joke, (2) **trite** melody

The speaker's speech was full of **trite** phrases and platitudes.

hamster

n. a small, furry rodent commonly kept as a pet; often used in research laboratories due to their small size and ease of handling

synonym: gerbil, guinea pig, mouse

(1) **hamster** wheel, (2) pet **hamster**

It's important to clean your **hamster's** cage frequently to ensure their health and comfort.

graze

v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

synonym: nibble, feed, scrape

(1) turn cattle out to **graze**, (2) **graze** the left shoulder

The sheep **graze** on the green grass in the meadow.

reap

v. to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

synonym: collect, harvest, derive

(1) **reap** the benefits, (2) **reap** crops

He **reaped** a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.

mitochondria

n. (singular: mitochondrion) an organelle (= a specialized part of a cell) found in large numbers in most cells that produce energy for the cell by breaking down food

(1) a membrane of a **mitochondria**, (2) healthy **mitochondria**

Mitochondria DNA is used to trace human lineage and migration footprints.

rerun

n. the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again

synonym : repeat, replay, re-airing

(1) **rerun** episode, (2) **rerun** of a TV show

I missed the episode of my favorite show, so I hope they will air a **rerun** soon.

solitary

adj. existing, living, or doing without others

synonym : lonely, unsociable, singular

(1) use of **solitary** confinement, (2) a **solitary** traveler

He never uttered a **solitary** word.

wasp

n. a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals

synonym : insect, hornet, yellow jacket

(1) **wasp** nest, (2) **wasp** sting

A giant **wasp** flew into the room, and everyone panicked.

hive

n. a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people

synonym : apiary, swarm, pack

(1) honeybees in **hives**, (2) a **hive** of activity
Bees were buzzing around the **hive**

cohesive

adj. causing cohesion; bringing people or things together
synonym: sticky, close-knit, well-integrated

(1) **cohesive** ability, (2) highly **cohesive** group
He skillfully combines these fragments into a **cohesive** whole.

biosphere

n. the part of the Earth and its atmosphere in which living organisms exist, including plants, animals, and microorganisms

synonym: ecosphere, ecospace, ecosystem

(1) terrestrial **biosphere**, (2) artificial **biosphere**
The balance of the **biosphere** is crucial for the survival of species.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**
My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

campfire

n. an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

synonym: bonfire, blaze, fire pit

(1) **campfire** story, (2) roast marshmallows around the **campfire**

We sat around the **campfire** and told stories late into the night.

dialect

n. a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics

synonym: accent, language, vernacular

(1) a local **dialect**, (2) minority **dialect**

The **dialect** spoken in the region differed from other parts of the country.

beehive

n. a structure or container where bees live and store their honey

synonym: hive, apiary, honeycomb

(1) disturb a **beehive**, (2) get rid of a **beehive**

The beekeeper checked the **beehive** for any signs of disease.

revolt

n. to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler

synonym: rebellion, uprising, insurgence

(1) **revolt** against existing ways of thinking, (2) **revolt** against the dictator

The people tried to **revolt** to oust the tyrant.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym: interlink, complect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

undercurrent

n. a concealed or underlying tendency or feeling; a flow below the surface of a fluid

synonym: subterranean flow, hidden emotion

(1) **undercurrent** of hostility, (2) economic **undercurrent**

The **undercurrent** of tension was palpable in the meeting.

dissatisfy

v. to fail to satisfy someone

synonym: disappoint, disgruntle, dishearten

(1) **dissatisfy** the users with bugs, (2) **dissatisfy** people with service

The company's results **dissatisfy** everyone.

enlightenment

n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

synonym: civilization, awareness, sophistication

(1) spiritual **enlightenment**, (2) **enlightenment** activity

He finally brought his **enlightenment** to perfection.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

synonym: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force

Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym: discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

exult

v. to feel and express extreme happiness or great joy because something, especially someone's defeat or failure, has happened

synonym: rejoice, delight, jubilate

(1) **exult** over our rival, (2) **exult** at the victory

I **exulted** and wept for joy.

conjure

v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

synonym: summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. dis_____fy the users with bugs | v. | to fail to satisfy someone |
| 2. y__k out a tooth | v. | to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement |
| 3. tr_____e violently with emotion | v. | to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness |
| 4. do_____y to success | n. | an opening in a wall for a door to fit into |
| 5. dis_____fy people with service | v. | to fail to satisfy someone |
| 6. French soc_____st | n. | a person who studies the institutions and development of human society |
| 7. w__p sting | n. | a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals |
| 8. adv_____ous interest rate | adj. | providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial |
| 9. psi_____in microdosing | n. | a naturally occurring psychedelic compound found in more than 200 species of mushrooms, which produces various perceptual, cognitive, and emotional effects when ingested |
| 10. gr__e the left shoulder | v. | to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping |

ANSWERS: 1. dissatisfy, 2. yank, 3. tremble, 4. doorway, 5. dissatisfy, 6. sociologist, 7. wasp, 8. advantageous, 9. psilocybin, 10. graze

20. ca____re story *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
21. el____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
22. political co____ck *n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
23. get rid of a be____e *n.* a structure or container where bees live and store their honey
24. pray to the sa____r *n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
25. career co____ck *n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
26. adv____ous conditions *adj.* providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial
27. political sa____r *n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
28. sa____ge mission *n.* the deliberate and malicious damage, destruction, or disruption of equipment, machinery, or other property, often by someone with a particular agenda or motive; the subversion of an organization or institution by secret agents or spies

ANSWERS: 20. campfire, 21. elevate, 22. comeback, 23. beehive, 24. savior, 25.

comeback, 26. advantageous, 27. savior, 28. sabotage

29. ins_____le reaction *adj.* lacking physical sensation or awareness; unconscious or unaware; lacking good judgment or understanding
30. ec_____ic dance *adj.* feeling or characterized by intense joy, delight, or enthusiasm
31. pronounce m__e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
32. economic und_____ent *n.* a concealed or underlying tendency or feeling; a flow below the surface of a fluid
33. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
34. mu_____om spores *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
35. r__e against the politician *v.* to talk in a noisy, excited, or uncontrolled manner; to praise someone or something enthusiastically
36. lack co_____ce *n.* the quality of being logical and consistent
37. a h__e of activity *n.* a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people

ANSWERS: 29. insensible, 30. ecstatic, 31. meme, 32. undercurrent, 33. courageous, 34. mushroom, 35. rave, 36. coherence, 37. hive

38. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
39. co_____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
40. un_____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
41. up____t my spirit *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
42. directly int_____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
43. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
44. disturb a be_____e *n.* a structure or container where bees live and store their honey
45. up____t mountains *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
46. co_____e as a team *v.* to form a united whole or stick together, particularly about a group or organization; to be logically consistent and connected
47. und_____ent of hostility *n.* a concealed or underlying tendency or feeling; a flow below the surface of a fluid
48. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 38. institutionalize, 39. conquer, 40. unleash, 41. uplift, 42. interconnect, 43. dictator, 44. beehive, 45. uplift, 46. cohere, 47. undercurrent, 48. ancestor

49. y__k at a rope *v.* to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement
50. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
51. tr__e joke *adj.* lacking originality or freshness; overused, common, or clichéd; lacking in depth or significance due to being overly familiar or predictable
52. terrestrial bi____re *n.* the part of the Earth and its atmosphere in which living organisms exist, including plants, animals, and microorganisms
53. summer ol____ad *n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
54. co____e evil spirits away *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
55. artificial bi____re *n.* the part of the Earth and its atmosphere in which living organisms exist, including plants, animals, and microorganisms
56. re____e over a victory *v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event
57. a wide do____y *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
58. ha____r wheel *n.* a small, furry rodent commonly kept as a pet; often used in research laboratories due to their small size and ease of handling

ANSWERS: 49. yank, 50. ancestor, 51. trite, 52. biosphere, 53. olympiad, 54. conjure, 55. biosphere, 56. rejoice, 57. doorway, 58. hamster

59. tra_____ent wisdom *adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime
60. un_____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
61. turn cattle out to gr__e *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
62. human activities int_____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
63. military di_____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
64. roast marshmallows around the ca_____re *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
65. tr__e melody *adj.* lacking originality or freshness; overused, common, or clichéd; lacking in depth or significance due to being overly familiar or predictable
66. use of so_____ry confinement *adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
67. co___e with the theory *v.* to form a united whole or stick together, particularly about a group or organization; to be logically consistent and connected
68. act of sa_____ge *n.* the deliberate and malicious damage, destruction, or disruption of equipment, machinery, or other property, often by someone with a particular agenda or motive; the subversion of an organization or institution by secret agents or spies

ANSWERS: 59. transcendent, 60. unleash, 61. graze, 62. interconnect, 63. dictator,

64. campfire, 65. trite, 66. solitary, 67. cohere, 68. sabotage

69. re_____e at the moment *v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event
70. co_____ce in a speech *n.* the quality of being logical and consistent
71. enl_____ent activity *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
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76. a local di_____t *n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
77. religious soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

ANSWERS: 69. rejoice, 70. coherence, 71. enlightenment, 72. psilocybin, 73. ecstatic, 74. petty, 75. hive, 76. dialect, 77. sociologist

78. r__e myself hoarse *v.* to talk in a noisy, excited, or uncontrolled manner; to praise someone or something enthusiastically
79. co_____e in arms *n.* a close associate, friend, or companion, especially one who shares one's interests, beliefs, or political convictions; a fellow member of an organization, especially a military or political group, who shares a common cause or objective
80. pa_____ic relationship *adj.* living off another organism to the detriment of the host
81. op_____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
82. re__n episode *n.* the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; *(verb)* to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again
83. brood-pa_____ic bird *adj.* living off another organism to the detriment of the host
84. co_____e a vision *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
85. healthy mit_____ria *n.* (singular: mitochondrion) an organelle (= a specialized part of a cell) found in large numbers in most cells that produce energy for the cell by breaking down food

ANSWERS: 78. rave, 79. comrade, 80. parasitic, 81. oppress, 82. rerun, 83. parasitic, 84. conjure, 85. mitochondria

86. beetle up the st_____se *n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
87. the imm_____ty of the soul *n.* the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
88. stubborn dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
89. psy_____ic art *adj.* relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs
90. achieve imm_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
91. mu_____om cultivation *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
92. ex__t at the victory *v.* to feel and express extreme happiness or great joy because something, especially someone's defeat or failure, has happened
93. con_____us debate *adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
94. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
95. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 86. staircase, 87. immortality, 88. disbeliever, 89. psychedelic, 90. immortality, 91. mushroom, 92. exult, 93. contentious, 94. elevate, 95. confer

96. pe__y crime *adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters
97. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
98. pr____e jokes *adj.* showing disrespect towards what is considered sacred or holy; relating to secular or non-religious matters; vulgar or obscene in language or behavior
99. religious m__e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
100. cou_____us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
101. tra_____ent joy *adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime
102. w__p nest *n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
103. spiral st_____se *n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

ANSWERS: 96. petty, 97. confer, 98. profane, 99. meme, 100. courageous, 101. transcendent, 102. wasp, 103. staircase

104. re___t against existing ways of thinking *n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
105. tr_____e in fear *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
106. co_____ve ability *adj.* causing cohesion; bringing people or things together
107. psy_____ic therapy *adj.* relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs
108. persuade a dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
109. r__p the benefits *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
110. highly co_____ve group *adj.* causing cohesion; bringing people or things together
111. co_____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
112. op_____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

ANSWERS: 104. revolt, 105. tremble, 106. cohesive, 107. psychedelic, 108. disbeliever, 109. reap, 110. cohesive, 111. conquer, 112. oppress

113. trusted co_____e *n.* a close associate, friend, or companion, especially one who shares one's interests, beliefs, or political convictions; a fellow member of an organization, especially a military or political group, who shares a common cause or objective
114. minority di_____t *n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
115. pr_____e gesture *adj.* showing disrespect towards what is considered sacred or holy; relating to secular or non-religious matters; vulgar or obscene in language or behavior
116. con_____us subject *adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
117. pet ha_____r *n.* a small, furry rodent commonly kept as a pet; often used in research laboratories due to their small size and ease of handling
118. re____t against the dictator *n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
119. ins_____le to pain *adj.* lacking physical sensation or awareness; unconscious or unaware; lacking good judgment or understanding
120. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 113. comrade, 114. dialect, 115. profane, 116. contentious, 117. hamster, 118. revolt, 119. insensible, 120. institutionalize

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ spoken in the region differed from other parts of the country.
n. a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics

2. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

3. The use of _____ in religious ceremonies has been documented in various cultures throughout history.
n. a naturally occurring psychedelic compound found in more than 200 species of mushrooms, which produces various perceptual, cognitive, and emotional effects when ingested

4. He tried to _____ the memories from his brain.
v. to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement

5. _____ DNA is used to trace human lineage and migration footprints.
n. (singular: mitochondrion) an organelle (= a specialized part of a cell) found in large numbers in most cells that produce energy for the cell by breaking down food

6. Our system can now _____ with other databases.
v. to connect similar things

7. The Beatles' _____ music was a hallmark of the 1960s counterculture movement.
adj. relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs

ANSWERS: 1. dialect, 2. oppressed, 3. psilocybin, 4. yank, 5. Mitochondria, 6.

interconnect, 7. psychedelic

8. She remained _____ to the noise around her, deep in concentration.

adj. lacking physical sensation or awareness; unconscious or unaware; lacking good judgment or understanding

9. She was _____ to receive the news that she had won the lottery.

adj. feeling or characterized by intense joy, delight, or enthusiasm

10. The _____ risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.

n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

11. He leaned against the _____ waiting for her to come home.

n. an opening in a wall for a door to fit into

12. He _____ a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.

v. to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

13. _____ studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.

n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

14. The team's game plan did not _____ with their opponents' tactics.

v. to form a united whole or stick together, particularly about a group or organization; to be logically consistent and connected

15. The sheep _____ on the green grass in the meadow.

v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

ANSWERS: 8. insensible, 9. ecstatic, 10. mushroom, 11. doorway, 12. reaped, 13. Sociologist, 14. cohere, 15. graze

16. I _____ and wept for joy.

- v.* to feel and express extreme happiness or great joy because something, especially someone's defeat or failure, has happened

17. The people tried to _____ to oust the tyrant.

- n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler

18. We worked together as _____ to finish the project on time.

- n.* a close associate, friend, or companion, especially one who shares one's interests, beliefs, or political convictions; a fellow member of an organization, especially a military or political group, who shares a common cause or objective

19. She walked urgently down the emergency _____.

- n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

20. The beekeeper checked the _____ for any signs of disease.

- n.* a structure or container where bees live and store their honey

21. We should all _____ in the good things life has to offer.

- v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event

22. The speaker's speech was full of _____ phrases and platitudes.

- adj.* lacking originality or freshness; overused, common, or clichéd; lacking in depth or significance due to being overly familiar or predictable

23. The _____ plant was able to survive by stealing nutrients from its host.

- adj.* living off another organism to the detriment of the host

ANSWERS: 16. exulted, 17. revolt, 18. comrades, 19. staircase, 20. beehive, 21. rejoice, 22. trite, 23. parasitic

24. When I heard the news, my whole body _____ with excitement.
- v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
25. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
- n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
26. The _____ of the factory's equipment caused significant damage.
- n.* the deliberate and malicious damage, destruction, or disruption of equipment, machinery, or other property, often by someone with a particular agenda or motive; the subversion of an organization or institution by secret agents or spies
27. You can rant and _____ at the arrest, but you'll still have to accept it.
- v.* to talk in a noisy, excited, or uncontrolled manner; to praise someone or something enthusiastically
28. He never uttered a _____ word.
- adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
29. Bees were buzzing around the _____
- n.* a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people
30. Despite the evidence, she remained a _____ in the theory of evolution.
- n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
31. It's important to clean your _____ cage frequently to ensure their health and comfort.
- n.* a small, furry rodent commonly kept as a pet; often used in research laboratories due to their small size and ease of handling

ANSWERS: 24. trembled, 25. dictator, 26. sabotage, 27. rave, 28. solitary, 29. hive, 30. disbeliever, 31. hamster's

32. The musician made an impressive _____ with their latest album.
n. a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
33. The _____ language in the movie made it unsuitable for children.
adj. showing disrespect towards what is considered sacred or holy; relating to secular or non-religious matters; vulgar or obscene in language or behavior
34. This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet _____.
n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
35. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.
adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
36. I missed the episode of my favorite show, so I hope they will air a _____ soon.
n. the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again
37. A giant _____ flew into the room, and everyone panicked.
n. a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
38. The company's results _____ everyone.
v. to fail to satisfy someone

ANSWERS: 32. comeback, 33. profane, 34. meme, 35. courageous, 36. rerun, 37. wasp, 38. dissatisfy

39. Many people believe in the concept of _____ and an afterlife.
n. the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
40. The guru of that religion thought of himself as a _____.
n. a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
41. There are many _____ issues in claiming a patent.
adj. likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
42. He skillfully combines these fragments into a _____ whole.
adj. causing cohesion; bringing people or things together
43. The new job opportunity offered by the company is highly _____.
adj. providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial
44. The general was still reluctant to _____ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.
v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
45. She won a gold medal in the physics _____ and was praised by her teachers and peers.
n. a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
46. The magician _____ up a rabbit out of thin air.
v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
47. The _____ arguments between coworkers were causing a toxic work environment.
adj. of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters

ANSWERS: 39. immortality, 40. savior, 41. contentious, 42. cohesive, 43. advantageous, 44. unleash, 45. olympiad, 46. conjured, 47. petty

48. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

49. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

50. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.

v. to bring under control by force or authority

51. The _____ of tension was palpable in the meeting.

n. a concealed or underlying tendency or feeling; a flow below the surface of a fluid

52. The _____ in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

53. The _____ beauty of the Grand Canyon took his breath away.

adj. going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime

54. He finally brought his _____ to perfection.

n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

55. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

ANSWERS: 48. ancestor, 49. institutionalize, 50. conquer, 51. undercurrent, 52. uplift, 53. transcendent, 54. enlightenment, 55. elevates

56. We sat around the _____ and told stories late into the night.
- n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
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 balance of the _____ is crucial for the survival of species.
- n.* the part of the Earth and its atmosphere in which living organisms exist, including plants, animals, and microorganisms
59. The story's _____ could have been better when the author included too many unrelated details.
- n.* the quality of being logical and consistent
60. The music _____ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.
- v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

ANSWERS: 56. campfire, 57. confer, 58. biosphere, 59. coherence, 60. transcended