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Session 1: Word List

reactionary

adj. relating to or advocating a return to a previous state of affairs or method of doing things, typically one that is seen as outdated or regressive

synonym: conservative, backward, regressive

(1) **reactionary** forces, (2) **reactionary** attitudes

The school's administration has a **reactionary** stance on student protests and free speech.

incarcerate

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

synonym: confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life

He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

impressionism

n. a style of art and literature that seeks to capture the fleeting momentary sensations and impressions of perception rather than objective reality or formal structure

(1) **impressionism** movement, (2) **impressionism** style

The famous French painters Monet and Renoir were considered pioneers of **impressionism**.

fractal

n. a complex geometric pattern or shape that repeats itself on smaller and smaller scales, often occurring in nature or mathematical equations

synonym : pattern, design, geometry

(1) **fractal** pattern, (2) **fractal** art

The coastline of Norway is one of the most famous examples of **fractal** geometry in nature.

offline

adj. not connected to the internet

synonym : disconnected, not connected, unplugged

(1) **offline** course, (2) **offline** mode

The computer is **offline** and cannot be accessed at the moment.

subvert

v. to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within

synonym : overthrow, undermine, sabotage

(1) **subvert** power, (2) **subvert** expectations

The rebels could **subvert** the government's plans by leaking classified information.

grind

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

synonym : mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth

She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

counterfeit

adj. made in imitation of something else to deceive or defraud; not genuine or authentic

synonym : fake, false, imitation

(1) **counterfeit** document, (2) **counterfeit** money

The company hired a team of experts to identify **counterfeit** products in their supply chain.

emboss

v. to decorate or ornament a surface with raised designs, patterns, or figures; to give a three-dimensional appearance to a material or surface; to impress or stamp a design onto a material, often with a raised effect

synonym: engrave, imprint, decorate

(1) **emboss** a design, (2) **emboss** wedding invitations

The artist **embossed** her logo onto the leather cover of the notebook.

amuse

v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

synonym: entertain, delight, divert

(1) **amuse** a baby with a rattle, (2) **amuse** guests

He **amused** himself by playing video games during his free time.

insidious

adj. tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

synonym: sly, cunning, subtle

(1) **insidious** plot, (2) **insidious** behavior

The disease has an **insidious** onset, making it difficult to diagnose.

perverse

adj. showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

synonym: stubborn, contrary, wicked

(1) **perverse** idea, (2) **perverse** attitude

His **perverse** sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

birch

n. a slender, hardy tree with smooth bark and narrow branches, native to northern regions

(1) **birch** trees, (2) **birch** bark

We discovered that **birch** bark could be an ingredient make paper.

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.

subversive

adj. intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

synonym: incendiary, dissident, (noun) rebel

(1) **subversive** elements, (2) **subversive** literature

The artwork was criticized for its **subversive** theme that undermined religious beliefs.

pervert

v. to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society

synonym: distort, corrupt, twist

(1) **pervert** justice, (2) **pervert** young men

The teacher warned the students not to **pervert** the story's meaning by twisting the facts.

vicar

n. a member of the clergy in certain Christian churches, typically Anglican, who is responsible for the religious needs of parishioners in a particular district

synonym: clergyman, pastor, minister

(1) **vicar** church, (2) assistant **vicar**

The **vicar's** sermon was inspiring and comforting to the attendees.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

inbox

n. an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept

(1) **inbox** full of emails, (2) **inbox** folder

After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your **inbox**.

insecure

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

synonym: uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

synonym: pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

inflamm

v. to cause very strong feelings such as anger or excitement in a person or a group of people

synonym: agitate, arouse, enrage

(1) **inflamm** skin, (2) **inflamm** his passion

Her eyes **inflamed** with crying.

frenzy

n. a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior

synonym: frenetic, commotion, tumult

(1) **frenzy** of activity, (2) buying **frenzy**

The shoppers were **frenzy** to get the best deals on Black Friday.

trousers

n. a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants

synonym : pants, slacks, jeans

(1) work **trousers**, (2) denim **trousers**

He wore black **trousers** and a white shirt to the job interview.

rogue

n. a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly

synonym : baddie, con artist, crook

(1) a **rogue** detective, (2) **rogue** state

The president states emphatically that the opponent country is a **rogue** state that supports terrorism.

whistleblower

n. a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

synonym : informant, snitch

(1) anonymous **whistleblower**, (2) government **whistleblower**

The government has laws in place to protect **whistleblowers** from retaliation.

meaningless

adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose

synonym : pointless, absurd, senseless

(1) a **meaningless** endeavor, (2) do a **meaningless** task

This experiment's results are **meaningless** because the other conditions are not identical.

anonymity

n. the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information

synonym : obscurity, secrecy, namelessness

(1) comment with **anonymity**, (2) protect **anonymity**
The use of pseudonyms allows individuals to maintain their **anonymity** online.

transact

v. to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction;
to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract

synonym: conduct, carry out, perform

(1) **transact** internationally, (2) **transact** in cash

I need to **transact** some business at the bank before it closes.

etcetera

n. used to indicate that some other unspecified items or things could be included besides those already mentioned; and so on

synonym: and so on, and the like, and others

(1) tools, hardware, **etcetera**, (2) meetings, appointments, and **etcetera**

The museum contains a variety of artifacts, from ancient pottery to medieval armor, **etcetera**.

resurgence

n. the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance

synonym: revival, recovery, rejuvenation

(1) **resurgence** in popularity, (2) **resurgence** of exports

After years of decline, the city is experiencing a **resurgence** in economic growth.

solvable

adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

synonym: attainable, resolvable, achievable

(1) **solvable** problem, (2) mathematically **solvable** equation

The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite **solvable** with a software update.

beacon

n. a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning

synonym: lighthouse, guidepost, marker

(1) an aerial **beacon**, (2) **beacon** of hope

The lighthouse served as a **beacon** to guide ships safely into port.

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.

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**.

bouncer

n. a person employed at a nightclub, bar, or similar establishment to check patrons for membership or age and to enforce rules of behavior, often through physical means if necessary; a type of shoe with a thick, resilient sole

synonym: doorman, security guard, protector

(1) **bouncer** job, (2) **bouncer** policy

The **bouncer** at the club checked everyone's ID at the door.

fingerprint

n. a unique pattern of ridges and valleys on the surface of a finger that can be used to identify a person

synonym: print, mark, impression

(1) **fingerprint** at a crime scene, (2) **fingerprint** identification

The police used a **fingerprint** scanner to identify the suspect.

gadget

n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

synonym: appliance, gimmick, device

(1) a handy **gadget**, (2) time-saving **gadget**

I found the kitchen **gadget** that will serve as a bottle opener

in the store.

toothbrush

n. a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth

synonym : brush, scrubber, cleaner

(1) **toothbrush** stand, (2) power **toothbrush**

My **toothbrush** with end-rounded bristles is excellent for gently cleaning my teeth and gums.

futurist

n. a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold

synonym : foreseer, prophet, fortune-teller

(1) **futurist** architecture, (2) **futurist** ideas

The radical **futurist** predicted that virtual reality would become a standard in everyday life.

extensible

adj. capable of being extended, stretched, or expanded; able to be enlarged, broadened, or lengthened

synonym : flexible, expandable, adaptable

(1) **extensible** markup language, (2) **extensible** framework

The software has an **extensible** design, allowing for easy customization and future updates.

oyster

n. a bivalve mollusk with a rough irregular shell, often eaten raw or cooked, and sometimes used as a pearl-producing animal or a source of mother-of-pearl

synonym : shellfish, clam, mussel

(1) **oyster** shell, (2) **oyster** farm

I ordered a dozen **oysters** as an appetizer at the seafood restaurant.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure

stags.

nexus

n. a connection or link between things or people; the central or most important point or focus; a connected series of events or ideas

synonym : connection, link, tie

(1) **nexus** point, (2) direct **nexus**

The **nexus** between technology and society is complex and constantly evolving.

counterintuitive

adj. contrary to what common sense would suggest

synonym : unreasonable, paradoxical, nonsensical

(1) **counterintuitive** results, (2) **counterintuitive** behavior

The **counterintuitive** nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.

cryptography

n. the study of the techniques and methods used for secure communication and information processing, particularly using codes and ciphers

synonym : coding, steganography, encryption

(1) asymmetric **cryptography**, (2) digital **cryptography**

The software engineers developed a new **cryptography** algorithm to protect users' data.

prosaic

adj. lacking excitement, imagination, or originality; dull, ordinary, or commonplace; relating to or characteristic of prose rather than poetry

synonym : mundane, ordinary, dull

(1) **prosaic** language, (2) **prosaic** approach

The book's **prosaic** writing style left me uninterested despite the dramatic premise.

Session 2: Spelling

1. be___n of hope *n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
2. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
3. am___e a baby with a rattle *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
4. comment with an____ty *n.* the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information
5. direct ne___s *n.* a connection or link between things or people; the central or most important point or focus; a connected series of events or ideas
6. gr___d away at my work *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
7. em___s wedding invitations *v.* to decorate or ornament a surface with raised designs, patterns, or figures; to give a three-dimensional appearance to a material or surface; to impress or stamp a design onto a material, often with a raised effect
8. cou____it document *adj.* made in imitation of something else to deceive or defraud; not genuine or authentic

ANSWERS: 1. beacon, 2. doe, 3. amuse, 4. anonymity, 5. nexus, 6. grind, 7. emboss, 8. counterfeit

9. fr____l pattern *n.* a complex geometric pattern or shape that repeats itself on smaller and smaller scales, often occurring in nature or mathematical equations
10. imp_____ism movement *n.* a style of art and literature that seeks to capture the fleeting momentary sensations and impressions of perception rather than objective reality or formal structure
11. ha___s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
12. ne__s point *n.* a connection or link between things or people; the central or most important point or focus; a connected series of events or ideas
13. anonymous whi_____wer *n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people
14. meetings, appointments, and et____ra *n.* used to indicate that some other unspecified items or things could be included besides those already mentioned; and so on
15. pe____se attitude *adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

ANSWERS: 9. fractal, 10. impressionism, 11. harass, 12. nexus, 13. whistleblower, 14. etcetera, 15. perverse

16. fu____st architecture *n.* a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold
17. a ro__e detective *n.* a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly
18. pe____t justice *v.* to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society
19. inc_____te the murderer *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
20. bi__h bark *n.* a slender, hardy tree with smooth bark and narrow branches, native to northern regions
21. pr____c approach *adj.* lacking excitement, imagination, or originality; dull, ordinary, or commonplace; relating to or characteristic of prose rather than poetry
22. so____le problem *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
23. an in____re future *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
24. am__e guests *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

ANSWERS: 16. futurist, 17. rogue, 18. pervert, 19. incarcerate, 20. birch, 21. prosaic, 22. solvable, 23. insecure, 24. amuse

25. in__x folder *n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
26. power too_____sh *n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
27. ext_____le markup language *adj.* capable of being extended, stretched, or expanded; able to be enlarged, broadened, or lengthened
28. do a mea_____ss task *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
29. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
30. em___s a design *v.* to decorate or ornament a surface with raised designs, patterns, or figures; to give a three-dimensional appearance to a material or surface; to impress or stamp a design onto a material, often with a raised effect
31. denim tr_____rs *n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants
32. the pa_____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
33. government whi_____wer *n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

ANSWERS: 25. inbox, 26. toothbrush, 27. extensible, 28. meaningless, 29. obsess, 30. emboss, 31. trousers, 32. paradox, 33. whistleblower

34. French pa____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
35. in____e skin *v.* to cause very strong feelings such as anger or excitement in a person or a group of people
36. imp______ism style *n.* a style of art and literature that seeks to capture the fleeting momentary sensations and impressions of perception rather than objective reality or formal structure
37. mathematically so____le equation *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
38. pe____se idea *adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
39. ha____s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
40. digital cry______phy *n.* the study of the techniques and methods used for secure communication and information processing, particularly using codes and ciphers
41. vi__r church *n.* a member of the clergy in certain Christian churches, typically Anglican, who is responsible for the religious needs of parishioners in a particular district

ANSWERS: 34. paradox, 35. inflame, 36. impressionism, 37. solvable, 38. perverse, 39. harass, 40. cryptography, 41. vicar

42. res_____ce in popularity *n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
43. in_____re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
44. cou_____ive behavior *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
45. sub_____ve literature *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution
46. an aerial be___n *n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
47. inc_____te her for life *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
48. pe_____t young men *v.* to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society
49. oy___r shell *n.* a bivalve mollusk with a rough irregular shell, often eaten raw or cooked, and sometimes used as a pearl-producing animal or a source of mother-of-pearl

ANSWERS: 42. resurgence, 43. insecure, 44. counterintuitive, 45. subversive, 46. beacon, 47. incarcerate, 48. pervert, 49. oyster

50. a mea_____ss endeavor *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
51. in_____us behavior *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
52. of_____e course *adj.* not connected to the internet
53. tr_____ct in cash *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
54. enl_____ent activity *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
55. su_____t power *v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
56. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
57. res_____ce of exports *n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
58. in__x full of emails *n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
59. asymmetric cry_____phy *n.* the study of the techniques and methods used for secure communication and information processing, particularly using codes and ciphers

ANSWERS: 50. meaningless, 51. insidious, 52. offline, 53. transact, 54. enlightenment, 55. subvert, 56. doe, 57. resurgence, 58. inbox, 59. cryptography

60. rea_____ry forces *adj.* relating to or advocating a return to a previous state of affairs or method of doing things, typically one that is seen as outdated or regressive
61. fin_____nt at a crime scene *n.* a unique pattern of ridges and valleys on the surface of a finger that can be used to identify a person
62. work tr_____rs *n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants
63. buying fr____y *n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
64. fr_____l art *n.* a complex geometric pattern or shape that repeats itself on smaller and smaller scales, often occurring in nature or mathematical equations
65. too_____sh stand *n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
66. in_____us plot *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
67. su_____t expectations *v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
68. assistant vi__r *n.* a member of the clergy in certain Christian churches, typically Anglican, who is responsible for the religious needs of parishioners in a particular district

ANSWERS: 60. reactionary, 61. fingerprint, 62. trousers, 63. frenzy, 64. fractal, 65. toothbrush, 66. insidious, 67. subvert, 68. vicar

69. bo____r job *n.* a person employed at a nightclub, bar, or similar establishment to check patrons for membership or age and to enforce rules of behavior, often through physical means if necessary; a type of shoe with a thick, resilient sole
70. time-saving ga____t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
71. cou____it money *adj.* made in imitation of something else to deceive or defraud; not genuine or authentic
72. protect an____ty *n.* the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information
73. tr____ct internationally *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
74. ext____le framework *adj.* capable of being extended, stretched, or expanded; able to be enlarged, broadened, or lengthened
75. rea____ry attitudes *adj.* relating to or advocating a return to a previous state of affairs or method of doing things, typically one that is seen as outdated or regressive
76. a computer n__d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
77. pr____c language *adj.* lacking excitement, imagination, or originality; dull, ordinary, or commonplace; relating to or characteristic of prose rather than poetry

ANSWERS: 69. bouncer, 70. gadget, 71. counterfeit, 72. anonymity, 73. transact, 74. extensible, 75. reactionary, 76. nerd, 77. prosaic

78. oy___r farm *n.* a bivalve mollusk with a rough irregular shell, often eaten raw or cooked, and sometimes used as a pearl-producing animal or a source of mother-of-pearl
79. cou_____ive results *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
80. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
81. fr___y of activity *n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
82. bo_____r policy *n.* a person employed at a nightclub, bar, or similar establishment to check patrons for membership or age and to enforce rules of behavior, often through physical means if necessary; a type of shoe with a thick, resilient sole
83. a handy ga___t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
84. ro__e state *n.* a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly
85. in_____e his passion *v.* to cause very strong feelings such as anger or excitement in a person or a group of people
86. fu_____st ideas *n.* a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold
87. bi__h trees *n.* a slender, hardy tree with smooth bark and narrow branches, native to northern regions

ANSWERS: 78. oyster, 79. counterintuitive, 80. obsess, 81. frenzy, 82. bouncer, 83. gadget, 84. rogue, 85. inflame, 86. futurist, 87. birch

88. n__d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
89. spiritual enl_____ent *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
90. sub_____ve elements *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution
91. gr__d your teeth *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
92. fin_____nt identification *n.* a unique pattern of ridges and valleys on the surface of a finger that can be used to identify a person
93. of_____e mode *adj.* not connected to the internet
94. tools, hardware, et_____ra *n.* used to indicate that some other unspecified items or things could be included besides those already mentioned; and so on

ANSWERS: 88. nerd, 89. enlightenment, 90. subversive, 91. grind, 92. fingerprint, 93. offline, 94. etcetera

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was _____ for the duration of the war.
v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
2. The lighthouse served as a _____ to guide ships safely into port.
n. a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
3. The computer is _____ and cannot be accessed at the moment.
adj. not connected to the internet
4. She had to _____ the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.
v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
5. The shoppers were _____ to get the best deals on Black Friday.
n. a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
6. The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite _____ with a software update.
adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
7. The artwork was criticized for its _____ theme that undermined religious beliefs.
adj. intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

ANSWERS: 1. incarcerated, 2. beacon, 3. offline, 4. grind, 5. frenzy, 6. solvable, 7. subversive

8. The software engineers developed a new _____ algorithm to protect users' data.
- n.* the study of the techniques and methods used for secure communication and information processing, particularly using codes and ciphers
9. The artist _____ her logo onto the leather cover of the notebook.
- v.* to decorate or ornament a surface with raised designs, patterns, or figures; to give a three-dimensional appearance to a material or surface; to impress or stamp a design onto a material, often with a raised effect
10. He finally brought his _____ to perfection.
- n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
11. The school's administration has a _____ stance on student protests and free speech.
- adj.* relating to or advocating a return to a previous state of affairs or method of doing things, typically one that is seen as outdated or regressive
12. Her eyes _____ with crying.
- v.* to cause very strong feelings such as anger or excitement in a person or a group of people
13. The _____ nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.
- adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
14. She was constantly _____ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.
- v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

ANSWERS: 8. cryptography, 9. embossed, 10. enlightenment, 11. reactionary, 12. inflamed, 13. counterintuitive, 14. harassed

15. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
16. The coastline of Norway is one of the most famous examples of _____ geometry in nature.
- n.* a complex geometric pattern or shape that repeats itself on smaller and smaller scales, often occurring in nature or mathematical equations
17. I ordered a dozen _____ as an appetizer at the seafood restaurant.
- n.* a bivalve mollusk with a rough irregular shell, often eaten raw or cooked, and sometimes used as a pearl-producing animal or a source of mother-of-pearl
18. He wore black _____ and a white shirt to the job interview.
- n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants
19. There are many theories to explain this _____.
- n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
20. The police used a _____ scanner to identify the suspect.
- n.* a unique pattern of ridges and valleys on the surface of a finger that can be used to identify a person
21. My _____ with end-rounded bristles is excellent for gently cleaning my teeth and gums.
- n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
22. The government has laws in place to protect _____ from retaliation.
- n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

ANSWERS: 15. doe, 16. fractal, 17. oysters, 18. trousers, 19. paradox, 20. fingerprint, 21. toothbrush, 22. whistleblowers

23. The teacher warned the students not to _____ the story's meaning by twisting the facts.

- v.* to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society

24. We discovered that _____ bark could be an ingredient make paper.

- n.* a slender, hardy tree with smooth bark and narrow branches, native to northern regions

25. The software has an _____ design, allowing for easy customization and future updates.

- adj.* capable of being extended, stretched, or expanded; able to be enlarged, broadened, or lengthened

26. I need to _____ some business at the bank before it closes.

- v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract

27. After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your _____.

- n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept

28. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

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

29. The rebels could _____ the government's plans by leaking classified information.

- v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within

ANSWERS: 23. pervert, 24. birch, 25. extensible, 26. transact, 27. inbox, 28. obsessed, 29. subvert

30. The president states emphatically that the opponent country is a _____ state that supports terrorism.
- n.* a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly
31. The famous French painters Monet and Renoir were considered pioneers of _____.
- n.* a style of art and literature that seeks to capture the fleeting momentary sensations and impressions of perception rather than objective reality or formal structure
32. The disease has an _____ onset, making it difficult to diagnose.
- adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
33. After years of decline, the city is experiencing a _____ in economic growth.
- n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
34. 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.
35. The radical _____ predicted that virtual reality would become a standard in everyday life.
- n.* a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold
36. The use of pseudonyms allows individuals to maintain their _____ online.
- n.* the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information

ANSWERS: 30. rogue, 31. impressionism, 32. insidious, 33. resurgence, 34. nerd, 35. futurist, 36. anonymity

37. The museum contains a variety of artifacts, from ancient pottery to medieval armor, _____.
- n.* used to indicate that some other unspecified items or things could be included besides those already mentioned; and so on
38. The _____ at the club checked everyone's ID at the door.
- n.* a person employed at a nightclub, bar, or similar establishment to check patrons for membership or age and to enforce rules of behavior, often through physical means if necessary; a type of shoe with a thick, resilient sole
39. The book's _____ writing style left me uninterested despite the dramatic premise.
- adj.* lacking excitement, imagination, or originality; dull, ordinary, or commonplace; relating to or characteristic of prose rather than poetry
40. I found the kitchen _____ that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.
- n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
41. The company hired a team of experts to identify _____ products in their supply chain.
- adj.* made in imitation of something else to deceive or defraud; not genuine or authentic
42. The _____ sermon was inspiring and comforting to the attendees.
- n.* a member of the clergy in certain Christian churches, typically Anglican, who is responsible for the religious needs of parishioners in a particular district
43. He _____ himself by playing video games during his free time.
- v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

ANSWERS: 37. etcetera, 38. bouncer, 39. prosaic, 40. gadget, 41. counterfeit, 42. vicar's, 43. amused

44. The _____ between technology and society is complex and constantly evolving.

n. a connection or link between things or people; the central or most important point or focus; a connected series of events or ideas

45. His _____ sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

adj. showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

46. Children in an unstructured environment often feel _____.

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

47. This experiment's results are _____ because the other conditions are not identical.

adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose

ANSWERS: 44. nexus, 45. perverse, 46. insecure, 47. meaningless