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Session 1: Word List

loquacious

adj. very talkative; tending to talk a lot and at length

synonym: chatty, talkative, garrulous

(1) **loquacious** chatter, (2) **loquacious** interviewee

The **loquacious** salesman talked for hours without letting the customer get a word in.

dementia

n. a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

synonym: cognitive decline, memory loss, Alzheimer's disease

(1) **dementia** patients, (2) probably have **dementia**

The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of **dementia** in older age.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym: intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

senator

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

synonym: legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the

Senate.

thigh

n. the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg

synonym: thigh-bone, femur, upper leg

(1) **thigh** muscle, (2) chicken **thigh**

The marathon runner felt a cramp in her **thigh** at the 20th mile.

Senate

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

synonym: upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

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.

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**.

policymaker

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym: lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

privatize

v. to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization

synonym: deregulate, denationalize

(1) **privatize** post offices, (2) **privatize** healthcare

The government wants to **privatize** specific industries to boost their efficiency.

oblivious

adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful

synonym: forgetful, clueless, unaware

(1) **oblivious** of his promise, (2) **oblivious** to our response

She was so engrossed in her work that she was **oblivious** to her surroundings.

reorganize

v. to change to a more sufficient or suitable form of organization

synonym: rearrange, reconstruct, reshuffle

(1) **reorganize** a department, (2) **reorganize** his debts

The new CEO was appointed to **reorganize** their business.

bureaucracy

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

synonym: administration, government, system

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

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

disappoint

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

synonym: sadden, dismay, frustrate

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

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

expunge

v. to erase, remove, or eliminate; to blot out or destroy; to strike out or delete from a record or registry

synonym: erase, delete, remove

(1) **expunge** a memory, (2) **expunge** a word from a text

The court ordered to **expunge** the criminal record of the falsely accused individual.

attune

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

synonym: align, harmonize, acclimate

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

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

humanize

v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

synonym: civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room

The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

amputation

n. the act of cutting off a part of the body surgically

(1) **amputation** of leg, (2) hand **amputation**

Amputation of the limb is a last resort for the patient.

beetle

n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings

(1) **beetle** brows, (2) a **beetle** larva

In ancient civilizations, the scarab **beetle** was worshiped as a sacred creature.

mandarin

n. an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China

synonym : Chinese, Beijing dialect

(1) ancient **mandarin** house, (2) **Mandarin** Chinese
Mandarin dialects typically have relatively few vowels.

flashcard

n. a card with a word, picture, or other information on one side, used as an aid in learning

(1) **flashcard** study, (2) **flashcard** game

She used **flashcards** to help her study for her vocabulary test.

enlightened

adj. having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook

synonym : educated, informed, aware

(1) **enlightened** age, (2) make an **enlightened** decision

The **enlightened** teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.

pacifist

adj. a person who believes in pacifism, which is the opposition to war and violence as a means of resolving conflicts

synonym : peace-lover, peacemaker, dove

(1) **pacifist** party, (2) uphold **pacifist** principles

The **pacifist** group organized a peaceful demonstration to protest the war.

toothpaste

n. a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath

synonym : paste, gel, dentifrice

(1) **toothpaste** hygiene product, (2) **toothpaste** tube

I always use mint-flavored **toothpaste** to refresh my mouth in the morning and at night.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable

of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

amnesty

n. a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes

synonym : pardon, clemency, reprieve

(1) grant an **amnesty**, (2) **amnesty** for debt

The government declared **amnesty** for all political prisoners.

seaweed

n. a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae

synonym : kelp, algae

(1) floating **seaweed**, (2) **seaweed** broth

She soaked **seaweed** in water until tender.

veggie

adj. (short for vegetarian) relating to or consisting of vegetables

synonym : vegetarian, herbivorous, plant-based

(1) **veggie** omelet, (2) **veggie** dip

I prefer to eat **veggie** burgers instead of traditional meat burgers.

kale

n. a type of leafy green vegetable that belongs to the cabbage family, often eaten raw in salads or cooked as a side dish

synonym : collard greens, cabbage, broccoli

(1) **kale** salad, (2) baked **kale** chips

I like to add chopped **kale** to my smoothies for an extra boost of nutrition.

rectum

n. the final segment of the large intestine, responsible for storing and expelling fecal matter from the body

synonym : anal canal, proctum

(1) **rectum** cancer, (2) inflammation of the **rectum**

Hemorrhoids can cause discomfort and bleeding in the **rectum**.

hoop

n. a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration

synonym: ring, circle, band

(1) **hoop** earring, (2) basketball **hoop**

The circus clown jumped through a fiery **hoop** as the audience gasped in amazement.

oboe

n. a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a narrow conical bore, double reed, and a piercing, high-pitched sound

synonym: cor anglais, english horn, heckelphone

(1) an alto **oboe**, (2) **oboe** reed

The **oboe** player was tuning her instrument before the concert.

superficial

adj. existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely

synonym: shallow, facile, cursory

(1) **superficial** wound, (2) **superficial** knowledge

The journalist's **superficial** reporting should have captured the full scope of the issue.

aspen

n. a deciduous tree with smooth, white bark that often trembles or quakes in the wind; a type of skiing that involves quick, short turns on steep slopes

synonym: tree, hardwood

(1) **aspen** grove, (2) golden **aspen** leaves

The **aspen** trees turned a bright yellow in the fall, creating a beautiful sight.

slender

adj. thin and delicate, often in an attractive way

synonym: lanky, skinny, slim

(1) **slender** body, (2) a long **slender** leaf

He has a **slender** income.

calve

v. (of glaciology) to break off or shed smaller masses of ice; (of animal breeding) to give birth to a calf

synonym: give birth, break off, splinter

(1) **calve** from the glacier, (2) **calve** early in the morning

As global temperatures rise, more icebergs **calve** off from the polar ice caps.

furry

adj. covered in fur or a furry material; resembling fur

synonym: hairy, fuzzy, feathered

(1) the **furry** skin, (2) have **furry** leaves

The stuffed animal was so **furry** and soft that it was hard to resist hugging it.

Velociraptor

n. a small-to-medium-sized predatory dinosaur that lived during the Cretaceous period, known for its distinctive sickle-shaped claws and its agile and swift nature

synonym: raptor, dinosaur, predator

(1) fossilized **Velociraptor**, (2) hunting **Velociraptor**

The museum's newest exhibit features a complete **Velociraptor** skeleton, drawing crowds of eager paleontology enthusiasts.

whiz

v. to move or run quickly and smoothly with a hissing or buzzing sound; to excel or perform skillfully in a particular area; to urinate; (noun) a person who is very clever or skilled at something

synonym: zoom, zip, hurry

(1) **whiz** kid, (2) **whiz** through the book

The racing car **whizzed** past the grandstands, leaving a trail of dust behind it.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

synthesize

v. to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound

synonym: incorporate, amalgamate

(1) **synthesize** molecules, (2) **synthesize** information

The spider can **synthesize** multiple different silk proteins.

materialistic

adj. concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth

synonym: worldly, consumerist, acquisitive

(1) **materialistic** lifestyle, (2) **materialistic** values

Some people believe that the pursuit of wealth is a **materialistic** goal.

enchantment

n. a feeling of great pleasure or delight; a magical spell or charm

synonym: charm, magic, spell

(1) sense of **enchantment**, (2) poetic **enchantment**

The **enchantment** of the forest made it feel like a fairy tale.

autobiography

n. a written account of someone's own life, written by that person

synonym: bio, life story, biography

(1) **autobiography** of his early life, (2) fictionalized **autobiography**

She wrote an **autobiography** detailing her journey from poverty to success.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym: intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

oddity

n. something unusual or different

synonym : rarity, curiosity, peculiarity

(1) find an **oddity**, (2) genetic **oddity**

The two-headed snake was an **oddity** at the zoo.

disproportionately

adv. in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

synonym : excessively, unequally

(1) **disproportionately** affected, (2) **disproportionately** high

The rich can often **disproportionately** benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

gravitation

n. the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass

synonym : attraction, pull, gravity

(1) terrestrial **gravitation**, (2) universal **gravitation**

The force of **gravitation** keeps the planets in our solar system in orbit around the sun.

marinade

n. a liquid mixture of herbs, spices, oil, and vinegar or citrus juice used to flavor and tenderize meat or fish before cooking; a soaking or immersion in this mixture

synonym : marinate, dressing, sauce

(1) **marinade** sauce, (2) **marinade** meat

I love to use a citrus-based **marinade** for seafood dishes.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym : divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

lesion

n. a damaged or abnormal area of tissue in the body, usually caused by injury or disease

synonym: injury, wound, damage

(1) muscle **lesion**, (2) brain **lesion**

The doctor examined the **lesion** on the patient's skin to determine if it was cancerous.

helpless

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

synonym: defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

apocryphal

adj. of doubtful or questionable authenticity; well known, but probably not true

synonym: spurious, questionable, dubious

(1) **apocryphal** account, (2) **apocryphal** text

The story of George Washington and the cherry tree is likely **apocryphal** but still taught in schools.

gluttony

n. the habitual and excessive consumption of food or drink, often to the point of waste or harm; the tendency to overindulge or be excessively greedy or selfish

synonym: greed, overindulgence, gluttonousness

(1) the sin of **gluttony**, (2) **gluttony** feast

His **gluttony** for sweets and fatty foods led to his obesity and health problems.

imprint

v. to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

synonym: impress, stamp, engrave

(1) DNA **imprint**, (2) **imprint** a memory

He wanted to **imprint** his brand logo on the product.

penetrate

v. to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance

synonym: pierce, stab, go through

(1) **penetrate** a cell, (2) **penetrate** quickly into the skin
Western ideology slowly **penetrates** through the eastern countries.

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym: legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban
The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

contagion

n. the spread of a disease or harmful influence from one person or thing to another

synonym: infection, disease, transmission

(1) a **contagion** of fear, (2) **contagion** effect

The government has implemented measures to prevent the **contagion** of COVID-19, such as social distancing and mandatory mask-wearing.

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.

scot

n. a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

synonym: tax, charge, toll

(1) pay annual **scot**, (2) traditional **Scot** attire

The **scot-free** suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.

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.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym : bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

trustworthy

adj. reliable and dependable

synonym : reliable, dependable, honest

(1) **trustworthy** ally, (2) **trustworthy** source

People tend to believe **trustworthy** friends with their secrets.

wag

v. to move or swing back and forth or up and down in a lively or playful manner; to shake or quiver

synonym : waggle, swish, wave

(1) **wag** their laughter, (2) **wag** a forefinger

The cow lazily continued to **wag** its tail while grazing in the field.

tack

n. a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place

synonym : course, direction, approach

(1) change **tack**, (2) **tack** to the refrigerator door

I need to change the **tack** of the sailboat to avoid hitting the rocks.

equipoise

n. a state of balance, equilibrium, or equal distribution of weight or forces; a sense of stability or calmness in a situation or decision-making process

synonym : balance, stability, poise

(1) **equipoise** in decision-making, (2) **equipoise** stability

The delicate **equipoise** of power between the nation's two

main parties has led to legislative gridlock.

serenity

n. the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness

synonym: calmness, tranquility, peacefulness

(1) fall into **serenity**, (2) **serenity** prayer

Meditation and yoga are great ways to achieve **serenity** and peace of mind.

overconfidence

n. excessive trust or faith in one's abilities, judgments, or decisions, often leading to mistaken assumptions or risky behavior

synonym: overestimation, hubris, arrogance

(1) **overconfidence** bias, (2) false **overconfidence**

The student's **overconfidence** in their writing abilities caused them not to bother to proofread their essay, resulting in a poor grades.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym: attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

epistemology

n. a branch of philosophy that deals with knowledge and belief, including the nature and limits of knowledge, the sources and criteria of knowledge, and the justification of belief

synonym: theory of knowledge, knowledge science

(1) a specialist in **epistemology**, (2) **epistemology** study

Evolutionary **epistemology** is a field of study that seeks to

understand how knowledge has evolved.

modesty

n. the quality of being modest (= having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.), which can include humility or shyness; the act of not showing too much of oneself or being overly boastful

synonym: humility, reserve, bashfulness

(1) behave with **modesty**, (2) **modesty** panel

Many people with true talent show a sense of **modesty** rather than arrogance.

ambiguity

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

synonym: uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing

The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

correlate

v. to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

synonym: associate, liken, connect

(1) **correlate** closely with the quality, (2) **correlate** to the size

We may frequently **correlate** age with the frequency of disease.

gist

n. the essence or main point of a text, speech, or situation

synonym: essence, core, summary

(1) the **gist** of a claim, (2) get the **gist**

The **gist** of the article was that technology is rapidly changing our world.

landmine

n. an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle

synonym: mine, explosive device, antipersonnel mine

(1) destroy a **landmine**, (2) **landmine** removal

The antipersonnel **landmine** was a dangerous obstacle in the war-torn area.

nonverbal

adj. not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language

synonym : silent, mute, unspoken

(1) **nonverbal** communication, (2) **nonverbal** signal

Many communication skills rely on **nonverbal** cues such as body language and facial expressions.

determinant

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

synonym : cause, factor, element

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

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

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

phenomenally

adv. extremely or exceptionally, especially in a way that is surprising

synonym : exceptionally, amazingly, remarkably

(1) **phenomenally** quick, (2) **phenomenally** gifted

He became **phenomenally** successful in the entertainment industry.

entail

v. to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or

action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
synonym : involve, necessitate, require

(1) **entail** legal consequences, (2) **entail** risks

The job offer **entails** a lot of responsibility and hard work.

limerence

n. a state of being infatuated or obsessed with another person, typically characterized by intense emotions, fantasies, and longing for reciprocation

synonym : infatuation, obsession, crush

(1) passionate **limerence**, (2) obsessive **limerence**

Teens often experience intense **limerence** feelings, mistaking them for deep love due to their relative inexperience in romantic relationships.

prestige

n. respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

synonym : honor, distinction, reputation

(1) national **prestige**, (2) **prestige** company

The university has great **prestige** in the academic community.

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.

craftsman

n. a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

synonym : artisan, mechanic, workman

(1) **craftsman** skill, (2) a subtle **craftsman**

The adept **craftsman** carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

naturalism

n. a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws

(1) **naturalism** in literature, (2) philosophical **naturalism**

The scientific method is often seen as an embodiment of **naturalism**, as it seeks to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation.

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.

fused

adj. joined together or combined into one; blended or integrated in a way that creates a new entity

synonym: merged, blended, united

(1) **fused** glass, (2) **fused** bones

The **fused** wires in the electrical circuit caused a power outage.

carol

n. a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme

synonym: song, hymn, anthem

(1) Christmas **carol**, (2) sing a **carol**

I love the sound of **carols** playing in the background while we decorate the Christmas tree.

mantel

n. a shelf or structure that sits above a fireplace, often used for decorative purposes or to hold objects or pictures

synonym: shelf, ledge, shelf board

(1) **mantel** decoration, (2) antique **mantel**

The antique clock on the **mantel** was a family heirloom passed down for generations.

weld

v. to join two or more pieces of metal together by heating their edges until they melt and fuse

synonym: fuse, join, bond

(1) **weld** a team of such people, (2) **weld** two broken pipes
He learned how to **weld** metal in his high school shop class.

dimly

adv. faintly or indistinctly; with little light or clarity; not clearly or brightly

synonym: faintly, obscurely, hazily

(1) **dimly** visible, (2) **dimly** remember

The **dimly** lit room created a cozy and intimate atmosphere for the dinner party.

enchant

v. to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone

synonym: charm, captivate, bewitch

(1) **enchant** the audience, (2) **enchant** the crowd

The fairy's spell **enchanted** the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. I was dr__ned in work | <i>v.</i> to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater |
| 2. aut_____phy of his early life | <i>n.</i> a written account of someone's own life, written by that person |
| 3. am_____y for debt | <i>n.</i> a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes |
| 4. ve___e omelet | <i>adj.</i> (short for vegetarian) relating to or consisting of vegetables |
| 5. inflammation of the re___m | <i>n.</i> the final segment of the large intestine, responsible for storing and expelling fecal matter from the body |
| 6. arbitrary bur_____cy | <i>n.</i> a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives |
| 7. make an enl_____ed decision | <i>adj.</i> having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook |
| 8. don't dis_____nt me | <i>v.</i> to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad |
| 9. tru_____hy source | <i>adj.</i> reliable and dependable |
| 10. fl_____rd game | <i>n.</i> a card with a word, picture, or other information on one side, used as an aid in learning |
| 11. ex_____e a word from a text | <i>v.</i> to erase, remove, or eliminate; to blot out or destroy; to strike out or delete from a record or registry |

ANSWERS: 1. drown, 2. autobiography, 3. amnesty, 4. veggie, 5. rectum, 6. bureaucracy, 7. enlightened, 8. disappoint, 9. trustworthy, 10. flashcard, 11. expunge

12. en___l risks v. to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
13. spiritual enl_____ent n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
14. antibiotic-resistant g__m n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
15. co_____te to the size v. to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
16. w_g their laughter v. to move or swing back and forth or up and down in a lively or playful manner; to shake or quiver
17. obsessive li_____ce n. a state of being infatuated or obsessed with another person, typically characterized by intense emotions, fantasies, and longing for reciprocation
18. la_____ne removal n. an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle
19. in___e his privacy v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
20. tr_____nd limits v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

ANSWERS: 12. entail, 13. enlightenment, 14. germ, 15. correlate, 16. wag, 17. limerence, 18. landmine, 19. invade, 20. transcend

21. be___e brows *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
22. no_____al communication *adj.* not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language
23. loq_____us interviewee *adj.* very talkative; tending to talk a lot and at length
24. too_____te hygiene product *n.* a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath
25. re___m cancer *n.* the final segment of the large intestine, responsible for storing and expelling fecal matter from the body
26. de_____ia patients *n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
27. ma___l decoration *n.* a shelf or structure that sits above a fireplace, often used for decorative purposes or to hold objects or pictures
28. sen_____al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
29. apo_____al text *adj.* of doubtful or questionable authenticity; well known, but probably not true
30. dis_____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
31. 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;

ANSWERS: 21. beetle, 22. nonverbal, 23. loquacious, 24. toothpaste, 25. rectum, 26. dementia, 27. mantel, 28. sentimental, 29. apocryphal, 30. disappoint, 31. paradox

32. en___l legal consequences *v.* to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
33. co_____on effect *n.* the spread of a disease or harmful influence from one person or thing to another
34. chicken th__h *n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
35. ca__e from the glacier *v.* (of glaciology) to break off or shed smaller masses of ice; (of animal breeding) to give birth to a calf
36. a co_____on of fear *n.* the spread of a disease or harmful influence from one person or thing to another
37. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
38. di__y remember *adv.* faintly or indistinctly; with little light or clarity; not clearly or brightly
39. bla_____th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
40. enl_____ent activity *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
41. ve___e dip *adj.* (short for vegetarian) relating to or consisting of vegetables
42. w__d two broken pipes *v.* to join two or more pieces of metal together by heating their edges until they melt and fuse

ANSWERS: 32. entail, 33. contagion, 34. thigh, 35. calve, 36. contagion, 37. trait, 38. dimly, 39. blacksmith, 40. enlightenment, 41. veggie, 42. weld

43. a specialist in epi_____ogy *n.* a branch of philosophy that deals with knowledge and belief, including the nature and limits of knowledge, the sources and criteria of knowledge, and the justification of belief
44. 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;
45. philosophical nat_____sm *n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws
46. basketball h__p *n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
47. genetic od____y *n.* something unusual or different
48. en_____t the audience *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
49. sl_____r body *adj.* thin and delicate, often in an attractive way
50. antique ma____l *n.* a shelf or structure that sits above a fireplace, often used for decorative purposes or to hold objects or pictures
51. Se____e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
52. a be____e larva *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
53. no_____al signal *adj.* not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language

ANSWERS: 43. epistemology, 44. paradox, 45. naturalism, 46. hoop, 47. oddity, 48. enchant, 49. slender, 50. mantel, 51. Senate, 52. beetle, 53. nonverbal

54. traditional S__t attire *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
55. in____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
56. ob_____us of his promise *adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
57. ma_____de meat *n.* a liquid mixture of herbs, spices, oil, and vinegar or citrus juice used to flavor and tenderize meat or fish before cooking; a soaking or immersion in this mixture
58. hu_____ze my pet *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
59. pa_____st party *adj.* a person who believes in pacifism, which is the opposition to war and violence as a means of resolving conflicts
60. free from am_____ty *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
61. DNA im_____t *v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

ANSWERS: 54. scot, 55. inherit, 56. oblivious, 57. marinade, 58. humanize, 59. pacifist, 60. ambiguity, 61. imprint

62. nat_____sm in literature *n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws
63. fictionalized aut_____phy *n.* a written account of someone's own life, written by that person
64. k__e salad *n.* a type of leafy green vegetable that belongs to the cabbage family, often eaten raw in salads or cooked as a side dish
65. junior se_____r *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
66. floating se_____d *n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae
67. th__h muscle *n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
68. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
69. too_____te tube *n.* a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath
70. poetic enc_____nt *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or delight; a magical spell or charm
71. Se___e hearing *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

ANSWERS: 62. naturalism, 63. autobiography, 64. kale, 65. senator, 66. seaweed, 67. thigh, 68. pretension, 69. toothpaste, 70. enchantment, 71. Senate

72. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
73. at___e myself to the rhythm *v.* to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
74. fall into se_____ty *n.* the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness
75. pe_____te quickly into the skin *v.* to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance
76. an alto o___e *n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a narrow conical bore, double reed, and a piercing, high-pitched sound
77. ancient ma_____in house *n.* an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China
78. syn_____ze molecules *v.* to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound
79. in___e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
80. tru_____hy ally *adj.* reliable and dependable
81. hunting Vel_____tor *n.* a small-to-medium-sized predatory dinosaur that lived during the Cretaceous period, known for its distinctive sickle-shaped claws and its agile and swift nature

ANSWERS: 72. determinant, 73. attune, 74. serenity, 75. penetrate, 76. oboe, 77. mandarin, 78. synthesize, 79. invade, 80. trustworthy, 81. Velociraptor

82. the fu__y skin *adj.* covered in fur or a furry material; resembling fur
83. avoid am_____ty in writing *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
84. ma_____de sauce *n.* a liquid mixture of herbs, spices, oil, and vinegar or citrus juice used to flavor and tenderize meat or fish before cooking; a soaking or immersion in this mixture
85. co_____te closely with the quality *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
86. ove_____nce bias *n.* excessive trust or faith in one's abilities, judgments, or decisions, often leading to mistaken assumptions or risky behavior
87. in a sen_____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
88. false ove_____nce *n.* excessive trust or faith in one's abilities, judgments, or decisions, often leading to mistaken assumptions or risky behavior
89. pr_____ge company *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
90. the branch of neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

ANSWERS: 82. furry, 83. ambiguity, 84. marinade, 85. correlate, 86. overconfidence, 87. sentimental, 88. overconfidence, 89. prestige, 90. neuroscience

91. government bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
92. get the g__t *n.* the essence or main point of a text, speech, or situation
93. Ma_____in Chinese *n.* an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China
94. pay annual s__t *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
95. sup_____al knowledge *adj.* existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely
96. ca__e early in the morning *v.* (of glaciology) to break off or shed smaller masses of ice; (of animal breeding) to give birth to a calf
97. fu__d glass *adj.* joined together or combined into one; blended or integrated in a way that creates a new entity
98. gl_____ny feast *n.* the habitual and excessive consumption of food or drink, often to the point of waste or harm; the tendency to overindulge or be excessively greedy or selfish
99. pe_____te a cell *v.* to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance

ANSWERS: 91. bureaucracy, 92. gist, 93. mandarin, 94. scot, 95. superficial, 96. calve, 97. fused, 98. gluttony, 99. penetrate

100. eq_____se in decision-making *n.* a state of balance, equilibrium, or equal distribution of weight or forces; a sense of stability or calmness in a situation or decision-making process
101. universal gra_____on *n.* the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass
102. destroy a la_____ne *n.* an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle
103. regional pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
104. amp_____on of leg *n.* the act of cutting off a part of the body surgically
105. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
106. fl_____rd study *n.* a card with a word, picture, or other information on one side, used as an aid in learning
107. w__d a team of such people *v.* to join two or more pieces of metal together by heating their edges until they melt and fuse
108. hand amp_____on *n.* the act of cutting off a part of the body surgically
109. en__t the smoking ban *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice

ANSWERS: 100. equipoise, 101. gravitation, 102. landmine, 103. policymaker, 104. amputation, 105. distract, 106. flashcard, 107. weld, 108. amputation, 109. enact

110. im_____t a memory *v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone
111. the g__t of a claim *n.* the essence or main point of a text, speech, or situation
112. have fu__y leaves *adj.* covered in fur or a furry material; resembling fur
113. 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
114. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
115. tr_____nd boundaries *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
116. se_____ty prayer *n.* the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness
117. behave with mo_____y *n.* the quality of being modest (= having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.), which can include humility or shyness; the act of not showing too much of oneself or being overly boastful
118. t__k to the refrigerator door *n.* a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place

ANSWERS: 110. imprint, 111. gist, 112. furry, 113. grind, 114. drown, 115. transcend,

116. serenity, 117. modesty, 118. tack

119. se_____r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
120. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
121. the sin of gl_____ny *n.* the habitual and excessive consumption of food or drink, often to the point of waste or harm; the tendency to overindulge or be excessively greedy or selfish
122. h__p earring *n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
123. syn_____ze information *v.* to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound
124. as__n grove *n.* a deciduous tree with smooth, white bark that often trembles or quakes in the wind; a type of skiing that involves quick, short turns on steep slopes
125. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
126. se_____d broth *n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae
127. phe_____lly quick *adv.* extremely or exceptionally, especially in a way that is surprising

ANSWERS: 119. senator, 120. determinant, 121. gluttony, 122. hoop, 123. synthesize, 124. aspen, 125. germ, 126. seaweed, 127. phenomenally

128. dis_____ely high *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
129. loq_____us chatter *adj.* very talkative; tending to talk a lot and at length
130. fossilized Vel_____tor *n.* a small-to-medium-sized predatory dinosaur that lived during the Cretaceous period, known for its distinctive sickle-shaped claws and its agile and swift nature
131. passionate li_____ce *n.* a state of being infatuated or obsessed with another person, typically characterized by intense emotions, fantasies, and longing for reciprocation
132. mo_____y panel *n.* the quality of being modest (= having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.), which can include humility or shyness; the act of not showing too much of oneself or being overly boastful
133. grant an am_____y *n.* a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
134. change t__k *n.* a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place

ANSWERS: 128. disproportionately, 129. loquacious, 130. Velociraptor, 131. limerence, 132. modesty, 133. amnesty, 134. tack

135. eq_____se stability *n.* a state of balance, equilibrium, or equal distribution of weight or forces; a sense of stability or calmness in a situation or decision-making process
136. 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
137. probably have de_____ia *n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
138. a long sl_____r leaf *adj.* thin and delicate, often in an attractive way
139. uphold pa_____st principles *adj.* a person who believes in pacifism, which is the opposition to war and violence as a means of resolving conflicts
140. education pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
141. mat_____tic values *adj.* concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth
142. ex_____e a memory *v.* to erase, remove, or eliminate; to blot out or destroy; to strike out or delete from a record or registry
143. he_____ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

ANSWERS: 135. equipoise, 136. grind, 137. dementia, 138. slender, 139. pacifist, 140. policymaker, 141. materialistic, 142. expunge, 143. helpless

144. cr_____an skill *n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
145. act con_____ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
146. di__y visible *adv.* faintly or indistinctly; with little light or clarity; not clearly or brightly
147. bla_____th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
148. mat_____tic lifestyle *adj.* concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth
149. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
150. baked k__e chips *n.* a type of leafy green vegetable that belongs to the cabbage family, often eaten raw in salads or cooked as a side dish
151. w__z through the book *v.* to move or run quickly and smoothly with a hissing or buzzing sound; to excel or perform skillfully in a particular area; to urinate; (noun) a person who is very clever or skilled at something
152. Christmas ca__l *n.* a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme

ANSWERS: 144. craftsman, 145. consciously, 146. dimly, 147. blacksmith, 148. materialistic, 149. pretension, 150. kale, 151. whiz, 152. carol

153. brain le___n *n.* a damaged or abnormal area of tissue in the body, usually caused by injury or disease
154. con_____ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
155. terrestrial gra_____on *n.* the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass
156. w_g a forefinger *v.* to move or swing back and forth or up and down in a lively or playful manner; to shake or quiver
157. stubborn dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
158. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
159. reo_____ze his debts *v.* to change to a more sufficient or suitable form of organization
160. en__t new legislation *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
161. sense of enc_____nt *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or delight; a magical spell or charm
162. dis_____ely affected *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
163. o__e reed *n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a narrow conical bore, double reed, and a piercing, high-pitched sound

ANSWERS: 153. lesion, 154. consciously, 155. gravitation, 156. wag, 157. disbeliever, 158. trait, 159. reorganize, 160. enact, 161. enchantment, 162. disproportionately, 163. oboe

164. find an od___y *n.* something unusual or different
165. di___ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
166. muscle le___n *n.* a damaged or abnormal area of tissue in the body, usually caused by injury or disease
167. reo_____ze a department *v.* to change to a more sufficient or suitable form of organization
168. epi_____ogy study *n.* a branch of philosophy that deals with knowledge and belief, including the nature and limits of knowledge, the sources and criteria of knowledge, and the justification of belief
169. enl_____ed age *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
170. pr_____ze post offices *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
171. apo_____al account *adj.* of doubtful or questionable authenticity; well known, but probably not true
172. a subtle cr_____an *n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
173. he_____ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
174. national pr_____ge *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

ANSWERS: 164. oddity, 165. distract, 166. lesion, 167. reorganize, 168. epistemology, 169. enlightened, 170. privatize, 171. apocryphal, 172. craftsman, 173. helpless, 174. prestige

175. golden as__n leaves *n.* a deciduous tree with smooth, white bark that often trembles or quakes in the wind; a type of skiing that involves quick, short turns on steep slopes
176. w__z kid *v.* to move or run quickly and smoothly with a hissing or buzzing sound; to excel or perform skillfully in a particular area; to urinate; (noun) a person who is very clever or skilled at something
177. a theoretical concept in neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
178. persuade a dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
179. ob_____us to our response *adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
180. at___e to nature *v.* to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
181. sing a ca__l *n.* a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme
182. sup_____al wound *adj.* existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely
183. fu__d bones *adj.* joined together or combined into one; blended or integrated in a way that creates a new entity
184. phe_____lly gifted *adv.* extremely or exceptionally, especially in a way that is surprising

ANSWERS: 175. aspen, 176. whiz, 177. neuroscience, 178. disbeliever, 179. oblivious, 180. attune, 181. carol, 182. superficial, 183. fused, 184. phenomenally

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She soaked _____ in water until tender.
n. a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae
2. The government declared _____ for all political prisoners.
n. a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
3. The _____ wires in the electrical circuit caused a power outage.
adj. joined together or combined into one; blended or integrated in a way that creates a new entity
4. She was so engrossed in her work that she was _____ to her surroundings.
adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
5. We may frequently _____ age with the frequency of disease.
v. to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
6. The _____ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
7. He became _____ successful in the entertainment industry.
adv. extremely or exceptionally, especially in a way that is surprising
8. 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;

ANSWERS: 1. seaweed, 2. amnesty, 3. fused, 4. oblivious, 5. correlate, 6. blacksmith, 7. phenomenally, 8. paradox

9. He learned how to _____ metal in his high school shop class.
- v. to join two or more pieces of metal together by heating their edges until they melt and fuse
10. Western ideology slowly _____ through the eastern countries.
- v. to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance
11. I love to use a citrus-based _____ for seafood dishes.
- n. a liquid mixture of herbs, spices, oil, and vinegar or citrus juice used to flavor and tenderize meat or fish before cooking; a soaking or immersion in this mixture
12. The scientific method is often seen as an embodiment of _____ as it seeks to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation.
- n. a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws
13. The government has implemented measures to prevent the _____ of COVID-19, such as social distancing and mandatory mask-wearing.
- n. the spread of a disease or harmful influence from one person or thing to another
14. She wrote an _____ detailing her journey from poverty to success.
- n. a written account of someone's own life, written by that person
15. The bumbling _____ made it difficult to get the permits we needed.
- n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
16. The job offer _____ a lot of responsibility and hard work.
- v. to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something

ANSWERS: 9. weld, 10. penetrates, 11. marinade, 12. naturalism, 13. contagion, 14. autobiography, 15. bureaucracy, 16. entails

17. 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

18. He wanted to _____ his brand logo on the product.

- v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

19. Many communication skills rely on _____ cues such as body language and facial expressions.

- adj.* not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language

20. The adept _____ carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

- n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

21. _____ dialects typically have relatively few vowels.

- n.* an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China

22. Teens often experience intense _____ feelings, mistaking them for deep love due to their relative inexperience in romantic relationships.

- n.* a state of being infatuated or obsessed with another person, typically characterized by intense emotions, fantasies, and longing for reciprocation

23. As global temperatures rise, more icebergs _____ off from the polar ice caps.

- v.* (of glaciology) to break off or shed smaller masses of ice; (of animal breeding) to give birth to a calf

ANSWERS: 17. grind, 18. imprint, 19. nonverbal, 20. craftsman, 21. Mandarin, 22. limerence, 23. calve

24. The racing car _____ past the grandstands, leaving a trail of dust behind it.
- v. to move or run quickly and smoothly with a hissing or buzzing sound; to excel or perform skillfully in a particular area; to urinate; (noun) a person who is very clever or skilled at something
25. The _____ salesman talked for hours without letting the customer get a word in.
- adj. very talkative; tending to talk a lot and at length
26. The _____ player was tuning her instrument before the concert.
- n. a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a narrow conical bore, double reed, and a piercing, high-pitched sound
27. The marathon runner felt a cramp in her _____ at the 20th mile.
- n. the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
28. The charity event aims to _____ the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.
- v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
29. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
- n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
30. His _____ for sweets and fatty foods led to his obesity and health problems.
- n. the habitual and excessive consumption of food or drink, often to the point of waste or harm; the tendency to overindulge or be excessively greedy or selfish

ANSWERS: 24. whizzed, 25. loquacious, 26. oboe, 27. thigh, 28. humanize, 29. pretensions, 30. gluttony

31. Many people with true talent show a sense of _____ rather than arrogance.
- n.* the quality of being modest (= having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.), which can include humility or shyness; the act of not showing too much of oneself or being overly boastful
32. The _____ suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.
- n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
33. The new CEO was appointed to _____ their business.
- v.* to change to a more sufficient or suitable form of organization
34. She used _____ to help her study for her vocabulary test.
- n.* a card with a word, picture, or other information on one side, used as an aid in learning
35. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.
- n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
36. The court ordered to _____ the criminal record of the falsely accused individual.
- v.* to erase, remove, or eliminate; to blot out or destroy; to strike out or delete from a record or registry
37. The force of _____ keeps the planets in our solar system in orbit around the sun.
- n.* the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass

ANSWERS: 31. modesty, 32. scot-free, 33. reorganize, 34. flashcards, 35. Senate, 36. expunge, 37. gravitation

38. The story of George Washington and the cherry tree is likely _____ but still taught in schools.
adj. of doubtful or questionable authenticity; well known, but probably not true
39. Hemorrhoids can cause discomfort and bleeding in the _____.
n. the final segment of the large intestine, responsible for storing and expelling fecal matter from the body
40. I like to add chopped _____ to my smoothies for an extra boost of nutrition.
n. a type of leafy green vegetable that belongs to the cabbage family, often eaten raw in salads or cooked as a side dish
41. The student's _____ in their writing abilities caused them not to bother to proofread their essay, resulting in a poor grades.
n. excessive trust or faith in one's abilities, judgments, or decisions, often leading to mistaken assumptions or risky behavior
42. The journalist's _____ reporting should have captured the full scope of the issue.
adj. existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely
43. The government _____ this law in 1925.
v. to make a law; to put something into practice
44. I need to change the _____ of the sailboat to avoid hitting the rocks.
n. a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place

ANSWERS: 38. apocryphal, 39. rectum, 40. kale, 41. overconfidence, 42. superficial, 43. enacted, 44. tack

45. Evolutionary _____ is a field of study that seeks to understand how knowledge has evolved.
- n.* a branch of philosophy that deals with knowledge and belief, including the nature and limits of knowledge, the sources and criteria of knowledge, and the justification of belief
46. The ____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
- n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
47. The delicate _____ of power between the nation's two main parties has led to legislative gridlock.
- n.* a state of balance, equilibrium, or equal distribution of weight or forces; a sense of stability or calmness in a situation or decision-making process
48. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
49. 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
50. The cow lazily continued to ____ its tail while grazing in the field.
- v.* to move or swing back and forth or up and down in a lively or playful manner; to shake or quiver
51. I feel so _____ without you.
- adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

ANSWERS: 45. epistemology, 46. germ, 47. equipoise, 48. determinant, 49. disbeliever, 50. wag, 51. helpless

52. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.
v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
53. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.
v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
54. He has a _____ income.
adj. thin and delicate, often in an attractive way
55. The fairy's spell _____ the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.
v. to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
56. The _____ teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.
adj. having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
57. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
58. The music _____ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.
v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
59. I love the sound of _____ playing in the background while we decorate the Christmas tree.
n. a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme
60. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.
adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

ANSWERS: 52. disappoint, 53. drown, 54. slender, 55. enchanted, 56. enlightened, 57. inherited, 58. transcended, 59. carols, 60. sentimental

61. People tend to believe _____ friends with their secrets.

adj. reliable and dependable

62. The doctor examined the _____ on the patient's skin to determine if it was cancerous.

n. a damaged or abnormal area of tissue in the body, usually caused by injury or disease

63. The _____ in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

64. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

65. The _____ of the article was that technology is rapidly changing our world.

n. the essence or main point of a text, speech, or situation

66. It is important to _____ yourself to your customers' needs to provide the best service possible.

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

67. The _____ trees turned a bright yellow in the fall, creating a beautiful sight.

n. a deciduous tree with smooth, white bark that often trembles or quakes in the wind; a type of skiing that involves quick, short turns on steep slopes

68. The two-headed snake was an _____ at the zoo.

n. something unusual or different

ANSWERS: 61. trustworthy, 62. lesion, 63. ambiguity, 64. invade, 65. gist, 66. attune, 67. aspen, 68. oddity

69. The circus clown jumped through a fiery _____ as the audience gasped in amazement.
- n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
70. The university has great _____ in the academic community.
- n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
71. I always use mint-flavored _____ to refresh my mouth in the morning and at night.
- n.* a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath
72. _____ of the limb is a last resort for the patient.
- n.* the act of cutting off a part of the body surgically
73. The rich can often _____ benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.
- adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
74. The government wants to _____ specific industries to boost their efficiency.
- v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
75. _____ struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.
- n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

ANSWERS: 69. hoop, 70. prestige, 71. toothpaste, 72. Amputation, 73. disproportionately, 74. privatize, 75. Policymakers

76. In ancient civilizations, the scarab _____ was worshiped as a sacred creature.
n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
77. The stuffed animal was so _____ and soft that it was hard to resist hugging it.
adj. covered in fur or a furry material; resembling fur
78. The spider can _____ multiple different silk proteins.
v. to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound
79. He finally brought his _____ to perfection.
n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
80. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
81. The _____ lit room created a cozy and intimate atmosphere for the dinner party.
adv. faintly or indistinctly; with little light or clarity; not clearly or brightly
82. He _____ criticizes her in the publicity.
adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner
83. The hawkish _____ gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.
n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
84. Meditation and yoga are great ways to achieve _____ and peace of mind.
n. the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness
85. I prefer to eat _____ burgers instead of traditional meat burgers.
adj. (short for vegetarian) relating to or consisting of vegetables

ANSWERS: 76. beetle, 77. furry, 78. synthesize, 79. enlightenment, 80. distract, 81. dimly, 82. consciously, 83. senator, 84. serenity, 85. veggie

86. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.
n. a particular feature of your nature
87. Some people believe that the pursuit of wealth is a _____ goal.
adj. concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth
88. The antipersonnel _____ was a dangerous obstacle in the war-torn area.
n. an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle
89. The _____ of the forest made it feel like a fairy tale.
n. a feeling of great pleasure or delight; a magical spell or charm
90. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral _____.
n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
91. The _____ group organized a peaceful demonstration to protest the war.
adj. a person who believes in pacifism, which is the opposition to war and violence as a means of resolving conflicts
92. The museum's newest exhibit features a complete _____ skeleton, drawing crowds of eager paleontology enthusiasts.
n. a small-to-medium-sized predatory dinosaur that lived during the Cretaceous period, known for its distinctive sickle-shaped claws and its agile and swift nature

ANSWERS: 86. traits, 87. materialistic, 88. landmine, 89. enchantment, 90. neuroscience, 91. pacifist, 92. Velociraptor

93. The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of _____ in older age.
- n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
94. The antique clock on the _____ was a family heirloom passed down for generations.
- n.* a shelf or structure that sits above a fireplace, often used for decorative purposes or to hold objects or pictures

ANSWERS: 93. dementia, 94. mantel