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Session 1: Word List

highland

adj. an area of elevated land or hilly terrain

synonym : upland, plateau

(1) **highland** Indian, (2) **highland** agriculture

This region has a humid subtropical and **highland** climate.

bartender

n. a person who serves drinks, especially alcoholic beverages, at a bar

synonym : barman, mixologist, server

(1) professional **bartender**, (2) moonlight as a **bartender**

The chief **bartender** mixed the ingredients to create a new and exciting cocktail.

pint

n. a unit of measurement for liquid and dry substances, typically equal to 1/8th of a gallon or 16 fluid ounces, commonly used to measure beverages, such as beer or milk, as well as certain food ingredients

(1) half a **pint** of milk, (2) **pint** glass

He ordered a **pint** of beer at the pub and enjoyed it with his friends.

pier

n. a structure built on posts extending from land out into a body of water used as a landing place for boats or as a recreational area

synonym : jetty, wharf, dock

(1) **pier** fishing, (2) a landing **pier**

Families gathered on the head of a **pier** to watch the sunset and catch a glimpse of the dolphins swimming in the bay.

plank

n. a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes

synonym : board, timber, beam

(1) oak **plank**, (2) **plank** exercise

He was ordered to walk the **plank** by the pirate captain.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym : narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

punchline

n. the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax

synonym : joke, climax, comedic ending

(1) have no **punchline**, (2) the final **punchline**

The **punchline** of the joke was hilarious.

affirmation

n. a statement declaring something to be true strongly

synonym : confirmation, validation, endorsement

(1) self- **affirmation**, (2) statement of **affirmation**

The **affirmation** from her boss gave her the confidence she needed to move forward with her project.

commandment

n. a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority

synonym : law, edict, precept

(1) violate a **commandment**, (2) a religious **commandment**

He was punished because he contravened a **commandment** of God.

intellect

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

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

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

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

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

synonym: teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program

The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

summon

v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

synonym: call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

telegram

n. a message sent by telegraph (= a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals), typically consisting of a few words and sent at a reduced rate for urgent or brief communications

synonym: wire, message, cablegram

(1) **telegram** service, (2) a congratulatory **telegram**

He sent a **telegram** to let his family know he was safe.

entomb

v. to place or bury a person or object in a tomb or grave; to trap or enclose someone or something within a confined space

synonym: bury, tomb, inter

(1) **entomb** a body, (2) **entomb** the pharaoh

The ancient burial site **entombs** the remains of long-lost

civilizations.

mausoleum

n. a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground

synonym: tomb, sepulcher, crypt

(1) visit a **mausoleum**, (2) marble **mausoleum**

The imperial **mausoleum** was built to honor the late king.

butler

n. a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties

synonym: valet, majordomo, manservant

(1) **butler** service, (2) household **butler**

The personal **butler** announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.

embalm

v. preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral

synonym: preserve, treat, mummify

(1) **embalm** a corpse, (2) **embalm** the body

The funeral director **embalmed** the body to make it presentable for the wake.

coffin

n. a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin

synonym: casket, box, chest

(1) **coffin** lid, (2) wooden **coffin**

The priest prayed over the **coffin** before it was lowered into the ground.

campfire

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

synonym: bonfire, blaze, fire pit

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

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

night.

pebble

n. a small, smooth, rounded rock, especially one worn by the action of water

synonym: rock, stone, cobble

(1) drop a **pebble** into a pond, (2) **pebble** pathway

She picked up a **pebble** from the beach and put it in her pocket as a souvenir.

slingshot

n. a Y-shaped stick with an elastic band attached for shooting small stones or other projectiles

synonym: catapult, launcher, trebuchet

(1) **slingshot** projectile, (2) **slingshot** aim

The kids used a **slingshot** to launch small stones into the pond.

propel

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

synonym: drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

hunch

v. to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof

synonym: crouch, guess, speculate

(1) **hunch** against the rain, (2) **hunch** up the shoulders

I **hunch** over my computer all day, and my back aches after a while.

solver

n. a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem

synonym: thinker

(1) puzzle- **solver**, (2) linear **solver**

The flow **solver** is validated against the experiment.

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym : force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention
The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

deduce

v. to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning

synonym : conclude, infer, suppose

(1) **deduce** facts from the evidence, (2) **deduce** the meaning of a word

The researcher **deduced** the momentum of the particles from meteoritic velocities.

deduct

v. to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total

synonym : remove, subtract, withdraw

(1) **deduct** the interest, (2) **deduct** \$100 from the price
The bank **deducted** the premium amount from his bank account.

screenwriter

n. a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media

synonym : scriptwriter, playwright

(1) aspiring **screenwriter**, (2) experienced **screenwriter**
The movie's success was largely attributed to the **screenwriter's** cleverly written script.

itch

v. to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it

synonym : scratch, tingle, irritate

(1) **itch** constantly, (2) **itch** to speak
I can't stop **itching** my arm because of the mosquito bite.

godfather

n. a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters

synonym: sponsor, mentor, protector

(1) political **godfather**, (2) be my **godfather** at my christening

The wealthy businessman acted as a **godfather** to his protege, helping him to succeed in his career.

temperament

n. a person's nature or disposition, especially as it permanently affects their behavior

synonym: disposition, character, personality

(1) the **temperament** of an engineer, (2) a hysterical **temperament**

She has a calm **temperament** and never gets overly upset or angry.

steer

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

synonym: guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

playwright

n. a person who writes plays

synonym: dramatist, scribe, librettist

(1) acclaimed **playwright**, (2) a **playwright** attached to the theatre

The **playwright's** work was praised by critics and audiences alike.

archer

n. a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows

synonym: Bowman, marksman, shooter

(1) **archer's** bow, (2) skilled **archer**

The **archer's** aim was so accurate he could hit a moving

target without fail.

mingle

v. to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner

synonym: mix, blend, merge

(1) **mingle** with colleagues, (2) **mingle** with the locals

I decided to **mingle** with the crowd and converse with some new people.

insightful

adj. having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject

synonym: perceptive, astute, perspicacious

(1) acutely **insightful**, (2) **insightful** analysis

His **insightful** comments added a new perspective to the discussion.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

synonym: invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

mermaid

n. a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish

synonym: siren, naiad, sea-maiden

(1) **mermaid** costume, (2) **mermaid** tail

The movie tells the enchanting tale of a young girl discovering a secret **mermaid** kingdom beneath the sea.

epitome

n. a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type

synonym: embodiment, apotheosis

(1) an **epitome** of history, (2) world's **epitome**

He was the **epitome** of courage, always standing up for his beliefs.

lyricist

n. a person who writes lyrics or words for songs, often collaborating with a composer to create music

synonym: songwriter, poet, wordsmith

(1) award-winning **lyricist**, (2) aspiring **lyricist**

The famous musician started his career as a **lyricist**.

villain

n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

synonym: scoundrel, rogue, antagonist

(1) evil **villain**, (2) authoritarian **villain**

The **villain** in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

rebellious

adj. characterized by a tendency to rebel or resist authority or conventions; inclined to do the opposite of what is expected or customary

synonym: disobedient, defiant, insubordinate

(1) **rebellious** teenager, (2) **rebellious** spirit

Her **rebellious** attitude often got her into trouble with the school authorities.

contrarian

n. a person who tends to oppose or reject commonly held beliefs or opinions, often for the sake of being different or creating controversy

synonym: dissenter, maverick, rebel

(1) **contrarian** investor, (2) **contrarian** philosophy

The politician's **contrarian** stance on immigration has earned him a lot of supporters and detractors alike.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym : defeat, overpower, subdue

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

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

selfless

adj. concerned more with the needs and desires of others than with one's own; unselfish; altruistic

synonym : unselfish, altruistic, generous

(1) **selfless** act, (2) **selfless** devotion

Her **selfless** dedication to the community earned her a prestigious award.

someplace

adv. somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location

synonym : somewhere, anywhere, wherever

(1) from **someplace** deep inside, (2) **someplace** quiet

Let's go **someplace** new and try something we have not done before.

slink

v. to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky

synonym : sneak, slither, crawl

(1) **slink** back home, (2) **slink** in the shadows

The thief tried to **slink** away unnoticed, but the security guard caught him.

likable

adj. having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable

synonym : sympathetic, appealing, charming

(1) **likable** personality, (2) a **likable** character

He's a very **likable** person who makes friends easily.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after

the collision with the reef.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym : illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

veil

n. a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

synonym : cover, mask, (verb) conceal

(1) **veil** of mystery, (2) **veil** her face

He lifted her **veil** with both hands.

disparate

adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

synonym : different, distinct, separate

(1) **disparate** impact, (2) physically **disparate** location

The organization worked to bring together **disparate** groups in the community.

thump

v. to strike or hit heavily or repeatedly, often with a dull, resonating sound; to pound or beat forcefully

synonym : beat, thud, pound

(1) **thump** on the back, (2) **thump** a blistering shot

I heard someone **thump** on the door, and when I opened it, no one was there.

evoke

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

synonym : arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy

This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

dormant

adj. in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances

synonym : inactive, sleeping, quiescent

(1) **dormant** volcano, (2) **dormant** account

The disease can remain **dormant** for years before it presents any symptoms.

infuse

v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

synonym: instill, fill, permeate

(1) **infuse** with spirit, (2) **infuse** life with meaning

She **infused** fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

pinpoint

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

synonym: name, direct, identify

(1) **pinpoint** the problem, (2) **pinpoint** signs of manipulation

This radar quickly **pinpoints** the position of the enemy.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym: blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

transfusion

n. the transfer of blood or blood products from one person or animal to another, often to replace blood lost due to injury or surgery

synonym: transfer, graft, infusion

(1) red blood cell **transfusion**, (2) plasma **transfusion**

The patient received a blood **transfusion** during the surgery to replenish her supply.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pi____nt the problem *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
2. hi____nd agriculture *adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
3. self-aff_____on *n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly
4. first-person na____or *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
5. a pla_____ht attached to the theatre *n.* a person who writes plays
6. a congratulatory te____am *n.* a message sent by telegraph (= a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals), typically consisting of a few words and sent at a reduced rate for urgent or brief communications
7. so_____ce quiet *adv.* somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location
8. en____b the pharaoh *v.* to place or bury a person or object in a tomb or grave; to trap or enclose someone or something within a confined space
9. ev__e a sense of awe *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
10. de____t \$100 from the price *v.* to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total

ANSWERS: 1. pinpoint, 2. highland, 3. affirmation, 4. narrator, 5. playwright, 6. telegram, 7. someplace, 8. entomb, 9. evoke, 10. deduct

11. award-winning ly____st *n.* a person who writes lyrics or words for songs, often collaborating with a composer to create music
12. roast marshmallows around the ca____re *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
13. half a p__t of milk *n.* a unit of measurement for liquid and dry substances, typically equal to 1/8th of a gallon or 16 fluid ounces, commonly used to measure beverages, such as beer or milk, as well as certain food ingredients
14. co____l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
15. reb____us teenager *adj.* characterized by a tendency to rebel or resist authority or conventions; inclined to do the opposite of what is expected or customary
16. human in____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
17. te____am service *n.* a message sent by telegraph (= a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals), typically consisting of a few words and sent at a reduced rate for urgent or brief communications

ANSWERS: 11. lyricist, 12. campfire, 13. pint, 14. compel, 15. rebellious, 16. intellect, 17. telegram

18. a landing p__r *n.* a structure built on posts extending from land out into a body of water used as a landing place for boats or as a recreational area
19. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
20. a hysterical tem_____nt *n.* a person's nature or disposition, especially as it permanently affects their behavior
21. pl__k exercise *n.* a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes
22. do_____t account *adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances
23. physically di_____te location *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
24. su____n a city council *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
25. th__p a blistering shot *v.* to strike or hit heavily or repeatedly, often with a dull, resonating sound; to pound or beat forcefully
26. in____e life with meaning *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

ANSWERS: 18. pier, 19. storytelling, 20. temperament, 21. plank, 22. dormant, 23. disparate, 24. summon, 25. thump, 26. infuse

27. se____ss act *adj.* concerned more with the needs and desires of others than with one's own; unselfish; altruistic
28. p__t glass *n.* a unit of measurement for liquid and dry substances, typically equal to 1/8th of a gallon or 16 fluid ounces, commonly used to measure beverages, such as beer or milk, as well as certain food ingredients
29. hu__h against the rain *v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
30. statement of aff_____on *n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly
31. sl__k back home *v.* to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky
32. political go_____er *n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters
33. de___e facts from the evidence *v.* to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning
34. sl_____ot aim *n.* a Y-shaped stick with an elastic band attached for shooting small stones or other projectiles

ANSWERS: 27. selfless, 28. pint, 29. hunch, 30. affirmation, 31. slink, 32. godfather, 33. deduce, 34. slingshot

35. acutely ins_____ul *adj.* having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject
36. i__h to speak *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
37. marble ma_____um *n.* a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground
38. ca_____re story *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
39. red blood cell tra_____on *n.* the transfer of blood or blood products from one person or animal to another, often to replace blood lost due to injury or surgery
40. con_____an philosophy *n.* a person who tends to oppose or reject commonly held beliefs or opinions, often for the sake of being different or creating controversy
41. de___e the meaning of a word *v.* to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning
42. an_____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
43. me_____d costume *n.* a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish
44. the tem_____nt of an engineer *n.* a person's nature or disposition, especially as it permanently affects their behavior

ANSWERS: 35. insightful, 36. itch, 37. mausoleum, 38. campfire, 39. transfusion, 40. contrarian, 41. deduce, 42. animate, 43. mermaid, 44. temperament

45. evil vi____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
46. sl__k in the shadows *v.* to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky
47. co____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
48. co____n lid *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
49. puzzle-so____r *n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
50. bu____r service *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
51. reb____us spirit *adj.* characterized by a tendency to rebel or resist authority or conventions; inclined to do the opposite of what is expected or customary
52. aspiring ly____st *n.* a person who writes lyrics or words for songs, often collaborating with a composer to create music
53. enrich my in____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
54. visit a ma____um *n.* a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground

ANSWERS: 45. villain, 46. slink, 47. conquer, 48. coffin, 49. solver, 50. butler, 51. rebellious, 52. lyricist, 53. intellect, 54. mausoleum

55. an ep_____e of history *n.* a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type
56. hi_____nd Indian *adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
57. em_____m a corpse *v.* preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral
58. the na_____or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
59. ar_____r's bow *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
60. pr_____l the ship *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
61. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
62. mi_____e with the locals *v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner
63. v____l her face *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
64. professional ba_____er *n.* a person who serves drinks, especially alcoholic beverages, at a bar
65. con_____an investor *n.* a person who tends to oppose or reject commonly held beliefs or opinions, often for the sake of being different or creating controversy

ANSWERS: 55. epitome, 56. highland, 57. embalm, 58. narrator, 59. archer, 60. propel, 61. storytelling, 62. mingle, 63. veil, 64. bartender, 65. contrarian

66. an____e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
67. me____d tail *n.* a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish
68. co____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
69. acclaimed pla____ht *n.* a person who writes plays
70. from so____ce deep inside *adv.* somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location
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72. a li____e character *adj.* having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable
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74. se____ss devotion *adj.* concerned more with the needs and desires of others than with one's own; unselfish; altruistic
75. aggressive in____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
76. violate a com____nt *n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority

ANSWERS: 66. animate, 67. mermaid, 68. conquer, 69. playwright, 70. someplace, 71. butler, 72. likable, 73. screenwriter, 74. selfless, 75. instinct, 76. commandment

77. pe___e pathway *n.* a small, smooth, rounded rock, especially one worn by the action of water
78. oak pl__k *n.* a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes
79. moonlight as a ba_____er *n.* a person who serves drinks, especially alcoholic beverages, at a bar
80. sl_____ot projectile *n.* a Y-shaped stick with an elastic band attached for shooting small stones or other projectiles
81. ev__e sympathy *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
82. em___m the body *v.* preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral
83. plasma tra_____on *n.* the transfer of blood or blood products from one person or animal to another, often to replace blood lost due to injury or surgery
84. en___b a body *v.* to place or bury a person or object in a tomb or grave; to trap or enclose someone or something within a confined space
85. hu__h up the shoulders *v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof

ANSWERS: 77. pebble, 78. plank, 79. bartender, 80. slingshot, 81. evoke, 82. embalm, 83. transfusion, 84. entomb, 85. hunch

86. wooden co___n *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
87. ins_____ul analysis *adj.* having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject
88. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
89. de___t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
90. v__l of mystery *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
91. co___l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
92. de___t the interest *v.* to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total
93. di_____te impact *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
94. mi___e with colleagues *v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner
95. world's ep_____e *n.* a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type

ANSWERS: 86. coffin, 87. insightful, 88. aft, 89. depict, 90. veil, 91. compel, 92. deduct, 93. disparate, 94. mingle, 95. epitome

96. skilled ar___r *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
97. a religious com_____nt *n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority
98. pr___l growth *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
99. have no pu_____ne *n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax
100. st__r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
101. li_____e personality *adj.* having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable
102. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
103. aspiring scr_____ter *n.* a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
104. linear so___r *n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem

ANSWERS: 96. archer, 97. commandment, 98. propel, 99. punchline, 100. steer, 101. likable, 102. aft, 103. screenwriter, 104. solver

105. authoritarian vi_____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
106. i__h constantly *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
107. th__p on the back *v.* to strike or hit heavily or repeatedly, often with a dull, resonating sound; to pound or beat forcefully
108. burn s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
109. st__r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
110. in___e with spirit *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
111. be my go_____er at my christening *n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters
112. do_____t volcano *adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances
113. drop a pe___e into a pond *n.* a small, smooth, rounded rock, especially one worn by the action of water

ANSWERS: 105. villain, 106. itch, 107. thump, 108. scar, 109. steer, 110. infuse, 111. godfather, 112. dormant, 113. pebble

114. in____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
115. p__r fishing *n.* a structure built on posts extending from land out into a body of water used as a landing place for boats or as a recreational area
116. su____n a lawyer *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
117. the final pu_____ne *n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax
118. pi_____nt signs of manipulation *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
119. de____t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
120. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

ANSWERS: 114. instinct, 115. pier, 116. summon, 117. punchline, 118. pinpoint, 119. depict, 120. scar

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ancient burial site _____ the remains of long-lost civilizations.
v. to place or bury a person or object in a tomb or grave; to trap or enclose someone or something within a confined space
2. I heard someone _____ on the door, and when I opened it, no one was there.
v. to strike or hit heavily or repeatedly, often with a dull, resonating sound; to pound or beat forcefully
3. He's a very _____ person who makes friends easily.
adj. having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable
4. The movie's success was largely attributed to the _____ cleverly written script.
n. a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
5. This region has a humid subtropical and _____ climate.
adj. an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
6. The funeral director _____ the body to make it presentable for the wake.
v. preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral
7. The _____ makes use of the local dialect.
n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

ANSWERS: 1. entombs, 2. thump, 3. likable, 4. screenwriter's, 5. highland, 6. embalmed, 7. narrator

8. His _____ comments added a new perspective to the discussion.
adj. having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject
9. The politician's _____ stance on immigration has earned him a lot of supporters and detractors alike.
n. a person who tends to oppose or reject commonly held beliefs or opinions, often for the sake of being different or creating controversy
10. Her _____ attitude often got her into trouble with the school authorities.
adj. characterized by a tendency to rebel or resist authority or conventions; inclined to do the opposite of what is expected or customary
11. Families gathered on the head of a _____ to watch the sunset and catch a glimpse of the dolphins swimming in the bay.
n. a structure built on posts extending from land out into a body of water used as a landing place for boats or as a recreational area
12. The _____ of the joke was hilarious.
n. the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax
13. The patient received a blood _____ during the surgery to replenish her supply.
n. the transfer of blood or blood products from one person or animal to another, often to replace blood lost due to injury or surgery
14. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

ANSWERS: 8. insightful, 9. contrarian, 10. rebellious, 11. pier, 12. punchline, 13. transfusion, 14. storytelling

15. The _____ in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.
- n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
16. We sat around the _____ and told stories late into the night.
- n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
17. The captain told him to _____ the ship north.
- v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
18. He was punished because he contravened a _____ of God.
- n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority
19. The flow _____ is validated against the experiment.
- n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
20. He ordered a _____ of beer at the pub and enjoyed it with his friends.
- n.* a unit of measurement for liquid and dry substances, typically equal to 1/8th of a gallon or 16 fluid ounces, commonly used to measure beverages, such as beer or milk, as well as certain food ingredients
21. The _____ work was praised by critics and audiences alike.
- n.* a person who writes plays
22. The kids used a _____ to launch small stones into the pond.
- n.* a Y-shaped stick with an elastic band attached for shooting small stones or other projectiles

ANSWERS: 15. villain, 16. campfire, 17. steer, 18. commandment, 19. solver, 20. pint, 21. playwright's, 22. slingshot

23. The organization worked to bring together _____ groups in the community.
adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
24. The _____ from her boss gave her the confidence she needed to move forward with her project.
n. a statement declaring something to be true strongly
25. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.
v. to bring under control by force or authority
26. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.
n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
27. She picked up a _____ from the beach and put it in her pocket as a souvenir.
n. a small, smooth, rounded rock, especially one worn by the action of water
28. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
29. He was the _____ of courage, always standing up for his beliefs.
n. a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type
30. She has a calm _____ and never gets overly upset or angry.
n. a person's nature or disposition, especially as it permanently affects their behavior

ANSWERS: 23. disparate, 24. affirmation, 25. conquer, 26. scar, 27. pebble, 28. intellect, 29. epitome, 30. temperament

31. The disease can remain _____ for years before it presents any symptoms.
adj. in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances
32. This radar quickly _____ the position of the enemy.
v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
33. The priest prayed over the _____ before it was lowered into the ground.
n. a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
34. Let's go _____ new and try something we have not done before.
adv. somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location
35. The chairperson was responsible for _____ committees.
v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
36. The thief tried to _____ away unnoticed, but the security guard caught him.
v. to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky
37. The bank _____ the premium amount from his bank account.
v. to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total
38. The movie tells the enchanting tale of a young girl discovering a secret _____ kingdom beneath the sea.
n. a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish

ANSWERS: 31. dormant, 32. pinpoints, 33. coffin, 34. someplace, 35. summoning, 36. slink, 37. deducted, 38. mermaid

39. She _____ fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

40. The wealthy businessman acted as a _____ to his protege, helping him to succeed in his career.

n. a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters

41. The researcher _____ the momentum of the particles from meteoritic velocities.

v. to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning

42. The personal _____ announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.

n. a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties

43. This movie is likely to _____ strong emotions in the viewer.

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

44. An increase in employment helps _____ economic growth.

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

45. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 39. infused, 40. godfather, 41. deduced, 42. butler, 43. evoke, 44. propel, 45. instinct

46. The _____ aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.
- n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
47. I can't stop _____ my arm because of the mosquito bite.
- v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
48. I _____ over my computer all day, and my back aches after a while.
- v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
49. I decided to _____ with the crowd and converse with some new people.
- v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner
50. He lifted her _____ with both hands.
- n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
51. The famous musician started his career as a _____.
- n.* a person who writes lyrics or words for songs, often collaborating with a composer to create music
52. He was ordered to walk the _____ by the pirate captain.
- n.* a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes
53. He sent a _____ to let his family know he was safe.
- n.* a message sent by telegraph (= a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals), typically consisting of a few words and sent at a reduced rate for urgent or brief communications

ANSWERS: 46. archer's, 47. itching, 48. hunch, 49. mingle, 50. veil, 51. lyricist, 52. plank, 53. telegram

54. Her _____ dedication to the community earned her a prestigious award.

adj. concerned more with the needs and desires of others than with one's own; unselfish; altruistic

55. The strict deadlines will _____ the team to work efficiently.

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

56. The imperial _____ was built to honor the late king.

n. a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground

57. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

58. The ____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

59. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.

v. to make something full of interest and energy

60. The chief _____ mixed the ingredients to create a new and exciting cocktail.

n. a person who serves drinks, especially alcoholic beverages, at a bar

ANSWERS: 54. selfless, 55. compel, 56. mausoleum, 57. depicted, 58. aft, 59. animated, 60. bartender