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Session 1: Word List

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

imperfectly

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

synonym: amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease

He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

cherish

v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

synonym: treasure, value, hold dear

(1) **cherish** a stuffed animal, (2) **cherish** relationships

She **cherished** the memories of her childhood.

kiln

n. an oven or furnace used for baking, drying, or firing clay, pottery, bricks, or other materials; typically made of brick or refractory material and heated with wood, coal, or gas

synonym: oven, furnace, hearth

(1) brick **kiln**, (2) electric **kiln**

The pottery was fired in the **kiln** for several hours to harden it.

glaze

- v.* to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup

synonym: coat, enamel, varnish

- (1) **glaze** a window, (2) **glaze** over eyes

The baker used a brush to **glaze** the donuts with a sweet, shiny coating.

sheen

- n.* a lustrous or glossy shine or surface finish; a glow or radiance that emanates from or suggests brightness or brilliance

synonym: shine, gloss, luster

- (1) metallic **sheen**, (2) silky **sheen**

The polished silver vase had a bright **sheen** in the sunlight.

immerse

- v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym: dip, inundate, submerge

- (1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

sawdust

- n.* fine particles or small chips of wood that are produced when the wood is sawed or cut, often used as a material for various purposes such as mulch, fuel, or animal bedding

synonym: wood shavings, particles, fragments

- (1) **sawdust** on the floor, (2) mountain of **sawdust**

The woodworker used a saw to create **sawdust** while making the chair.

pail

- n.* a cylindrical container or bucket usually made of metal or plastic with a handle, used for carrying liquids or other substances

synonym: bucket, container, bucketful

(1) paint **pail**, (2) empty **pail**

I filled up the **pail** with water from the well to water the plants in the garden.

reek

v. to emit a strong, unpleasant smell; to have a strong or offensive odor; (noun) a strong, unpleasant smell

synonym: stink, smell, odor

(1) **reek** with suspicion, (2) **reek** of garlic

The garbage in the dumpster began to **reek** after sitting in the hot sun for days.

crackle

v. to make a succession of slight popping sounds, often due to the heating or drying of some materials, such as firewood, paper, plastic, or food; to snap, crack, or crunch; (noun) a series of sharp, popping sounds that are caused by the rapid expansion and contraction of a material, such as wood or paper, due to changes in temperature or humidity

synonym: sizzle, hiss, snap

(1) **crackle** on the gravel road, (2) the **crackle** of the thunder

The firewood **crackled** and popped into the fireplace, sending sparks up the chimney.

filmmaker

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession

synonym: director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

rectangle

n. a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length

synonym : oblong, square, quadrangle

(1) orthogonal **rectangle**, (2) **rectangle** box

The living room had a **rectangle-shaped** coffee table in the center of it.

rumble

n. fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed

synonym : debris, ruins, wreckage

(1) clear away **rumble**, (2) **rumble-strewn** road

After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of **rumble**.

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.

dyslexia

n. a neurological condition that affects a person's ability to read, write, and spell, often despite normal or above-average intelligence, effective teaching, and adequate motivation, which is characterized by difficulty in the phonological coding of written words, poor phonological awareness, and poor reading fluency and decoding skills

synonym : reading disability, word blindness, dysgraphia

(1) student with **dyslexia**, (2) diagnosis of **dyslexia**

Educators need to understand how **dyslexia** affects students' reading abilities.

reconcile

v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

synonym : harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute

Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

syncopation

n. a musical rhythmic technique where the emphasis or accent is placed on an unexpected or offbeat note or syllable, creating an unpredictable or syncopated rhythm

synonym : rhythm, beat, accent

(1) **syncopation** rhythm, (2) jazzy **syncopation**

One of the distinctive features of Latin music is its rich **syncopation** patterns, making listeners want to dance.

lingering

adj. continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave

synonym : prolonged, persistent, enduring

(1) **lingering** illness, (2) **lingering** doubts

The **lingering** smell of smoke clung to his clothes even after he left the campfire.

linger

v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

synonym : dawdle, tarry, loiter

(1) **linger** in the mind, (2) **linger** over your work

She **lingered** for a moment before leaving the room.

heir

n. a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies

synonym : successor, inheritor, beneficiary

(1) an imperial **heir**, (2) **heir** at law

She recognized me as her lawful **heir**.

sculptor

n. an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms

synonym : carver, modeler, artist

(1) **sculptor** studio, (2) renowned **sculptor**

The famous **sculptor** used various tools to carve the marble into the desired shape.

paintbrush

n. a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic

fibers attached to a handle

synonym: brush, bristle brush, artist's brush

(1) **paintbrush** stroke, (2) **paintbrush** icon

She used a flat **paintbrush** to apply the final touches to the artwork.

nonchalant

adj. relaxed and calm in a way that shows a lack of concern or interest; seemingly indifferent

synonym: casual, relaxed, indifferent

(1) **nonchalant** attitude, (2) **nonchalant** behavior

The actor was **nonchalant** about his notoriety and saw it as part of his job.

crease

n. a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding

synonym: fold, wrinkle, ridge

(1) **crease** in fabric, (2) deep **crease**

The shirt had a noticeable **crease** along the sleeve from being folded.

unroll

v. to unwind or unfurl something that has been rolled up, such as a carpet or banner; to reveal or make visible something that was previously concealed or hidden

synonym: unwind, unfurl, wind off

(1) **unroll** the gift wrap, (2) **unroll** paper

I **unroll** the mat before starting my yoga practice.

embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

synonym: enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

squarely

adv. directly and firmly; in a square shape

synonym: honestly, justly, straightforwardly

(1) look **squarely** at reality, (2) a **squarely** cut piece of paper

We must **squarely** address the problem.

heartbreak

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

synonym: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

cape

n. a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

synonym: shawl, cloak, mantle

(1) **cape** cod, (2) red **cape**

The superhero wore a flowing **cape** as part of their costume.

passersby

n. people who are walking past a particular place often used to refer to a group of people or an undefined number of individuals

synonym: bystanders, onlookers, observers

(1) **passersby** on the sidewalk, (2) group of **passersby**

The busy street was filled with **passersby** hurrying to their destinations.

peek

n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

synonym: glimpse, look, glance

(1) sneak **peek**, (2) **peek** at others' misfortune

She took a quick **peek** inside the box before closing it again.

crystallize

v. to form crystals from a liquid or solution; to become clear or definite in form or structure; to solidify

synonym: solidify, freeze, shape up

(1) **crystallize** a concept, (2) **crystallize** into reality

As the sugar water cools, it will slowly **crystallize** into rock candy.

devastation

n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

synonym: destruction, ruin, havoc

(1) financial **devastation**, (2) **devastation** to life

The economic recession caused **devastation** in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.

horrific

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

synonym: terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

colosseum

n. (also "coliseum") a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80

(1) build a **colosseum** for gladiators, (2) **Colosseum** area
Rome's **Colosseum** gets busy in peak season.

cathedral

n. the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

synonym: church, basilica, temple

(1) **cathedral** school, (2) **cathedral** choir

The **cathedral's** stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

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.

unstoppable

adj. impossible to stop or prevent

synonym: unshakable, unyielding, relentless

(1) **unstoppable** force, (2) **unstoppable** momentum

The team's winning streak was **unstoppable**.

temper

n. a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object

synonym: mood, disposition, nature

(1) a hasty **temper**, (2) bridle my **temper**

The **temper** of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.

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.

scrim

n. a lightweight fabric used in theater, film, or photography as a backdrop or screen, often translucent when lit from behind to create special effects or alterations of visibility

synonym: gauze, muslin, netting

(1) **scrim** curtain, (2) translucent **scrim**

The theater director decided to use a **scrim** backdrop for the dream sequence, creating a mystical effect when backlit.

obstinacy

n. the quality or state of being stubborn, unyielding, or resistant to change or persuasion; a firm determination to continue a course of action despite obstacles or opposition

synonym: stubbornness, inflexibility, tenacity

(1) stubborn **obstinacy**, (2) sheer **obstinacy**

His **obstinacy** streak was evident when he refused to change his stance despite clear evidence to the contrary.

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.

stubborn

adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

synonym : persistent, obstinate, determined

(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains

He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym : positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

lacquer

n. a clear or colored liquid coating composed of a resinous substance typically applied to wood, metal, or other surfaces as a protective or decorative finish; the hard, glossy finish that results from the application of such coating

synonym : varnish, polish, coating

(1) black **lacquer**, (2) **lacquer** craft

The wooden furniture was coated with a layer of glossy **lacquer** for a polished finish.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pai_____sh stroke
n. a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic fibers attached to a handle
2. electric k__n
n. an oven or furnace used for baking, drying, or firing clay, pottery, bricks, or other materials; typically made of brick or refractory material and heated with wood, coal, or gas
3. the cr_____e of the thunder
v. to make a succession of slight popping sounds, often due to the heating or drying of some materials, such as firewood, paper, plastic, or food; to snap, crack, or crunch; (noun) a series of sharp, popping sounds that are caused by the rapid expansion and contraction of a material, such as wood or paper, due to changes in temperature or humidity
4. look sq_____ly at reality
adv. directly and firmly; in a square shape
5. 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
6. brick k__n
n. an oven or furnace used for baking, drying, or firing clay, pottery, bricks, or other materials; typically made of brick or refractory material and heated with wood, coal, or gas

ANSWERS: 1. paintbrush, 2. kiln, 3. crackle, 4. squarely, 5. veil, 6. kiln

7. non-fiction fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
8. translucent sc__m *n.* a lightweight fabric used in theater, film, or photography as a backdrop or screen, often translucent when lit from behind to create special effects or alterations of visibility
9. un___l paper *v.* to unwind or unfurl something that has been rolled up, such as a carpet or banner; to reveal or make visible something that was previously concealed or hidden
10. completely im_____e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
11. student with dy_____ia *n.* a neurological condition that affects a person's ability to read, write, and spell, often despite normal or above-average intelligence, effective teaching, and adequate motivation, which is characterized by difficulty in the phonological coding of written words, poor phonological awareness, and poor reading fluency and decoding skills
12. st_____rn stains *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
13. Co_____um area *n.* (also "coliseum") a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80

ANSWERS: 7. filmmaker, 8. scrim, 9. unroll, 10. immerse, 11. dyslexia, 12. stubborn, 13. colosseum

14. syn_____on rhythm *n.* a musical rhythmic technique where the emphasis or accent is placed on an unexpected or offbeat note or syllable, creating an unpredictable or syncopated rhythm
15. ho_____ic condition *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
16. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
17. a hasty te___r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
18. ch_____h a stuffed animal *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
19. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
20. stubborn ob_____cy *n.* the quality or state of being stubborn, unyielding, or resistant to change or persuasion; a firm determination to continue a course of action despite obstacles or opposition
21. mountain of sa_____t *n.* fine particles or small chips of wood that are produced when the wood is sawed or cut, often used as a material for various purposes such as mulch, fuel, or animal bedding
22. cry_____ze into reality *v.* to form crystals from a liquid or solution; to become clear or definite in form or structure; to solidify

ANSWERS: 14. syncopation, 15. horrific, 16. carve, 17. temper, 18. cherish, 19. aft, 20. obstinacy, 21. sawdust, 22. crystallize

23. em___k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
24. 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
25. r__k with suspicion *v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant smell; to have a strong or offensive odor; (noun) a strong, unpleasant smell
26. a sq_____ly cut piece of paper *adv.* directly and firmly; in a square shape
27. ca_____al choir *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
28. an imperial h__r *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
29. li___r over your work *v.* to stay in a place or exist longer than expected
30. li_____ng illness *adj.* continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave
31. diagnosis of dy_____ia *n.* a neurological condition that affects a person's ability to read, write, and spell, often despite normal or above-average intelligence, effective teaching, and adequate motivation, which is characterized by difficulty in the phonological coding of written words, poor phonological awareness, and poor reading fluency and decoding skills

ANSWERS: 23. embark, 24. bureaucracy, 25. reek, 26. squarely, 27. cathedral, 28. heir, 29. linger, 30. lingering, 31. dyslexia

32. ca_____al school *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
33. 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
34. cr___e in fabric *n.* a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding
35. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
36. li_____ng doubts *adj.* continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave
37. un___l the gift wrap *v.* to unwind or unfurl something that has been rolled up, such as a carpet or banner; to reveal or make visible something that was previously concealed or hidden
38. p__k at others' misfortune *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
39. em___k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
40. re_____le these differences *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

ANSWERS: 32. cathedral, 33. veil, 34. crease, 35. carve, 36. lingering, 37. unroll, 38. peek, 39. embark, 40. reconcile

41. uns_____le force *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
42. empty p__l *n.* a cylindrical container or bucket usually made of metal or plastic with a handle, used for carrying liquids or other substances
43. sa_____t on the floor *n.* fine particles or small chips of wood that are produced when the wood is sawed or cut, often used as a material for various purposes such as mulch, fuel, or animal bedding
44. ru___e-strewn road *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
45. li___r in the mind *v.* to stay in a place or exist longer than expected
46. group of pa_____by *n.* people who are walking past a particular place often used to refer to a group of people or an undefined number of individuals
47. jazzy syn_____on *n.* a musical rhythmic technique where the emphasis or accent is placed on an unexpected or offbeat note or syllable, creating an unpredictable or syncopated rhythm
48. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

ANSWERS: 41. unstoppable, 42. pail, 43. sawdust, 44. rubble, 45. linger, 46. passersby, 47. syncopation, 48. flourish

49. sc__m curtain *n.* a lightweight fabric used in theater, film, or photography as a backdrop or screen, often translucent when lit from behind to create special effects or alterations of visibility
50. a successful fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
51. build a co_____um for gladiators *n.* (also "coliseum") a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80
52. paint p__l *n.* a cylindrical container or bucket usually made of metal or plastic with a handle, used for carrying liquids or other substances
53. ease her hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
54. gl__e a window *v.* to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup
55. black la_____r *n.* a clear or colored liquid coating composed of a resinous substance typically applied to wood, metal, or other surfaces as a protective or decorative finish; the hard, glossy finish that results from the application of such coating

ANSWERS: 49. scrim, 50. filmmaker, 51. colosseum, 52. pail, 53. heartbreak, 54. glaze, 55. lacquer

56. silky sh__n *n.* a lustrous or glossy shine or surface finish; a glow or radiance that emanates from or suggests brightness or brilliance
57. im_____e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
58. so_____ce quiet *adv.* somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location
59. bridle my te___r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
60. ch_____h relationships *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
61. deep cr___e *n.* a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding
62. deeply re_____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
63. metallic sh__n *n.* a lustrous or glossy shine or surface finish; a glow or radiance that emanates from or suggests brightness or brilliance
64. cry_____ze a concept *v.* to form crystals from a liquid or solution; to become clear or definite in form or structure; to solidify
65. non_____nt behavior *adj.* relaxed and calm in a way that shows a lack of concern or interest; seemingly indifferent

ANSWERS: 56. sheen, 57. immerse, 58. someplace, 59. temper, 60. cherish, 61. crease, 62. resonate, 63. sheen, 64. crystallize, 65. nonchalant

66. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
67. sense of op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
68. orthogonal re_____le *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
69. renowned sc_____or *n.* an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms
70. from so_____ce deep inside *adv.* somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location
71. non_____nt attitude *adj.* relaxed and calm in a way that shows a lack of concern or interest; seemingly indifferent
72. imp_____ly developed *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
73. pai_____sh icon *n.* a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic fibers attached to a handle
74. clear away ru___e *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed

ANSWERS: 66. optimism, 67. optimism, 68. rectangle, 69. sculptor, 70. someplace, 71. nonchalant, 72. imperfectly, 73. paintbrush, 74. rubble

75. pa_____by on the sidewalk *n.* people who are walking past a particular place often used to refer to a group of people or an undefined number of individuals
76. re_____le a dispute *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
77. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
78. cr_____e on the gravel road *v.* to make a succession of slight popping sounds, often due to the heating or drying of some materials, such as firewood, paper, plastic, or food; to snap, crack, or crunch; (noun) a series of sharp, popping sounds that are caused by the rapid expansion and contraction of a material, such as wood or paper, due to changes in temperature or humidity
79. red c__e *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
80. go through hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
81. c__e cod *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

ANSWERS: 75. passersby, 76. reconcile, 77. flourish, 78. crackle, 79. cape, 80. heartbreak, 81. cape

82. sheer ob_____cy *n.* the quality or state of being stubborn, unyielding, or resistant to change or persuasion; a firm determination to continue a course of action despite obstacles or opposition
83. sc_____or studio *n.* an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms
84. sneak p__k *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
85. re_____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
86. imp_____ly known disease *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
87. dev_____on to life *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
88. re_____le box *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
89. ho_____ic experience *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
90. h__r at law *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
91. r__k of garlic *v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant smell; to have a strong or offensive odor; (noun) a strong, unpleasant smell
92. gl__e over eyes *v.* to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup

ANSWERS: 82. obstinacy, 83. sculptor, 84. peek, 85. resonate, 86. imperfectly, 87. devastation, 88. rectangle, 89. horrific, 90. heir, 91. reek, 92. glaze

93. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
94. la____r craft *n.* a clear or colored liquid coating composed of a resinous substance typically applied to wood, metal, or other surfaces as a protective or decorative finish; the hard, glossy finish that results from the application of such coating
95. arbitrary bur____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
96. uns____le momentum *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
97. financial dev____on *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
98. st____rn attitude *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

ANSWERS: 93. aft, 94. lacquer, 95. bureaucracy, 96. unstoppable, 97. devastation, 98. stubborn

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Educators need to understand how _____ affects students' reading abilities.
 - n.* a neurological condition that affects a person's ability to read, write, and spell, often despite normal or above-average intelligence, effective teaching, and adequate motivation, which is characterized by difficulty in the phonological coding of written words, poor phonological awareness, and poor reading fluency and decoding skills

2. I filled up the _____ with water from the well to water the plants in the garden.
 - n.* a cylindrical container or bucket usually made of metal or plastic with a handle, used for carrying liquids or other substances

3. We _____ on a new project.
 - v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

4. The team's winning streak was _____.
 - adj.* impossible to stop or prevent

5. As the sugar water cools, it will slowly _____ into rock candy.
 - v.* to form crystals from a liquid or solution; to become clear or definite in form or structure; to solidify

6. The famous _____ used various tools to carve the marble into the desired shape.
 - n.* an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms

7. The pottery was fired in the _____ for several hours to harden it.
 - n.* an oven or furnace used for baking, drying, or firing clay, pottery, bricks, or other materials; typically made of brick or refractory material and heated with wood, coal, or gas

ANSWERS: 1. dyslexia, 2. pail, 3. embarked, 4. unstoppable, 5. crystallize, 6. sculptor, 7. kiln

8. She _____ the memories of her childhood.
- v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
9. One of the distinctive features of Latin music is its rich _____ patterns, making listeners want to dance.
- n.* a musical rhythmic technique where the emphasis or accent is placed on an unexpected or offbeat note or syllable, creating an unpredictable or syncopated rhythm
10. I _____ the mat before starting my yoga practice.
- v.* to unwind or unfurl something that has been rolled up, such as a carpet or banner; to reveal or make visible something that was previously concealed or hidden
11. 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
12. After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of _____.
- n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
13. The economic recession caused _____ in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.
- n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
14. He was so _____ about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.
- adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

ANSWERS: 8. cherished, 9. syncopation, 10. unroll, 11. bureaucracy, 12. rubble, 13. devastation, 14. stubborn

15. Let's go _____ new and try something we have not done before.

adv. somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location

16. He _____ himself in his research.

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

17. The _____ stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

n. the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

18. The renowned _____ won several awards for his latest film.

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession

19. The shirt had a noticeable _____ along the sleeve from being folded.

n. a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding

20. The woodworker used a saw to create _____ while making the chair.

n. fine particles or small chips of wood that are produced when the wood is sawed or cut, often used as a material for various purposes such as mulch, fuel, or animal bedding

21. The _____ of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.

n. a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object

22. She took a quick _____ inside the box before closing it again.

n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

ANSWERS: 15. someplace, 16. immersed, 17. cathedral's, 18. filmmaker, 19. crease, 20. sawdust, 21. temper, 22. peek

23. We must _____ address the problem.

adv. directly and firmly; in a square shape

24. 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

25. The baker used a brush to _____ the donuts with a sweet, shiny coating.

v. to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup

26. She used a flat _____ to apply the final touches to the artwork.

n. a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic fibers attached to a handle

27. Rome's _____ gets busy in peak season.

n. (also "coliseum") a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80

28. She recognized me as her lawful _____.

n. a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies

29. The polished silver vase had a bright _____ in the sunlight.

n. a lustrous or glossy shine or surface finish; a glow or radiance that emanates from or suggests brightness or brilliance

30. The theater director decided to use a _____ backdrop for the dream sequence, creating a mystical effect when backlit.

n. a lightweight fabric used in theater, film, or photography as a backdrop or screen, often translucent when lit from behind to create special effects or alterations of visibility

ANSWERS: 23. squarely, 24. veil, 25. glaze, 26. paintbrush, 27. Colosseum, 28. heir,

29. sheen, 30. scrim

31. The accident scene was _____ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

32. 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

33. The living room had a _____ coffee table in the center of it.

n. a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length

34. The actor was _____ about his notoriety and saw it as part of his job.

adj. relaxed and calm in a way that shows a lack of concern or interest; seemingly indifferent

35. The wooden furniture was coated with a layer of glossy _____ for a polished finish.

n. a clear or colored liquid coating composed of a resinous substance typically applied to wood, metal, or other surfaces as a protective or decorative finish; the hard, glossy finish that results from the application of such coating

36. The busy street was filled with _____ hurrying to their destinations.

n. people who are walking past a particular place often used to refer to a group of people or an undefined number of individuals

37. The firewood _____ and popped into the fireplace, sending sparks up the chimney.

v. to make a succession of slight popping sounds, often due to the heating or drying of some materials, such as firewood, paper, plastic, or food; to snap, crack, or crunch; (noun) a series of sharp, popping sounds that are caused by the rapid expansion and contraction of a material, such as wood or paper, due to changes in temperature or humidity

ANSWERS: 31. horrific, 32. aft, 33. rectangle-shaped, 34. nonchalant, 35. lacquer, 36. passersby, 37. crackled

38. Sometimes it is challenging to _____ science and religion.
v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
39. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.
n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
40. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
41. He created an _____ shaped torso.
adv. in a faulty or incomplete way
42. The sound _____ well in this theater.
v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound
43. They had experienced the _____ of losing two children due to premature births.
n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
44. The _____ smell of smoke clung to his clothes even after he left the campfire.
adj. continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave
45. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.
v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

ANSWERS: 38. reconcile, 39. optimism, 40. flourished, 41. imperfectly, 42. resonates, 43. heartbreak, 44. lingering, 45. carved

46. She _____ for a moment before leaving the room.

v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

47. His _____ streak was evident when he refused to change his stance despite clear evidence to the contrary.

n. the quality or state of being stubborn, unyielding, or resistant to change or persuasion; a firm determination to continue a course of action despite obstacles or opposition

48. The superhero wore a flowing _____ as part of their costume.

n. a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

49. The garbage in the dumpster began to _____ after sitting in the hot sun for days.

v. to emit a strong, unpleasant smell; to have a strong or offensive odor; (noun) a strong, unpleasant smell

ANSWERS: 46. lingered, 47. obstinacy, 48. cape, 49. reek