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Session 1: Word List

prenatal

adj. of, relating to, or occurring in the period before birth

synonym: antecedent, preconception, prebirth

(1) **prenatal** checkup, (2) **prenatal** development

Prenatal care is essential for ensuring the health of both mother and baby.

borough

n. a town, city, or district that is an administrative unit, typically smaller than a city

synonym: town, municipality, city

(1) family **borough**, (2) **borough** boundaries

The **borough** council manages local services such as waste collection and street cleaning.

attentive

adj. paying close attention to something or someone; showing interest or careful consideration; being mindful or observant

synonym: observant, mindful, careful

(1) **attentive** care, (2) **attentive** customer service

The **attentive** student took diligent notes during the lecture.

backbreaking

adj. extremely physically demanding or strenuous, often to the point of causing fatigue or pain in the back or body

synonym: demanding, strenuous, arduous

(1) **backbreaking** effort, (2) **backbreaking** work

The construction workers endured **backbreaking** labor under the scorching sun.

edible

adj. fit or safe to be eaten; able to be consumed as food

synonym: esculent, comestible, digestible

(1) non- **edible** ingredients, (2) **edible** vegetables

I made sure to pick only **edible** mushrooms for our dinner.

groundbreaking

adj. producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

synonym: innovative, revolutionary

(1) **groundbreaking** concept, (2) **groundbreaking** settlement

He has produced **groundbreaking** research on the subject.

heirloom

n. a valuable object, typically a piece of jewelry, artwork, or household item, that is passed down from generation to generation as a family heirloom; something that has special sentimental or historical value

synonym: heritage, inheritance, legacy

(1) **heirloom** jewelry, (2) family **heirloom**

The family recipe for apple pie has become an **heirloom** tradition.

cafeteria

n. a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.

synonym: canteen, mess hall, restaurant

(1) **cafeteria** lunch, (2) office **cafeteria**

The university's **cafeteria** was busy with students and staff grabbing a quick lunch.

destitute

adj. lacking basic material necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing; impoverished

synonym: poor, impoverished, needy

(1) **destitute** refugees, (2) living in **destitute** conditions

The hurricane left many families **destitute** and without homes.

sedum

n. a genus of flowering plants that belong to the family Crassulaceae, which are characterized by their thick, fleshy leaves and often colorful flowers, commonly used in gardening and landscaping

synonym : stonecrop, orpin

(1) **sedum** plant, (2) yellow **sedum** flowers

The rooftop garden features a **sedum** carpet, providing both insulation and aesthetic appeal.

graffiti

n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

synonym : street art, tagging, vandalism

(1) **graffiti** art, (2) **graffiti** tag

The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the **graffiti** on the buildings downtown.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

shelve

v. to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently

synonym : defer, postpone, freeze

(1) **shelve** a book, (2) **shelve** a bill

Considering the recent increase in interest rates, we must **shelve** our plans to buy a new house.

scholastic

adj. relating to education or learning, particularly in an academic setting; marked by rigorous or formal

adherence to academic rules and conventions; like that of a scholar or student

synonym : educational, academic, scholarly

(1) **scholastic** education, (2) **scholastic** competition

She received a **scholastic** award for her outstanding academic achievements.

jailhouse

n. a colloquial term for a prison or jail, often used in a humorous or light-hearted way

synonym : prison, penitentiary, correctional facility

(1) **jailhouse** informant, (2) **jailhouse** lawyer

The convict was released from the **jailhouse** after serving his sentence.

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.

poise

n. a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior

synonym : confidence, grace, calmness

(1) aesthetic **poise**, (2) with easy **poise**

He took a deep breath and recovered a little of his **poise**.

lorn

adj. feeling abandoned, neglected, or desolate; being in a state of mourning or bereavement

synonym : desolate, forsaken, abandoned

(1) **lorn** lover, (2) **lorn** soldier

She was left **lorn** and heartbroken after her long-term relationship ended.

sass

n. impudent or disrespectful talk or behavior; back talk; (verb) to speak or behave in a disrespectful or impudent

manner, often characterized by cheekiness, insolence, or backtalk

synonym: lip, impertinence, back talk

(1) bold **sass**, (2) a delightful touch of **sass**

Despite her petite stature, her fiery **sass** and fearless demeanor commanded respect.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

disenfranchise

v. to prevent someone from having the right to vote or from having an equal opportunity to vote

synonym: deny, exclude, marginalize

(1) **disenfranchise** voters, (2) **disenfranchise** citizens

The new citizenship laws will **disenfranchise** many immigrants.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

needy

adj. lacking the necessities of life, such as food, shelter, and clothing; requiring the help or support of others; excessively demanding or dependent

synonym: dependent, impoverished, destitute

(1) **needy** families, (2) **needy** situation

The community came together to aid and assist those in **needy** areas affected by natural disasters.

trinity

n. the union of three people, especially the Christian doctrine of the three persons in one Godhead (the

father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit)

synonym: triad, triune, three-in-one

(1) **trinity** doctrine, (2) the Blessed **Trinity**

The Christian doctrine of the Holy **Trinity** states that there is one God in three persons.

abate

v. to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time

synonym: decrease, diminish, reduce

(1) **abate** a storm, (2) **abate** a crisis

He tried to **abate** his anger by taking deep breaths and counting to ten.

broccoli

n. a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family

(1) frozen **broccoli**, (2) **broccoli** sprout

He didn't like **broccoli** floret and avoided eating it.

aspire

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym: aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection

She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

brook

n. a small stream

synonym: stream, creek, rivulet

(1) music of the **brook**, (2) **brook** trout

A **brook** babbled through the woods.

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym: immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds

The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor

crews.

teepee

n. a cone-shaped dwelling traditionally made by certain Native American tribes, consisting of a frame constructed from poles and covered with animal hide or fabric

synonym : tipi, wigwam, lodge

(1) miniature **teepee**, (2) camping **teepee**

The Native American tribe set up their traditional **teepees** for the summer gathering.

fingerprint

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

synonym : print, mark, impression

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

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

migratory

adj. relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons

synonym : nomadic, wandering, roving

(1) **migratory** species, (2) **migratory** route

The **migratory** birds flew thousands of miles to reach their wintering grounds.

crank

n. a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person

synonym : eccentric, oddball, kook

(1) **crank** handle, (2) **crank** caller

The fishing reel had a **crank** that made it easy to reel in the catch.

aisle

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

synonym: corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

palate

n. the roof of the mouth, including the hard and soft tissues used in speech and the sense of taste; a person's ability to taste or appreciate different flavors and tastes

synonym: mouth, flavor, sense

(1) **palate** cleanser, (2) refined **palate**

The restaurant's menu offered various dishes to satisfy everyone's **palate**.

paycheck

n. a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check

synonym: salary, earnings, income

(1) electronic **paycheck**, (2) monthly **paycheck**

I received a bonus on top of my regular **paycheck** this month.

bounty

n. a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task

synonym: reward, premium, recompense

(1) cash **bounty**, (2) a **bounty** on exports

The **bounty** hunter was hired to capture the notorious criminal and bring him to justice.

pollinate

v. to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others

synonym: fertilize, propagate

(1) **pollinate** plants, (2) **pollinate** fruit trees

Without bees to **pollinate** the flowers, many crops would not exist.

pumpkin

n. large, round, yellow or orange fruit with a thick rind and pulpy interior, often carved into a Halloween decoration or used as a base for pies, soups, or other dishes

synonym : gourd, squash, vegetable

(1) **pumpkin** soup, (2) **pumpkin** pie

The **pumpkin** festival was filled with giant carved pumpkins on display and pumpkin-themed food stalls.

affluent

adj. rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth

synonym : wealthy, rich, prosperous

(1) **affluent** society, (2) live in **affluent** circumstances

She lived in an **affluent** neighborhood surrounded by wealth and luxury.

steppe

n. a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America

synonym : prairie, savannah, grassland

(1) **steppe** climate, (2) barren **steppe**

The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast **steppe**.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

overage

adj. exceeding a required or expected age, quantity, or limit; being older or greater in number or amount compared to what is appropriate or expected

synonym : superannuated, over-the-hill, outdated

(1) **overage** policy, (2) **overage** charges

The **overage** fees for exceeding the data limit were

surprisingly high.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

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.

baggy

adj. loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing

synonym: loose, roomy, oversized

(1) **baggy** sweater, (2) **baggy** sweatpants

I prefer **baggy** clothes to tight-fitting ones.

uplift

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

synonym: upthrust, upheaval, (verb) raise

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

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

incarnation

n. the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something

synonym: embodiment, personification, avatar

(1) former **incarnation**, (2) **incarnation** of stupidity

The novel is an **incarnation** of the author's experiences and

imagination.

bully

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
synonym: tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

strawberry

n. a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top

(1) the **strawberry** pie, (2) **strawberry** greenhouse

He had a **strawberry** smoothie for breakfast.

entrepreneurship

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

synonym: self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody

entrepreneurship

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

unconditional

adj. not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions

synonym: absolute, complete, unqualified

(1) **unconditional** forgiveness, (2) **unconditional** support

Her love for him was **unconditional**, despite all of his flaws.

slush

n. partially melted snow or ice that is usually lying on the ground and dirty; dirty and injustice

(1) ice **slush**, (2) illicit **slush** funds

The streets and sidewalks were covered in snow and **slush**.

malt

n. grains, typically barley that has been soaked, germinated, and dried in a specific process, used as a key ingredient in the production of beer, whisky, and

malt vinegar, and used as a sweet or flavored ingredient in foods

synonym : grain, cereal, barley

(1) **malt** whiskey, (2) **malt** vinegar

The **malt** extract is a key ingredient in this homemade bread recipe, giving it a unique flavor.

audacity

n. boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless

synonym : boldness, daring, temerity

(1) **audacity** of hope, (2) act of **audacity**

His **audacity** in stealing the painting matched his foolishness in getting caught.

tadpole

n. the aquatic larval stage of a frog or toad, characterized by a long tail and gills for breathing underwater

synonym : polliwog, froglet, girssle

(1) **tadpole** stage, (2) **tadpole** development

I saw a **tadpole** swimming in the pond during my morning walk.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a s__m battle
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
2. living in de_____te conditions
adj. lacking basic material necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing; impoverished
3. turn out to be all s__m
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
4. dis_____ise citizens
v. to prevent someone from having the right to vote or from having an equal opportunity to vote
5. barren st___e
n. a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
6. unc_____nal support
adj. not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
7. bac_____ing effort
adj. extremely physically demanding or strenuous, often to the point of causing fatigue or pain in the back or body

ANSWERS: 1. sham, 2. destitute, 3. sham, 4. disenfranchise, 5. steppe, 6. unconditional, 7. backbreaking

8. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
9. ab__e a storm *v.* to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time
10. ne__y situation *adj.* lacking the necessities of life, such as food, shelter, and clothing; requiring the help or support of others; excessively demanding or dependent
11. former inc_____on *n.* the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something
12. monthly pa_____ck *n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
13. gr_____ti tag *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
14. frozen br_____li *n.* a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family
15. flexible mi_____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
16. a bo___y on exports *n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
17. po_____te fruit trees *v.* to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others

ANSWERS: 8. medicinal, 9. abate, 10. needy, 11. incarnation, 12. paycheck, 13. graffiti, 14. broccoli, 15. mindset, 16. bounty, 17. pollinate

18. the movement of mi____t birds *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
19. gro_____ing settlement *adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
20. with easy po__e *n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior
21. ta____e stage *n.* the aquatic larval stage of a frog or toad, characterized by a long tail and gills for breathing underwater
22. live in af____nt circumstances *adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth
23. ov____e charges *adj.* exceeding a required or expected age, quantity, or limit; being older or greater in number or amount compared to what is appropriate or expected
24. str_____ry greenhouse *n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
25. aesthetic po__e *n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior
26. m__t whiskey *n.* grains, typically barley that has been soaked, germinated, and dried in a specific process, used as a key ingredient in the production of beer, whisky, and malt vinegar, and used as a sweet or flavored ingredient in foods

ANSWERS: 18. migrant, 19. groundbreaking, 20. poise, 21. tadpole, 22. affluent, 23. overage, 24. strawberry, 25. poise, 26. malt

27. fin_____nt at a crime scene *n.* a unique pattern of ridges and valleys on the surface of a finger that can be used to identify a person
28. bu__y the weak *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
29. family he_____om *n.* a valuable object, typically a piece of jewelry, artwork, or household item, that is passed down from generation to generation as a family heirloom; something that has special sentimental or historical value
30. refined pa____e *n.* the roof of the mouth, including the hard and soft tissues used in speech and the sense of taste; a person's ability to taste or appreciate different flavors and tastes
31. ja_____se informant *n.* a colloquial term for a prison or jail, often used in a humorous or light-hearted way
32. ja_____se lawyer *n.* a colloquial term for a prison or jail, often used in a humorous or light-hearted way
33. cr__k handle *n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
34. ed___e vegetables *adj.* fit or safe to be eaten; able to be consumed as food

ANSWERS: 27. fingerprint, 28. bully, 29. heirloom, 30. palate, 31. jailhouse, 32. jailhouse, 33. crank, 34. edible

35. sch_____ic education *adj.* relating to education or learning, particularly in an academic setting; marked by rigorous or formal adherence to academic rules and conventions; like that of a scholar or student
36. se__m plant *n.* a genus of flowering plants that belong to the family Crassulaceae, which are characterized by their thick, fleshy leaves and often colorful flowers, commonly used in gardening and landscaping
37. pr_____al development *adj.* of, relating to, or occurring in the period before birth
38. the Blessed Tr_____y *n.* the union of three people, especially the Christian doctrine of the three persons in one Godhead (the father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit)
39. af_____nt society *adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth
40. l__n lover *adj.* feeling abandoned, neglected, or desolate; being in a state of mourning or bereavement
41. ab__e a crisis *v.* to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time
42. mi_____ry species *adj.* relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons
43. m__t vinegar *n.* grains, typically barley that has been soaked, germinated, and dried in a specific process, used as a key ingredient in the production of beer, whisky, and malt vinegar, and used as a sweet or flavored ingredient in foods

ANSWERS: 35. scholastic, 36. sedum, 37. prenatal, 38. trinity, 39. affluent, 40. lorn, 41. abate, 42. migratory, 43. malt

44. electronic pa____ck *n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
45. st___e climate *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
46. yellow se__m flowers *n.* a genus of flowering plants that belong to the family Crassulaceae, which are characterized by their thick, fleshy leaves and often colorful flowers, commonly used in gardening and landscaping
47. junior se____r *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
48. sh___e a book *v.* to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently
49. embody ent_____hip *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
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ANSWERS: 44. paycheck, 45. steppe, 46. sedum, 47. senator, 48. shelve, 49. entrepreneurship, 50. migrant

51. br____li sprout *n.* a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family
52. ca_____ia lunch *n.* a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.
53. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
54. pu____n pie *n.* large, round, yellow or orange fruit with a thick rind and pulpy interior, often carved into a Halloween decoration or used as a base for pies, soups, or other dishes
55. l__n soldier *adj.* feeling abandoned, neglected, or desolate; being in a state of mourning or bereavement
56. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
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58. sch_____ic competition *adj.* relating to education or learning, particularly in an academic setting; marked by rigorous or formal adherence to academic rules and conventions; like that of a scholar or student
59. camping te___e *n.* a cone-shaped dwelling traditionally made by certain Native American tribes, consisting of a frame constructed from poles and covered with animal hide or fabric

ANSWERS: 51. broccoli, 52. cafeteria, 53. creditor, 54. pumpkin, 55. lorn, 56. creditor, 57. crank, 58. scholastic, 59. teepee

60. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
61. at_____ve care *adj.* paying close attention to something or someone; showing interest or careful consideration; being mindful or observant
62. illicit sl__h funds *n.* partially melted snow or ice that is usually lying on the ground and dirty; dirty and injustice
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81. ne__y families *adj.* lacking the necessities of life, such as food, shelter, and clothing; requiring the help or support of others; excessively demanding or dependent
82. up___t my spirit *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
83. ov_____e policy *adj.* exceeding a required or expected age, quantity, or limit; being older or greater in number or amount compared to what is appropriate or expected
84. ba__y sweater *adj.* loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing
85. bac_____ing work *adj.* extremely physically demanding or strenuous, often to the point of causing fatigue or pain in the back or body
86. bu__y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

ANSWERS: 77. brook, 78. bounty, 79. cafeteria, 80. medicinal, 81. needy, 82. uplift, 83. overage, 84. baggy, 85. backbreaking, 86. bully

87. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
88. non-ed___e ingredients *adj.* fit or safe to be eaten; able to be consumed as food
89. inc_____on of stupidity *n.* the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something
90. act of au_____ty *n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
91. dis_____ise voters *v.* to prevent someone from having the right to vote or from having an equal opportunity to vote
92. ta_____e development *n.* the aquatic larval stage of a frog or toad, characterized by a long tail and gills for breathing underwater
93. au_____ty of hope *n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
94. mi_____ry route *adj.* relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons
95. the mi_____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
96. miniature te___e *n.* a cone-shaped dwelling traditionally made by certain Native American tribes, consisting of a frame constructed from poles and covered with animal hide or fabric
97. sh___e a bill *v.* to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently

ANSWERS: 87. amaze, 88. edible, 89. incarnation, 90. audacity, 91. disenfranchise, 92. tadpole, 93. audacity, 94. migratory, 95. mindset, 96. teepee, 97. shelve

98. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
99. br__k trout *n.* a small stream
100. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
101. family bo_____h *n.* a town, city, or district that is an administrative unit, typically smaller than a city
102. bo_____h boundaries *n.* a town, city, or district that is an administrative unit, typically smaller than a city
103. the center ai__e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
104. up___t mountains *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
105. se_____r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
106. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
107. pa___e cleanser *n.* the roof of the mouth, including the hard and soft tissues used in speech and the sense of taste; a person's ability to taste or appreciate different flavors and tastes

ANSWERS: 98. intellect, 99. brook, 100. amaze, 101. borough, 102. borough, 103. aisle, 104. uplift, 105. senator, 106. confer, 107. palate

108. ba__y sweatpants *adj.* loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing
109. pu_____n soup *n.* large, round, yellow or orange fruit with a thick rind and pulpy interior, often carved into a Halloween decoration or used as a base for pies, soups, or other dishes
110. as___e after perfection *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
111. ice sl__h *n.* partially melted snow or ice that is usually lying on the ground and dirty; dirty and injustice
112. at_____ve customer service *adj.* paying close attention to something or someone; showing interest or careful consideration; being mindful or observant
113. ent_____hip culture *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
114. gro_____ing concept *adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

ANSWERS: 108. baggy, 109. pumpkin, 110. aspire, 111. slush, 112. attentive, 113. entrepreneurship, 114. groundbreaking

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
2. The government is investing in programs to support _____ and small business development.
n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
3. I made sure to pick only _____ mushrooms for our dinner.
adj. fit or safe to be eaten; able to be consumed as food
4. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
5. The family recipe for apple pie has become an _____ tradition.
n. a valuable object, typically a piece of jewelry, artwork, or household item, that is passed down from generation to generation as a family heirloom; something that has special sentimental or historical value
6. The construction workers endured _____ labor under the scorching sun.
adj. extremely physically demanding or strenuous, often to the point of causing fatigue or pain in the back or body
7. She lived in an _____ neighborhood surrounded by wealth and luxury.
adj. rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth

ANSWERS: 1. mindset, 2. entrepreneurship, 3. edible, 4. confer, 5. heirloom, 6. backbreaking, 7. affluent

8. The _____ student took diligent notes during the lecture.
adj. paying close attention to something or someone; showing interest or careful consideration; being mindful or observant
9. The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the _____ on the buildings downtown.
n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
10. The hurricane left many families _____ and without homes.
adj. lacking basic material necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing; impoverished
11. A _____ babbled through the woods.
n. a small stream
12. The convict was released from the _____ after serving his sentence.
n. a colloquial term for a prison or jail, often used in a humorous or light-hearted way
13. His _____ in stealing the painting matched his foolishness in getting caught.
n. boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
14. She walked down the _____ to the front of the church.
n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
15. The _____ in the stock market has been a relief to investors.
n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

ANSWERS: 8. attentive, 9. graffiti, 10. destitute, 11. brook, 12. jailhouse, 13. audacity, 14. aisle, 15. uplift

16. Without bees to _____ the flowers, many crops would not exist.
- v.* to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
17. The data he prepared was completely _____.
- n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
18. Her love for him was _____ despite all of his flaws.
- adj.* not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
19. The Native American tribe set up their traditional _____ for the summer gathering.
- n.* a cone-shaped dwelling traditionally made by certain Native American tribes, consisting of a frame constructed from poles and covered with animal hide or fabric
20. He has produced _____ research on the subject.
- adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
21. The novel is an _____ of the author's experiences and imagination.
- n.* the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something
22. Despite her petite stature, her fiery _____ and fearless demeanor commanded respect.
- n.* impudent or disrespectful talk or behavior; back talk; (verb) to speak or behave in a disrespectful or impudent manner, often characterized by cheekiness, insolence, or backtalk

ANSWERS: 16. pollinate, 17. sham, 18. unconditional, 19. teepees, 20. groundbreaking, 21. incarnation, 22. sass

23. He tried to _____ his anger by taking deep breaths and counting to ten.
- v.* to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time
24. The _____ extract is a key ingredient in this homemade bread recipe, giving it a unique flavor.
- n.* grains, typically barley that has been soaked, germinated, and dried in a specific process, used as a key ingredient in the production of beer, whisky, and malt vinegar, and used as a sweet or flavored ingredient in foods
25. He didn't like _____ floret and avoided eating it.
- n.* a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family
26. The restaurant's menu offered various dishes to satisfy everyone's _____.
- n.* the roof of the mouth, including the hard and soft tissues used in speech and the sense of taste; a person's ability to taste or appreciate different flavors and tastes
27. I received a bonus on top of my regular _____ this month.
- n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
28. The _____ fees for exceeding the data limit were surprisingly high.
- adj.* exceeding a required or expected age, quantity, or limit; being older or greater in number or amount compared to what is appropriate or expected
29. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
- n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 23. abate, 24. malt, 25. broccoli, 26. palate, 27. paycheck, 28. overage, 29. creditor

30. The streets and sidewalks were covered in snow and _____.
- n.* partially melted snow or ice that is usually lying on the ground and dirty; dirty and injustice
31. The government revoked his license to employ _____ labor crews.
- n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
32. The community came together to aid and assist those in _____ areas affected by natural disasters.
- adj.* lacking the necessities of life, such as food, shelter, and clothing; requiring the help or support of others; excessively demanding or dependent
33. The fishing reel had a _____ that made it easy to reel in the catch.
- n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
34. The police used a _____ scanner to identify the suspect.
- n.* a unique pattern of ridges and valleys on the surface of a finger that can be used to identify a person
35. She was left _____ and heartbroken after her long-term relationship ended.
- adj.* feeling abandoned, neglected, or desolate; being in a state of mourning or bereavement
36. 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
37. She received a _____ award for her outstanding academic achievements.
- adj.* relating to education or learning, particularly in an academic setting; marked by rigorous or formal adherence to academic rules and conventions; like that of a scholar or student

ANSWERS: 30. slush, 31. migrant, 32. needy, 33. crank, 34. fingerprint, 35. lorn, 36. senator, 37. scholastic

38. The _____ birds flew thousands of miles to reach their wintering grounds.
adj. relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons
39. The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast _____.
n. a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
40. The Christian doctrine of the Holy _____ states that there is one God in three persons.
n. the union of three people, especially the Christian doctrine of the three persons in one Godhead (the father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit)
41. The _____ hunter was hired to capture the notorious criminal and bring him to justice.
n. a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
42. The _____ council manages local services such as waste collection and street cleaning.
n. a town, city, or district that is an administrative unit, typically smaller than a city
43. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.
v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
44. The university's _____ was busy with students and staff grabbing a quick lunch.
n. a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.

ANSWERS: 38. migratory, 39. steppe, 40. Trinity, 41. bounty, 42. borough, 43. amazed, 44. cafeteria

45. He took a deep breath and recovered a little of his _____.
- n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior
46. He had a _____ smoothie for breakfast.
- n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
47. I prefer _____ clothes to tight-fitting ones.
- adj.* loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing
48. The schoolyard _____ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.
- n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
49. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
50. The rooftop garden features a _____ carpet, providing both insulation and aesthetic appeal.
- n.* a genus of flowering plants that belong to the family Crassulaceae, which are characterized by their thick, fleshy leaves and often colorful flowers, commonly used in gardening and landscaping
51. _____ care is essential for ensuring the health of both mother and baby.
- adj.* of, relating to, or occurring in the period before birth
52. The new citizenship laws will _____ many immigrants.
- v.* to prevent someone from having the right to vote or from having an equal opportunity to vote

ANSWERS: 45. poise, 46. strawberry, 47. baggy, 48. bully, 49. medicinal, 50. sedum, 51. Prenatal, 52. disenfranchise

53. Considering the recent increase in interest rates, we must _____ our plans to buy a new house.
- v.* to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently
54. The _____ festival was filled with giant carved pumpkins on display and pumpkin-themed food stalls.
- n.* large, round, yellow or orange fruit with a thick rind and pulpy interior, often carved into a Halloween decoration or used as a base for pies, soups, or other dishes
55. I saw a _____ swimming in the pond during my morning walk.
- n.* the aquatic larval stage of a frog or toad, characterized by a long tail and gills for breathing underwater
56. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.
- v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
57. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 53. shelve, 54. pumpkin, 55. tadpole, 56. aspired, 57. intellect