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Session 1: Word List

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.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym : flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

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.

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.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

blister

n. a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely

synonym: sore, vesicle, pustule

(1) **blister** after walking for miles, (2) **blister** treatment

The new hiking shoes gave me a **blister** on my heel after just a few miles of walking.

bruise

n. a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin

synonym: contusion, injury, wound

(1) livid **bruise**, (2) earlier emotional **bruise**

She had a **bruise** on her arm from where she fell on the playground.

shoreline

n. a line that separates land and sea

(1) **shoreline** erosion, (2) coral-reef **shoreline**

Flooding occurs along the city's **shoreline** due to the storm surge.

erupt

v. (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

synonym: eject, emit, burst

(1) **erupt** in anger, (2) **erupt** into tears

Battles between whites and blacks **erupted** immediately.

crumble

v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

synonym: disintegrate, collapse, deteriorate

(1) **crumble** to dust, (2) began to **crumble** under financial pressure

The old building was starting to **crumble** due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

ache

v. to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain

synonym: hurt, throb, smart

(1) **ache** abominably, (2) **ache** all the time

I **ache** all over after running a marathon yesterday.

handout

n. giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need

synonym: contribution, aid, brochure

(1) plead for **handouts**, (2) three-page **handout**

All those eligible will receive financial **handouts**.

cynicism

n. a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest

synonym: distrust, skepticism, pessimism

(1) **cynicism** towards politics, (2) intellectual **cynicism**

His constant **cynicism** made it difficult for him to connect with others.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

scarecrow

n. an object, often made of straw or old clothes, that is placed in a field or garden to scare away birds and

prevent them from damaging crops, typically designed to resemble a human figure

synonym : scare bird, straw man, effigy

(1) **scarecrow** costume, (2) **scarecrow** festival

The farmers placed a **scarecrow** in their cornfield to deter birds from eating the crops.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

underdeveloped

adj. not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement

synonym : unadvanced, immature, backward

(1) an **underdeveloped** child, (2) remain **underdeveloped**

Many people in **underdeveloped** countries need clean water or proper healthcare access.

excitable

adj. easily responding to something new or stimuli

synonym : agitated, demonstrative, impulsive

(1) non- **excitable** cell, (2) an **excitable** people

He has an **excitable** temperament.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

indignant

adj. angry or resentful at what is perceived as unfair treatment

synonym : outraged, resentful, incensed

(1) **indignant** expression, (2) an **indignant** denial

She was **indignant** when she heard the news.

exaggerate

v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

synonym: overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

hoot

v. to make the sound of a hoot or loud, raucous laugh; to express disapproval or scorn; (noun) the sound made by an owl or a similar bird, usually a low-pitched, repetitive "hoo" or "whoo" sound

synonym: jeer, taunt

(1) **hoot** the actor off the stage, (2) **hoot** a horn

The audience **hooted** with laughter at the comedian's jokes.

holler

v. to shout or call out loudly and forcefully, often to get someone's attention or convey a message

synonym: shout, yell, bellow

(1) **holler** out his frustration, (2) **holler** for help

The kids love to **holler** at the echoing mountains during our summer trips.

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym: respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

bewilder

v. to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception

synonym: perplex, confound, puzzle

(1) **bewilder** the reader, (2) **bewilder** scientists

The complex instructions on the assignment sheet **bewilder** most students.

soak

v. to allow liquid to be absorbed, typically by immersing in it; to leave as a guarantee in return for money

synonym : saturate, steep, douse

(1) **soak** in a hot spring, (2) **soak** away stress

I **soaked** the shirt in the sink before washing it.

bower

n. a shaded, leafy shelter or recess, often made of interwoven branches; a pleasant, secluded, and sheltered place

synonym : arbor, pergola, alcove

(1) secluded **bower**, (2) shady **bower**

The couple exchanged vows under a beautiful **bower** of flowers.

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.

groan

v. to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction

synonym : moan, grunt, sigh

(1) **groan** in pain, (2) **groan** for water

The sight of the huge pile of laundry made me **groan** with dread.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym : applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

adage

n. a short and memorable saying or phrase that expresses a commonly held truth or belief, often based on experience or tradition; a proverb or maxim

synonym : saying, proverb, maxim

(1) proverbial **adage**, (2) famous **adage**

He lived by the wise **adage** "honesty is the best policy" and was respected for his straightforward approach.

coincident

adj. happening or operating in the same place or at the same time

synonym : concurrent, accompanying, coextensive

(1) **coincident** indicators, (2) a series of **coincident** events

Coincident with the negotiation, the bank was permitted to open a Beijing branch.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym : recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

determinant

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

synonym : cause, factor, element

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

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

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.

faze

v. to disturb or disconcert someone, often causing them to lose their confidence or composure; to unsettle, intimidate, or fluster

synonym : disturb, unsettle, bother

(1) **faze** a decision-maker, (2) unlikely to **faze** him

I won't let a little criticism **faze** me from pursuing my dreams.

rediscover

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

synonym: recover, get back, revive

(1) **rediscover** a value, (2) **rediscover** an old truth

The painting was **rediscovered** in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

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.

reinterpretation

n. a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork

synonym: re-evaluation, re-assessment, re-examination

(1) **reinterpretation** of history, (2) **reinterpretation** of the Constitution

The artist's **reinterpretation** of the classic painting received mixed reviews.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym: alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

applause

n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

synonym: clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**

The **applause** burst from the audience.

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.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

eyeball

n. the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen

(1) **eyeball** motion, (2) redness of the **eyeball**

Increased **eyeball** pressure leads to the development of glaucoma.

supernova

n. a powerful and luminous explosion that occurs in some stars, resulting in an extremely bright, short-lived object that later fades into a supernova remnant

synonym: explosion, detonation, blast

(1) extragalactic **supernova**, (2) **supernova** remnant

The **supernova** explosion created a bright new star in the night sky.

long-lasting

adj. existing or continuing for a long time

synonym: enduring, abiding, durable

(1) **long-lasting** battery, (2) a **long-lasting** friendship

They finally decided to solve the **long-lasting** problem.

buckle

v. to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat;
(noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap

synonym: bend, crumple, contort

(1) **buckle** down to study, (2) **buckle** shoe

The severe heat wave **buckled** railway tracks.

wristwatch

n. a small timepiece designed to be worn on the wrist typically comprised of a strap or bracelet and a clock face with hour, minute, and sometimes second hands

synonym: watch, timepiece, wristlet

(1) quartz **wristwatch**, (2) classic **wristwatch**

I received a beautiful **wristwatch** as a graduation gift from my parents.

bud

n. a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

synonym: shoot, sprout, germ

(1) pinch off a **bud**, (2) **bud** grafting

The flower was starting to show its **bud** and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

reincarnation

n. the rebirth of a soul in a new body

synonym: rebirth, regeneration, metempsychosis

(1) **reincarnation** cycle, (2) **reincarnation** belief

Some religions believe in the **reincarnation** of souls after death.

Session 2: Spelling

1. extragalactic su_____va
n. a powerful and luminous explosion that occurs in some stars, resulting in an extremely bright, short-lived object that later fades into a supernova remnant
2. coral-reef sh_____ne
n. a line that separates land and sea
3. quartz wri_____ch
n. a small timepiece designed to be worn on the wrist typically comprised of a strap or bracelet and a clock face with hour, minute, and sometimes second hands
4. 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
5. bl_____r treatment
n. a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely
6. an ex_____le people
adj. easily responding to something new or stimuli
7. er__t into tears
v. (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
8. ex___e rebellion
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 1. supernova, 2. shoreline, 3. wristwatch, 4. cape, 5. blister, 6. excitable, 7. erupt, 8. excite

9. pi____nt the problem *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
10. h__t a horn *v.* to make the sound of a hoot or loud, raucous laugh; to express disapproval or scorn; (noun) the sound made by an owl or a similar bird, usually a low-pitched, repetitive "hoo" or "whoo" sound
11. gr__n for water *v.* to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction
12. re____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
13. earn ap____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
14. rei_____ion of history *n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork
15. su___e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
16. un___d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
17. unlikely to f__e him *v.* to disturb or disconcert someone, often causing them to lose their confidence or composure; to unsettle, intimidate, or fluster

ANSWERS: 9. pinpoint, 10. hoot, 11. groan, 12. reinvent, 13. applause, 14. reinterpretation, 15. supple, 16. unfold, 17. faze

18. plead for ha_____ts *n.* giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need
19. in_____nt expression *adj.* angry or resentful at what is perceived as unfair treatment
20. su___e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
21. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
22. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
23. ho___r out his frustration *v.* to shout or call out loudly and forcefully, often to get someone's attention or convey a message
24. a___e all the time *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
25. earlier emotional br___e *n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
26. s___k away stress *v.* to allow liquid to be absorbed, typically by immersing in it; to leave as a guarantee in return for money
27. an und_____ped child *adj.* not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement
28. s___k in a hot spring *v.* to allow liquid to be absorbed, typically by immersing in it; to leave as a guarantee in return for money

ANSWERS: 18. handout, 19. indignant, 20. supple, 21. determinant, 22. excite, 23. holler, 24. ache, 25. bruise, 26. soak, 27. underdeveloped, 28. soak

29. c__p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
30. 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
31. redness of the ey____l *n.* the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen
32. ease her hea____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
33. be____er the reader *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
34. classic wri____ch *n.* a small timepiece designed to be worn on the wrist typically comprised of a strap or bracelet and a clock face with hour, minute, and sometimes second hands
35. famous ad__e *n.* a short and memorable saying or phrase that expresses a commonly held truth or belief, often based on experience or tradition; a proverb or maxim
36. ho____r for help *v.* to shout or call out loudly and forcefully, often to get someone's attention or convey a message
37. er__t in anger *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

ANSWERS: 29. clap, 30. cape, 31. eyeball, 32. heartbreak, 33. bewilder, 34. wristwatch, 35. adage, 36. holler, 37. erupt

38. a__e abominably *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
39. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
40. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
41. a lon_____ing friendship *adj.* existing or continuing for a long time
42. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
43. intellectual cy_____sm *n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest
44. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
45. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
46. 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
47. in___e with spirit *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

ANSWERS: 38. ache, 39. writ, 40. amaze, 41. long-lasting, 42. reinvent, 43. cynicism, 44. nod, 45. nod, 46. instinct, 47. infuse

48. began to cr_____e under financial pressure *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
49. gr__n in pain *v.* to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction
50. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
51. in___e life with meaning *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
52. sc_____ow costume *n.* an object, often made of straw or old clothes, that is placed in a field or garden to scare away birds and prevent them from damaging crops, typically designed to resemble a human figure
53. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
54. un___d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
55. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
56. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
57. su_____va remnant *n.* a powerful and luminous explosion that occurs in some stars, resulting in an extremely bright, short-lived object that later fades into a supernova remnant

ANSWERS: 48. crumble, 49. groan, 50. singe, 51. infuse, 52. scarecrow, 53. clap, 54. unfold, 55. amaze, 56. fascinate, 57. supernova

58. non-ex_____le cell *adj.* easily responding to something new or stimuli
59. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
60. 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
61. an in_____nt denial *adj.* angry or resentful at what is perceived as unfair treatment
62. rei_____ion cycle *n.* the rebirth of a soul in a new body
63. round of ap_____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
64. te_____ng offer *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
65. exa_____te in degree *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
66. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
67. b_d grafting *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
68. h__t the actor off the stage *v.* to make the sound of a hoot or loud, raucous laugh; to express disapproval or scorn; (noun) the sound made by an owl or a similar bird, usually a low-pitched, repetitive "hoo" or "whoo" sound

ANSWERS: 58. excitable, 59. opportune, 60. instinct, 61. indignant, 62. reincarnation, 63. applause, 64. tempting, 65. exaggerate, 66. aft, 67. bud, 68. hoot

69. red_____er an old truth *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
70. rei_____ion of the Constitution *n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork
71. lon_____ing battery *adj.* existing or continuing for a long time
72. coi_____nt indicators *adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
73. a series of coi_____nt events *adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
74. shady bo__r *n.* a shaded, leafy shelter or recess, often made of interwoven branches; a pleasant, secluded, and sheltered place
75. go through hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
76. cr_____e to dust *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
77. f__e a decision-maker *v.* to disturb or disconcert someone, often causing them to lose their confidence or composure; to unsettle, intimidate, or fluster
78. cy_____sm towards politics *n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest
79. pi_____nt signs of manipulation *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

ANSWERS: 69. rediscover, 70. reinterpretation, 71. long-lasting, 72. coincident, 73. coincident, 74. bower, 75. heartbreak, 76. crumble, 77. faze, 78. cynicism, 79. pinpoint

80. sh_____ne erosion *n.* a line that separates land and sea
81. bl_____r after walking for miles *n.* a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely
82. exa_____te story *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
83. be_____er scientists *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
84. pinch off a b_d *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
85. bu_____e shoe *v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap
86. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
87. three-page ha_____t *n.* giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need
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. sc_____ow festival *n.* an object, often made of straw or old clothes, that is placed in a field or garden to scare away birds and prevent them from damaging crops, typically designed to resemble a human figure

ANSWERS: 80. shoreline, 81. blister, 82. exaggerate, 83. bewilder, 84. bud, 85. buckle, 86. determinant, 87. handout, 88. aft, 89. scarecrow

90. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
91. rei_____ion belief *n.* the rebirth of a soul in a new body
92. remain und_____ped *adj.* not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement
93. sound very te_____ng *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
94. secluded bo__r *n.* a shaded, leafy shelter or recess, often made of interwoven branches; a pleasant, secluded, and sheltered place
95. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
96. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
97. livid br___e *n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
98. red_____er a value *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
99. ey_____l motion *n.* the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen
100. proverbial ad__e *n.* a short and memorable saying or phrase that expresses a commonly held truth or belief, often based on experience or tradition; a proverb or maxim
101. bu___e down to study *v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap

ANSWERS: 90. singe, 91. reincarnation, 92. underdeveloped, 93. tempting, 94. bower, 95. opportune, 96. writ, 97. bruise, 98. rediscover, 99. eyeball, 100. adage, 101. buckle

102. fa_____te the public

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

ANSWERS: 102. fascinate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Increased _____ pressure leads to the development of glaucoma.
n. the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen
2. She had a _____ on her arm from where she fell on the playground.
n. a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
3. The flower was starting to show its ____ and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.
n. a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
4. The farmers placed a _____ in their cornfield to deter birds from eating the crops.
n. an object, often made of straw or old clothes, that is placed in a field or garden to scare away birds and prevent them from damaging crops, typically designed to resemble a human figure
5. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.
adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
6. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.
v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
7. The _____ explosion created a bright new star in the night sky.
n. a powerful and luminous explosion that occurs in some stars, resulting in an extremely bright, short-lived object that later fades into a supernova remnant

ANSWERS: 1. eyeball, 2. bruise, 3. bud, 4. scarecrow, 5. supple, 6. amazed, 7. supernova

8. The old building was starting to _____ due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.
- v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
9. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
10. 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
11. I received a beautiful _____ as a graduation gift from my parents.
- n.* a small timepiece designed to be worn on the wrist typically comprised of a strap or bracelet and a clock face with hour, minute, and sometimes second hands
12. The severe heat wave _____ railway tracks.
- v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap
13. He lived by the wise _____ "honesty is the best policy" and was respected for his straightforward approach.
- n.* a short and memorable saying or phrase that expresses a commonly held truth or belief, often based on experience or tradition; a proverb or maxim
14. Many people in _____ countries need clean water or proper healthcare access.
- adj.* not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement

ANSWERS: 8. crumble, 9. excited, 10. instinct, 11. wristwatch, 12. buckled, 13. adage, 14. underdeveloped

15. The magic tricks _____ the children.

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

16. This radar quickly _____ the position of the enemy.

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

17. Some religions believe in the _____ of souls after death.

n. the rebirth of a soul in a new body

18. 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

19. The new hiking shoes gave me a _____ on my heel after just a few miles of walking.

n. a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely

20. I _____ the shirt in the sink before washing it.

v. to allow liquid to be absorbed, typically by immersing in it; to leave as a guarantee in return for money

21. The kids love to _____ at the echoing mountains during our summer trips.

v. to shout or call out loudly and forcefully, often to get someone's attention or convey a message

22. He has an _____ temperament.

adj. easily responding to something new or stimuli

ANSWERS: 15. fascinated, 16. pinpoints, 17. reincarnation, 18. cape, 19. blister, 20. soaked, 21. holler, 22. excitable

23. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
24. I won't let a little criticism _____ me from pursuing my dreams.
- v.* to disturb or disconcert someone, often causing them to lose their confidence or composure; to unsettle, intimidate, or fluster
25. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n.* a written legal order or command
26. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
27. The complex instructions on the assignment sheet _____ most students.
- v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
28. They finally decided to solve the _____ problem.
- adj.* existing or continuing for a long time
29. She _____ the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.
- v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
30. 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

ANSWERS: 23. determinant, 24. faze, 25. writ, 26. opportune, 27. bewilder, 28. long-lasting, 29. exaggerated, 30. aft

31. I _____ all over after running a marathon yesterday.
- v. to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
32. _____ with the negotiation, the bank was permitted to open a Beijing branch.
- adj. happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
33. His constant _____ made it difficult for him to connect with others.
- n. a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest
34. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.
- v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
35. The sight of the huge pile of laundry made me _____ with dread.
- v. to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction
36. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
- v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
37. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.
- v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
38. The painting was _____ in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.
- v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

ANSWERS: 31. ache, 32. Coincident, 33. cynicism, 34. singed, 35. groan, 36. reinvent, 37. unfolded, 38. rediscovered

39. The couple exchanged vows under a beautiful _____ of flowers.
- n.* a shaded, leafy shelter or recess, often made of interwoven branches; a pleasant, secluded, and sheltered place
40. We _____ along with the singer's song.
- v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
41. The artist's _____ of the classic painting received mixed reviews.
- n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork
42. The audience _____ with laughter at the comedian's jokes.
- v.* to make the sound of a hoot or loud, raucous laugh; to express disapproval or scorn; (noun) the sound made by an owl or a similar bird, usually a low-pitched, repetitive "hoo" or "whoo" sound
43. Battles between whites and blacks _____ immediately.
- v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
44. She was _____ when she heard the news.
- adj.* angry or resentful at what is perceived as unfair treatment
45. The _____ burst from the audience.
- n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
46. They had experienced the _____ of losing two children due to premature births.
- n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

ANSWERS: 39. bower, 40. clapped, 41. reinterpretation, 42. hooted, 43. erupted, 44. indignant, 45. applause, 46. heartbreak

47. All those eligible will receive financial _____.
- n.* giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need
48. She _____ quietly in response to the question.
- v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
49. She _____ fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.
- v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
50. Flooding occurs along the city's _____ due to the storm surge.
- n.* a line that separates land and sea
51. The chocolate cake was too _____ for me to resist.
- adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

ANSWERS: 47. handouts, 48. nodded, 49. infused, 50. shoreline, 51. tempting