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Session 1: Word List

irascible

adj. easily provoked to anger; having or showing a tendency to be easily angered or irritated

synonym : irritable, testy, choleric

(1) **irascible** temperament, (2) **irascible** boss

His **irascible** nature often leads to conflicts in the workplace.

foreground

n. the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer

(1) **foreground** segmentation, (2) **foreground** galaxy

A happy group of friends occupies the **foreground** of the picture.

hillside

n. the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline

synonym : slope, incline

(1) **hillside** landscape, (2) **hillside** vineyard

The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the **hillside**.

bacchanalian

adj. pertaining to wild, drunken, or orgiastic celebrations, typically associated with the Roman god Bacchus or excessive indulgence in sensual pleasures

synonym : hedonistic, riotous, wild

(1) **bacchanalian** revelry, (2) **bacchanalian** celebration
The party became a **bacchanalian** affair, with people dancing and drinking all night.

bookworm

n. a person who loves to read and spends much time doing so; a term often used in a positive sense to indicate someone knowledgeable and well-read

synonym: booklover, bibliophile, library mouse

(1) shy **bookworm**, (2) **bookworm** club

His **bookworm** obsession sometimes makes him forget to eat his meals.

jargon

n. specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify

synonym: lingo, vernacular, slang

(1) business **jargon**, (2) scientific **jargon**

The financial industry is notorious for using complicated **jargon** that confuses consumers.

evangelical

adj. relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church

synonym: proselytizing, evangelistic, missionary

(1) **evangelical** mission, (2) **evangelical** Christian group

The **evangelical** pastor delivered a powerful sermon to his congregation.

eureka

n. exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight

synonym: discovery, breakthrough, aha moment

(1) have a **eureka** moment, (2) shout "**eureka!**"

"**Eureka!**" he exclaimed, finally solving the problem.

tapestry

n. a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation

synonym: embroidery, hanging, cloth

(1) colorful **tapestry**, (2) intricate **tapestry** design

The **tapestry** on the wall depicted a medieval battle scene.

ubiquitous

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

synonym: universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

dank

adj. unpleasantly damp and musty; (used in slang) considered cool or of high quality, particularly about cannabis and marijuana culture

synonym: musty, damp, humid

(1) **dank** basement, (2) **dank** smell

The old, **dank** cellar was the perfect place for storing wine.

patron

n. a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

synonym: contributor, sponsor, supporter

(1) the **patron** saint of a place, (2) political **patron**

They have been a **patron** of this restaurant for many years.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym: illustrate, describe, express

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

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

weaver

n. the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth

(1) the textile **weavers**, (2) tapestry **weavers**

The **weaver** fringed the scarf.

curator

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

synonym: conservator, custodian, administrator

(1) **curator** of a library, (2) interim **curator**

The museum **curator** conserved the ancient manuscripts.

chuck

v. to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone

synonym: toss, throw, discard

(1) **chuck** the ball across the yard, (2) **chuck** my job

I will **chuck** these old shoes in the trash and buy a new pair.

oversize

adj. larger than the normal or standard size

synonym: large, big, excessive

(1) **oversize** tire, (2) **oversize** bag

The **oversize** jacket was too big for her, but she still wore it because she liked the style.

freighter

n. a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle used for transporting cargo or goods in bulk

synonym: cargo ship, transport vessel, container vessel

(1) **freighter** ship, (2) bulk **freighter**

The **freighter** crew worked around the clock to unload the cargo at the port.

skepticism

n. an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

synonym: distrust, doubt, suspicion

(1) natural **skepticism**, (2) **skepticism** toward bureaucracy

This party expresses **skepticism** about the efficacy of the health insurance system.

overhear

v. to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge

synonym: catch, eavesdrop

(1) happen to **overhear** a conversation, (2) accidentally **overheard** their talk

She was inside at the time and **overheard** the conversation.

lavish

adj. large in amount and expensive or impressive

synonym: grate, grand, splendid

(1) **lavish** lifestyle, (2) enjoy a **lavish** trip abroad

He has earned **lavish** praise for his achievement.

courtier

n. a person who is a member of a royal court, particularly one who has a close and influential role in the court's affairs; a person who seeks favor or recognition from those in positions of authority or power

synonym: court attendant, noble, attendant

(1) the queen's **courtiers**, (2) flattering **courtier**

The **courtier's** job was to advise the king on politics and diplomacy.

dandy

n. a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good

synonym: fop, dapper, (adjective) excellent

(1) in a **dandy** manner, (2) fine and **dandy**

He was a positive **dandy** and always dressed in the finest clothing.

undergrowth

n. the plants, bushes, and vegetation that grow beneath the surface of a forest or woodland; the layer of plant life that exists at ground level beneath the taller trees and shrubs in a natural ecosystem

synonym: underbrush, underwood, understory

(1) dense **undergrowth**, (2) jungle **undergrowth**

The **undergrowth** in the forest was so thick that it was difficult to see the trail.

boar

n. a wild pig, especially a male with tusks

synonym: wild pig, sow, hog

(1) wild **boar**, (2) **boar's** head

The hunter tracked the **boar** through the forest for a good shot.

heroism

n. great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause

synonym: bravery, valor, courage

(1) acts of **heroism**, (2) military **heroism**

The firefighter showed true **heroism** when he rescued the family from the burning building.

curate

n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

synonym: minister, caretaker, (verb) arrange

(1) perpetual **curate**, (2) **curate** an art website

The art museum has hired a **curate** to select and display pieces from its collection.

comp

v. short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment

synonym: waive, cover, provide

(1) **comp** their meal, (2) **comp** the employees with a bonus

The casino **comped** her room and meals for being a high-rolling gambler.

esoteric

adj. intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest

synonym: abstruse, recondite, arcane

(1) an **esoteric** religion, (2) **esoteric** tome

The book's content was so **esoteric** only a select few scholars could fully understand it.

unpack

v. to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail,

often to clarify or understand it better

synonym : dissect, unwrap, unbox

(1) **unpack** a crate, (2) **unpack** a concept

I need to **unpack** my suitcase and put my clothes away.

samurai

n. a member of the warrior class in feudal Japan, known for their military skills, loyalty, and code of honor, or bushido

synonym : warrior, fighter, swordsman

(1) **samurai** sword, (2) **samurai** lifestyle

Samurai culture emphasized honor, discipline, and respect for one's superiors.

byzantine

adj. characterized by a complex and often convoluted administrative system or set of rules; intricate and hard to understand

synonym : complex, convoluted, labyrinthine

(1) **Byzantine** rites, (2) **Byzantine** art

The **Byzantine** Empire was known for its complex political system and culture.

artifact

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

synonym : antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

Renaissance

n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

synonym : rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym : renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

burnout

n. the state of being exceedingly exhausted or unwell, either physically or mentally, as a result of overworking
synonym: breakdown, exhaustion, fatigue

(1) **burnout** syndrome, (2) mental **burnout**

He suffered from job **burnout** because of hard work.

aria

n. a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment

synonym: song, melody, tune

(1) **aria** singer, (2) dramatic **aria**

The soprano performed an emotional **aria** that brought the audience to tears.

fornicate

v. to engage in sexual intercourse or sexual activity; to have sexual relations with someone

synonym: copulate, mate, have sex

(1) **fornicate** with someone other than their spouse,

(2) **fornicate** outside of wedlock

Many religious teachings advise believers not to **fornicate** before marriage.

wreck

n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

synonym: collapse, destruction, devastation

(1) the house was a **wreck**, (2) a worthless **wreck**

The divers accidentally discovered a **wreck** on the ocean floor.

brilliance

n. the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining

synonym: splendor, glory, luster

(1) **brilliance** of diamond, (2) economic **brilliance**

The scientist's **brilliance** led to many groundbreaking discoveries in his field.

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
synonym: surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

visceral

adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

synonym: instinctive, intuitive, gut

(1) **visceral** organ, (2) **visceral** fear

After watching the horror movie, she had a **visceral** reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

emote

v. to communicate through facial expressions, gestures, and body language to express strong feelings or emotions

synonym: express, communicate, convey

(1) **emote** salute, (2) **emote** through art

The actor could **emote** a wide range of emotions on screen, earning them critical acclaim.

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.

prescient

adj. having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic

synonym: prophetic, foresighted, intuitive

(1) **prescient** dream, (2) **prescient** vision

The **prescient** investor predicted the market crash and sold his stocks before it happened.

manifestation

n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

synonym: expression, embodiment, presentation

(1) **manifestation** of a deeper problem, (2) **manifestation** of psychological stress

The **manifestation** of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.

polarization

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

synonym: polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

resound

v. to make a loud, deep sound that echoes

synonym: echo, reverberate, ring

(1) **resound** with his fame, (2) **resound** in an enclosure

The sound of the drums **resounded** through the concert hall.

awe-inspiring

adj. making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable

synonym: magnificent, amazing, astonishing

(1) **awe-inspiring** painting, (2) **awe-inspiring** power

The moment the glacier collapses is an **awe-inspiring** sight.

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.

uneasy

adj. causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

synonym: anxious, troubled, nervous

(1) have **uneasy** eyes, (2) **uneasy** relationship

He was **uneasy** about the situation and didn't know what to do.

intimidate

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

synonym: frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

elitist

adj. believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege

synonym: exclusive, superior

(1) **elitist** mentality, (2) **elitist** mindset

His **elitist** attitude made it difficult for him to work with people from different backgrounds.

contemplate

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

synonym: think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

inclination

n. a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping

synonym: tendency, preference, angle

(1) consumer's **inclination** to spend, (2) the **inclination** of a slope

She had an **inclination** towards the arts.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. in a da__y manner | <i>n.</i> a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good |
| 2. c__p their meal | <i>v.</i> short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment |
| 3. im_____e the cloth in the dye | <i>v.</i> to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered |
| 4. a n__b mind | <i>adj.</i> unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity |
| 5. pr_____nt dream | <i>adj.</i> having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic |
| 6. ske_____sm toward bureaucracy | <i>n.</i> an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge |
| 7. bo_____rm club | <i>n.</i> a person who loves to read and spends much time doing so; a term often used in a positive sense to indicate someone knowledgeable and well-read |
| 8. bac_____ian celebration | <i>adj.</i> pertaining to wild, drunken, or orgiastic celebrations, typically associated with the Roman god Bacchus or excessive indulgence in sensual pleasures |

ANSWERS: 1. dandy, 2. comp, 3. immerse, 4. numb, 5. prescient, 6. skepticism, 7. bookworm, 8. bacchanalian

9. 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
10. ov_____ze bag *adj.* larger than the normal or standard size
11. re_____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
12. fo_____te with someone other than their spouse *v.* to engage in sexual intercourse or sexual activity; to have sexual relations with someone
13. artistic ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
14. shout "eu___a!" *n.* exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight
15. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
16. have un___y eyes *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
17. fo_____nd segmentation *n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
18. the house was a wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
19. fine and da__y *n.* a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good
20. consumer's inc_____on to spend *n.* a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping

ANSWERS: 9. immerse, 10. oversize, 11. recreate, 12. fornicate, 13. Renaissance, 14. eureka, 15. smartphone, 16. uneasy, 17. foreground, 18. wreck, 19. dandy, 20. inclination

21. a worthless wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
22. By_____ne art *adj.* characterized by a complex and often convoluted administrative system or set of rules; intricate and hard to understand
23. el_____t mindset *adj.* believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege
24. the inc_____on of a slope *n.* a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping
25. dramatic a__a *n.* a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment
26. fr_____er ship *n.* a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle used for transporting cargo or goods in bulk
27. dense und_____th *n.* the plants, bushes, and vegetation that grow beneath the surface of a forest or woodland; the layer of plant life that exists at ground level beneath the taller trees and shrubs in a natural ecosystem
28. de___t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
29. 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

ANSWERS: 21. wreck, 22. byzantine, 23. elitist, 24. inclination, 25. aria, 26. freighter, 27. undergrowth, 28. depict, 29. instinct

30. natural ske_____sm *n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
31. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
32. interim cu_____r *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
33. intricate ta_____ry design *n.* a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation
34. By_____ne rites *adj.* characterized by a complex and often convoluted administrative system or set of rules; intricate and hard to understand
35. business ja____n *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
36. ch__k the ball across the yard *v.* to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone
37. int_____te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

ANSWERS: 30. skepticism, 31. smartphone, 32. curator, 33. tapestry, 34. byzantine, 35. jargon, 36. chuck, 37. intimidate

38. the textile we___rs *n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
39. 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
40. em__e salute *v.* to communicate through facial expressions, gestures, and body language to express strong feelings or emotions
41. bri_____ce of diamond *n.* the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining
42. awe_____ing power *adj.* making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable
43. un___y relationship *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
44. pol_____ion effect *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
45. c__p the employees with a bonus *v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
46. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
47. b__r's head *n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
48. pr_____nt vision *adj.* having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic

ANSWERS: 38. weaver, 39. cathedral, 40. emote, 41. brilliance, 42. awe-inspiring, 43. uneasy, 44. polarization, 45. comp, 46. numb, 47. boar, 48. prescient

49. bulk fr_____er *n.* a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle used for transporting cargo or goods in bulk
50. sa_____i lifestyle *n.* a member of the warrior class in feudal Japan, known for their military skills, loyalty, and code of honor, or bushido
51. re_____d in an enclosure *v.* to make a loud, deep sound that echoes
52. un___k a crate *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
53. colorful ta_____ry *n.* a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation
54. eva_____al mission *adj.* relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church
55. military he_____m *n.* great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause
56. man_____ion of a deeper problem *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
57. tapestry we_____rs *n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
58. tr_____nd boundaries *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

ANSWERS: 49. freighter, 50. samurai, 51. resound, 52. unpack, 53. tapestry, 54. evangelical, 55. heroism, 56. manifestation, 57. weaver, 58. transcend

59. political pa___n *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
60. sa_____i sword *n.* a member of the warrior class in feudal Japan, known for their military skills, loyalty, and code of honor, or bushido
61. bu_____t syndrome *n.* the state of being exceedingly exhausted or unwell, either physically or mentally, as a result of overworking
62. hi_____de vineyard *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
63. es_____ic tome *adj.* intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest
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ANSWERS: 59. patron, 60. samurai, 61. burnout, 62. hillside, 63. esoteric, 64. brilliance, 65. curate, 66. chuck, 67. manifestation

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77. ir_____le boss *adj.* easily provoked to anger; having or showing a tendency to be easily angered or irritated
78. la____h lifestyle *adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive
79. con_____ted leaving school *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
80. flattering co_____er *n.* a person who is a member of a royal court, particularly one who has a close and influential role in the court's affairs; a person who seeks favor or recognition from those in positions of authority or power
81. ubi_____us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
82. vi_____al fear *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
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ANSWERS: 77. irascible, 78. lavish, 79. contemplate, 80. courtier, 81. ubiquitous, 82. visceral, 83. cathedral, 84. curator, 85. burnout

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89. ir____le temperament *adj.* easily provoked to anger; having or showing a tendency to be easily angered or irritated
90. an es____ic religion *adj.* intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest
91. the pa____n saint of a place *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
92. de____t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
93. effectively int____te a thief *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
94. for____nd galaxy *n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
95. tr____nd limits *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
96. shy bo____rm *n.* a person who loves to read and spends much time doing so; a term often used in a positive sense to indicate someone knowledgeable and well-read

ANSWERS: 86. oversize, 87. visceral, 88. resound, 89. irascible, 90. esoteric, 91. patron, 92. depict, 93. intimidate, 94. foreground, 95. transcend, 96. bookworm

97. acts of he_____m *n.* great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause
98. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
99. the queen's co_____ers *n.* a person who is a member of a royal court, particularly one who has a close and influential role in the court's affairs; a person who seeks favor or recognition from those in positions of authority or power
100. happen to ov_____ar a conversation *v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
101. un_____k a concept *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
102. perpetual cu_____e *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
103. hi_____de landscape *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
104. bac_____ian revelry *adj.* pertaining to wild, drunken, or orgiastic celebrations, typically associated with the Roman god Bacchus or excessive indulgence in sensual pleasures

ANSWERS: 97. heroism, 98. recreate, 99. courtier, 100. overhear, 101. unpack, 102. curate, 103. hillside, 104. bacchanalian

105. d__k smell *adj.* unpleasantly damp and musty; (used in slang) considered cool or of high quality, particularly about cannabis and marijuana culture
106. ubi_____us computing *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
107. paleolithic ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
108. wild b__r *n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
109. scientific ja____n *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
110. em__e through art *v.* to communicate through facial expressions, gestures, and body language to express strong feelings or emotions
111. 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
112. d__k basement *adj.* unpleasantly damp and musty; (used in slang) considered cool or of high quality, particularly about cannabis and marijuana culture
113. Peruvian ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

ANSWERS: 105. dank, 106. ubiquitous, 107. artifact, 108. boar, 109. jargon, 110. emote, 111. instinct, 112. dank, 113. artifact

114. awe_____ing painting

adj. making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable

115. dielectric pol_____ion

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

116. con_____te a marriage

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

ANSWERS: 114. awe-inspiring, 115. polarization, 116. contemplate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ culture emphasized honor, discipline, and respect for one's superiors.
n. a member of the warrior class in feudal Japan, known for their military skills, loyalty, and code of honor, or bushido

2. They have been a _____ of this restaurant for many years.
n. a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

3. The _____ in the forest was so thick that it was difficult to see the trail.
n. the plants, bushes, and vegetation that grow beneath the surface of a forest or woodland; the layer of plant life that exists at ground level beneath the taller trees and shrubs in a natural ecosystem

4. The party became a _____ affair, with people dancing and drinking all night.
adj. pertaining to wild, drunken, or orgiastic celebrations, typically associated with the Roman god Bacchus or excessive indulgence in sensual pleasures

5. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

6. The old, _____ cellar was the perfect place for storing wine.
adj. unpleasantly damp and musty; (used in slang) considered cool or of high quality, particularly about cannabis and marijuana culture

7. The soprano performed an emotional _____ that brought the audience to tears.
n. a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment

ANSWERS: 1. Samurai, 2. patron, 3. undergrowth, 4. bacchanalian, 5. smartphones, 6. dank, 7. aria

8. I will _____ these old shoes in the trash and buy a new pair.
- v. to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone
9. Many religious teachings advise believers not to _____ before marriage.
- v. to engage in sexual intercourse or sexual activity; to have sexual relations with someone
10. The divers accidentally discovered a _____ on the ocean floor.
- n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
11. The music _____ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.
- v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
12. The _____ on the wall depicted a medieval battle scene.
- n. a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation
13. The casino _____ her room and meals for being a high-rolling gambler.
- v. short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
14. She had an _____ towards the arts.
- n. a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping
15. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.
- v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

ANSWERS: 8. chuck, 9. fornicate, 10. wreck, 11. transcended, 12. tapestry, 13. comped, 14. inclination, 15. depicted

16. " _____ he exclaimed, finally solving the problem.
n. exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight
17. The _____ Empire was known for its complex political system and culture.
adj. characterized by a complex and often convoluted administrative system or set of rules; intricate and hard to understand
18. His _____ nature often leads to conflicts in the workplace.
adj. easily provoked to anger; having or showing a tendency to be easily angered or irritated
19. The _____ investor predicted the market crash and sold his stocks before it happened.
adj. having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic
20. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.
v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
21. 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
22. After watching the horror movie, she had a _____ reaction and couldn't sleep all night.
adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
23. The _____ jacket was too big for her, but she still wore it because she liked the style.
adj. larger than the normal or standard size

ANSWERS: 16. Eureka!", 17. Byzantine, 18. irascible, 19. prescient, 20. recreated, 21. cathedral's, 22. visceral, 23. oversize

24. The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the _____.
- n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
25. The museum has a vast collection of Greek _____.
- n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
26. Sugar is _____ in food.
- adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
27. Folk music is now experiencing a _____.
- n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
28. The _____ job was to advise the king on politics and diplomacy.
- n.* a person who is a member of a royal court, particularly one who has a close and influential role in the court's affairs; a person who seeks favor or recognition from those in positions of authority or power
29. The _____ of political views has created a deep divide in the country.
- n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
30. My left arm became _____.
- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
31. He was _____ about the situation and didn't know what to do.
- adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

ANSWERS: 24. hillside, 25. artifacts, 26. ubiquitous, 27. renaissance, 28. courtier's, 29. polarization, 30. numb, 31. uneasy

32. His _____ obsession sometimes makes him forget to eat his meals.
n. a person who loves to read and spends much time doing so; a term often used in a positive sense to indicate someone knowledgeable and well-read
33. His _____ attitude made it difficult for him to work with people from different backgrounds.
adj. believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege
34. The _____ crew worked around the clock to unload the cargo at the port.
n. a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle used for transporting cargo or goods in bulk
35. The sound of the drums _____ through the concert hall.
v. to make a loud, deep sound that echoes
36. The art museum has hired a _____ to select and display pieces from its collection.
n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
37. The _____ fringed the scarf.
n. the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
38. I recently _____ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.
v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
39. I need to _____ my suitcase and put my clothes away.
v. to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better

ANSWERS: 32. bookworm, 33. elitist, 34. freighter, 35. resounded, 36. curate, 37. weaver, 38. contemplated, 39. unpack

40. The museum _____ conserved the ancient manuscripts.
n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
41. The actor could _____ a wide range of emotions on screen, earning them critical acclaim.
v. to communicate through facial expressions, gestures, and body language to express strong feelings or emotions
42. The hunter tracked the _____ through the forest for a good shot.
n. a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
43. The _____ of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.
n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
44. The book's content was so _____ only a select few scholars could fully understand it.
adj. intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest
45. He suffered from job _____ because of hard work.
n. the state of being exceedingly exhausted or unwell, either physically or mentally, as a result of overworking
46. The _____ pastor delivered a powerful sermon to his congregation.
adj. relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church

ANSWERS: 40. curator, 41. emote, 42. boar, 43. manifestation, 44. esoteric, 45. burnout, 46. evangelical

47. She was inside at the time and _____ the conversation.
- v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
48. He was a positive _____ and always dressed in the finest clothing.
- n.* a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good
49. The scientist's _____ led to many groundbreaking discoveries in his field.
- n.* the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining
50. 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
51. A happy group of friends occupies the _____ of the picture.
- n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
52. The firefighter showed true _____ when he rescued the family from the burning building.
- n.* great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause
53. This party expresses _____ about the efficacy of the health insurance system.
- n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
54. The financial industry is notorious for using complicated _____ that confuses consumers.
- n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify

ANSWERS: 47. overheard, 48. dandy, 49. brilliance, 50. instinct, 51. foreground, 52. heroism, 53. skepticism, 54. jargon

55. He has earned _____ praise for his achievement.

adj. large in amount and expensive or impressive

56. The moment the glacier collapses is an _____ sight.

adj. making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable

57. The boss tried to _____ his subordinate with threats.

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

58. 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

ANSWERS: 55. lavish, 56. awe-inspiring, 57. intimidate, 58. immersed