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Session 1: Word List

pamphlet

n. a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject

synonym: brochure, leaflet, booklet

(1) propaganda **pamphlet**, (2) **pamphlet** in English

The political organization handed out **pamphlets** to raise awareness about their cause.

generalize

v. to make something, such as a theory, idea, etc., more widespread or widely applicable based on what is true in some cases

synonym: conclude, derive, extrapolate

(1) **generalize** Kepler's first law, (2) **generalize** sophisticatedly

It's dangerous to **generalize** about people.

categorize

v. to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.

synonym: classify, pigeonhole, sort

(1) **categorize** the image, (2) **categorize** the cause of failure

The biologist **categorized** the viruses into four groups.

malingerer

n. a person who pretends or exaggerates illness, incapacity, or injury, often to avoid work, duty, or responsibility

synonym : slacker, shirker, faker

(1) known **malingerer**, (2) potential **malingerer**

The supervisor was always wary of the occasional **malingerer** trying to avoid a full day's work.

psychiatry

n. the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness

synonym : mental health, psychology, psychoanalysis

(1) **psychiatry** therapy, (2) biological **psychiatry**

The field of **psychiatry** is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.

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.

pseudoscience

n. a belief or practice that is presented as scientific but lacks supporting evidence or is contradicted by scientific evidence; a system of beliefs or practices that is not based on scientific principles

synonym : quackery, pseudology, false science

(1) **pseudoscience** claims, (2) debunking **pseudoscience**

The idea that certain crystals have healing powers is considered **pseudoscience** by the scientific community.

sane

adj. mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind

synonym : rational, sound, normal

(1) for a **sane** reason, (2) **sane** judgment

Despite the difficult circumstances, he remained **sane**.

yawn

v. to involuntarily open one's mouth wide and exhale due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen; (noun) an involuntary reflex act of opening one's mouth wide and inhaling deeply due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen

synonym: gape, stretch, open

(1) **yawn** in sleepiness, (2) lazy **yawn**

He couldn't help but **yawn** during the long and boring presentation.

controllable

adj. able to be controlled or directed

synonym: manageable, governable, submissive

(1) computer- **controllable**, (2) **controllable** aircraft

The new software is much more **controllable** and user-friendly.

peach

n. juicy, sweet fruit with fuzzy, pinkish-yellow skin; a person or thing that is particularly pleasing or attractive

synonym: fruit, nectarine, apricot

(1) **peach** cobbler, (2) juicy **peaches**

The **peach** tree in my backyard produced a bountiful harvest this year.

docile

adj. easily controlled or managed, or willing to be led or instructed

synonym: tame, obedient, submissive

(1) seemingly **docile** animal, (2) a **docile** patient

The **docile** dog followed its owner's commands.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym: murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

pinstripe

n. a thin, usually colored stripe or narrow line pattern, often found on fabric, clothing, or objects, commonly associated with formal wear, particularly suits

synonym : stripe, line, band

(1) **pinstripe** suit, (2) **pinstripe** shirt

His suit was adorned with a subtle **pinstripe** pattern, adding a touch of elegance to his attire.

outstretch

v. to stretch out one's body, limbs, or arms to their furthest extent; to extend something so that it exceeds a certain limit or boundary

synonym : extend, stretch out, reach

(1) **outstretch** my patience, (2) **outstretch** a hand

The yoga instructor instructed the class to **outstretch** their arms and breathe deeply into the stretch.

apprentice

n. a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves

synonym : learner, trainee, protégé

(1) **apprentice** carpenter, (2) a young **apprentice**

He took on an **apprentice** to teach him the trade.

cellmate

n. a person with whom one shares a prison cell or room

synonym : inmate, fellow prisoner, cell partner

(1) **cellmate** relationship, (2) temporary **cellmate**

The prisoner requested a transfer to a different **cellmate** due to conflicts.

cushy

adj. comfortable, easy, and lacking hardship or effort; undemanding; luxurious

synonym : easy, soft, comfortable

(1) **cushy** seat, (2) **cushy** lifestyle

Her job was **cushy** and comfortable, with little pressure or stress.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym : misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

bumblebee

n. a large, furry bee with black and yellow bands on its body that is known for its loud buzzing sound and its important role in pollinating plants

synonym : bee, honeybee, pollinator

(1) **bumblebee** pollination, (2) protecting **bumblebees**

The sound of the **bumblebee's** wings was soothing to listen to.

sniff

v. to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath

synonym : smell, inhale, scent

(1) **sniff** the air, (2) **sniff** the perfume

The dog stopped to **sniff** around the tree, looking for something interesting.

nonverbal

adj. not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language

synonym : silent, mute, unspoken

(1) **nonverbal** communication, (2) **nonverbal** signal

Many communication skills rely on **nonverbal** cues such as body language and facial expressions.

strangle

v. to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea

synonym : choke, suffocate, throttle

(1) **strangle** a cry, (2) **strangle** economic growth

The killer used his hands to **strangle** his victim.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience
The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

aloof

adj. emotionally detached or reserved; distant or uninvolved in personal relationships or social interactions; standing apart from others

synonym: distant, detached, standoffish

(1) **aloof** attitude, (2) keep **aloof**

The **aloof** cat refused to cuddle with its owner.

grandiose

adj. impressive or grand in size, appearance, or manner, especially in an exaggerated or pompous way

synonym: elaborate, impressive, grandiloquent

(1) **grandiose** project, (2) make a **grandiose** claim

The **grandiose** mansion was a testament to the family's wealth and status.

clinician

n. a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients

synonym: psychiatrist, therapist, doctor

(1) experienced **clinician**, (2) from a **clinician's** perspective

Some **clinicians** believe that psychological characteristics alone may cause mental disorders.

hallucinate

v. to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use

(1) start to **hallucinate**, (2) **hallucinate** with drug

Sleep-deprived people gradually lose their concentration and may **hallucinate**.

cliche

n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

synonym: truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

vanish

v. disappear or stop being present or existing suddenly and completely

synonym: disappear, go away, evaporate

(1) **vanish** into thin air, (2) **vanish** amid the crowd

Two months later, my tumor **vanished** utterly.

psychopath

n. a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies

synonym: sociopath, antisocial, monster

(1) **psychopath** tendencies, (2) violent **psychopath**

The detective identified the **psychopath** who had been terrorizing the city for months.

cunning

adj. clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily

synonym: sly, crafty, tricky

(1) **cunning** plan, (2) **cunning** thief

The **cunning** fox managed to elude the hunters and escape with his prey.

manipulative

adj. characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner

synonym: maneuvering, calculating, shrewd

(1) **manipulative** behavior, (2) **manipulative** language

He was accused of being **manipulative** when he lied to his friends to get what he wanted.

glib

adj. fluent and shallow in speech or conversation; confidently and slickly persuasive or superficially knowledgeable; characterized by superficial ease or insincerity

synonym: slick, smooth-talking, glib-tongued

(1) **glib** response, (2) **glib** remark

His **glib** explanation of the complex topic could have convinced the audience.

superficial

adj. existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely

synonym: shallow, facile, cursory

(1) **superficial** wound, (2) **superficial** knowledge

The journalist's **superficial** reporting should have captured the full scope of the issue.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

hare

n. a fast-running mammal with long ears and a short tail that closely resembles a rabbit but is larger and has longer hind legs

synonym: rabbit, bunny, lapin

(1) **hare** hunting, (2) brown **hare**

The farmer noticed a group of **hares** had been eating his vegetables, so he put up a fence to keep them out.

adept

adj. having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult

synonym: proficient, masterful, experienced

(1) **adept** at fishing, (2) **adept** in handicrafts

She is highly **adept** with medical equipment.

carnage

n. the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way

synonym: slaughter, massacre, bloodshed

(1) **carnage** on the battlefield, (2) brutal **carnage**

The battlefield was filled with **carnage**, a terrible reminder of the horrors of war.

ruthless

adj. lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others

synonym : heartless, pitiless, merciless

(1) show **ruthless** behavior, (2) **ruthless** brutality

The dictator was known for his **ruthless** tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.

psychopathic

adj. relating to or suffering from a serious, and often undiagnosed, mental disorder with extreme or violent social behavior

synonym : psychotic, crazy, insane

(1) high levels of **psychopathic** traits, (2) **psychopathic** issues

He is going to play a **psychopathic** killer in this movie.

remorse

n. a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done

synonym : guilt, anguish, regret

(1) **remorse** of conscience, (2) sincere **remorse**

I always remember that event with bitter **remorse**.

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.

tack

n. a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or

business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place

synonym : course, direction, approach

(1) change **tack**, (2) **tack** to the refrigerator door

I need to change the **tack** of the sailboat to avoid hitting the rocks.

chainsaw

n. a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects

synonym : handsaw, power saw, buzz saw

(1) use a **chainsaw**, (2) sharpen a **chainsaw**

The lumberjack used his **chainsaw** to chop through the tree's thick trunk.

anomaly

n. something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand

synonym : abnormality, irregularity, deviation

(1) **anomaly** detection, (2) global temperature **anomaly**

The sudden drop in the stock market was an **anomaly** that puzzled many investors.

predatory

adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

synonym : raptorial, hunting, greedy

(1) a **predatory** bird, (2) **predatory** warfare

The domesticated cat still has its **predatory** instincts.

fearless

adj. having no fear; brave

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

(1) **fearless** attitude, (2) **fearless** bravery

The **fearless** firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

falcon

n. a bird of prey characterized by its sharp talons and hooked beak; typically having a long tail and wingspan

and known for its swift and agile flight

synonym : hawk, eagle, kestrel

(1) **falcon** feathers, (2) peregrine **falcon**

The **falcon's** keen eyesight makes it an excellent hunter.

effeminate

adj. having qualities or characteristics traditionally associated with women, especially delicacy, softness, and a lack of strength or assertiveness

synonym : unmanly, delicate, soft

(1) **effeminate** gestures, (2) **effeminate** voice

His **effeminate** mannerisms made others question his masculinity.

bodyguard

n. a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack

synonym : protector, guard, defender

(1) VIP **bodyguard**, (2) elite **bodyguard** unit

The celebrity hired a personal **bodyguard** to protect them from the paparazzi.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym : attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym : attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

delinquency

n. a failure to fulfill one's duties or obligations, especially those imposed by law or societal norms; a tendency to engage in illegal or socially unacceptable behavior

synonym : misbehavior, negligence, offense

(1) **delinquency** rate, (2) **delinquency** in payment

The increase in juvenile **delinquency** is a growing concern for the community.

delinquent

n. a person who regularly engages in minor criminal or antisocial activities, especially a young person; a person who has failed to neglect one's duty

synonym : offender, lawbreaker, criminal

(1) a juvenile **delinquent**, (2) **delinquent** payments

The high rate of **delinquents** in the community has led to increased crime.

admittedly

adv. used to acknowledge a fact or statement, often one that weakens or contradicts an argument or opinion; concededly

synonym : notably, honestly, truly

(1) **admittedly** true, (2) **admittedly** controversial

The book was **admittedly** difficult to follow but still worth reading.

shove

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

synonym : push, jab, elbow

(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my mouth

He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.

notepad

n. (also scratchpad) a small pad of paper or a digital device used for taking notes

synonym : notebook, memo pad, scratch pad

(1) digital **notepad**, (2) small **notepad**

I always keep a **notepad** and pen in my bag to jot down ideas throughout the day.

outermost

adj. farthest from the center or the inside; located on or relating to the outer part or surface of something

synonym : outer, extreme, farthest

(1) **outermost** boundary, (2) **outermost** shell

The **outermost** layer of the planet's atmosphere is extremely thin.

monk

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym: friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

bipolar

adj. of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness

(1) **bipolar** depression, (2) a **bipolar** semiconductor

The physician prescribed medication to treat **bipolar** disorder.

temper

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

synonym: mood, disposition, nature

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

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

tantrum

n. an outburst of anger or frustration, typically characterized by yelling, crying, or other emotional displays

synonym: outburst, fit, explosion

(1) throw a **tantrum**, (2) temper **tantrum**

The toddler had a **tantrum** and refused to take a nap.

witchcraft

n. the practice of using magical or supernatural powers or abilities to influence events or people, often used to describe ancient, mystical, or pagan practices

synonym: sorcery, magic, wizardry

(1) **witchcraft** belief, (2) the power of **witchcraft**

Many people were accused of **witchcraft** during the Salem Witch Trials in the late 1600s.

indefinitely

adv. without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time

synonym : endlessly, permanently, perpetually

(1) postpone a meeting **indefinitely**, (2) **indefinitely** suspended

The construction project has been delayed **indefinitely** due to the pandemic.

recidivism

n. the act of repeating or relapsing into criminal or unwanted behavior or patterns, often after a while away from such actions

synonym : relapse, reoffense

(1) **recidivism** rate, (2) juvenile **recidivism**

The government's efforts to reduce **recidivism** among former prisoners have been largely unsuccessful.

ominous

adj. giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding

synonym : foreboding, portentous, ominous

(1) an **ominous** silence, (2) **ominous** sign

The **ominous** clouds in the sky foretold of an approaching storm.

fracas

n. a noisy disturbance, quarrel, or brawl; a chaotic or disorderly situation characterized by loud and aggressive behavior

synonym : argument, brawl, melee

(1) violent **fracas**, (2) drunken **fracas**

The public outcry over the controversial decision led to chaotic **fracas** outside the courthouse.

Session 2: Spelling

1. gen_____ze sophisticatedly *v.* to make something, such as a theory, idea, etc., more widespread or widely applicable based on what is true in some cases
2. postpone a meeting ind_____ely *adv.* without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time
3. peregrine fa____n *n.* a bird of prey characterized by its sharp talons and hooked beak; typically having a long tail and wingspan and known for its swift and agile flight
4. bridle my te____r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
5. ou_____st shell *adj.* farthest from the center or the inside; located on or relating to the outer part or surface of something
6. an____y detection *n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
7. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
8. sn__f the perfume *v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath

ANSWERS: 1. generalize, 2. indefinitely, 3. falcon, 4. temper, 5. outermost, 6. anomaly, 7. frightening, 8. sniff

9. eff_____te voice *adj.* having qualities or characteristics traditionally associated with women, especially delicacy, softness, and a lack of strength or assertiveness
10. g__b response *adj.* fluent and shallow in speech or conversation; confidently and slickly persuasive or superficially knowledgeable; characterized by superficial ease or insincerity
11. in_____ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
12. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
13. start to hal_____te *v.* to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use
14. pa_____et in English *n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
15. pe__h cobbler *n.* juicy, sweet fruit with fuzzy, pinkish-yellow skin; a person or thing that is particularly pleasing or attractive
16. man_____ive behavior *adj.* characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner

ANSWERS: 9. effeminate, 10. glib, 11. intrigue, 12. empathy, 13. hallucinate, 14. pamphlet, 15. peach, 16. manipulative

17. cat_____ze the image *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
18. small no_____d *n.* (also scratchpad) a small pad of paper or a digital device used for taking notes
19. hal_____te with drug *v.* to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use
20. global temperature an_____y *n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
21. fa____n feathers *n.* a bird of prey characterized by its sharp talons and hooked beak; typically having a long tail and wingspan and known for its swift and agile flight
22. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
23. fe_____ss attitude *adj.* having no fear; brave
24. re_____e of conscience *n.* a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done
25. a hasty te____r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
26. debunking pse_____nce *n.* a belief or practice that is presented as scientific but lacks supporting evidence or is contradicted by scientific evidence; a system of beliefs or practices that is not based on scientific principles

ANSWERS: 17. categorize, 18. notepad, 19. hallucinate, 20. anomaly, 21. falcon, 22. misunderstand, 23. fearless, 24. remorse, 25. temper, 26. pseudoscience

27. change t__k *n.* a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place
28. full of em____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
29. ca_____e on the battlefield *n.* the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way
30. app_____ce carpenter *n.* a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves
31. va___h into thin air *v.* disappear or stop being present or existing suddenly and completely
32. a pr_____ry bird *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
33. brutal ca_____e *n.* the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way
34. use a ch_____aw *n.* a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects

ANSWERS: 27. tack, 28. empathy, 29. carnage, 30. apprentice, 31. vanish, 32. predatory, 33. carnage, 34. chainsaw

35. out_____ch a hand *v.* to stretch out one's body, limbs, or arms to their furthest extent; to extend something so that it exceeds a certain limit or boundary
36. ad__t at fishing *adj.* having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult
37. a do___e patient *adj.* easily controlled or managed, or willing to be led or instructed
38. out_____ch my patience *v.* to stretch out one's body, limbs, or arms to their furthest extent; to extend something so that it exceeds a certain limit or boundary
39. sup_____al knowledge *adj.* existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely
40. juvenile rec_____sm *n.* the act of repeating or relapsing into criminal or unwanted behavior or patterns, often after a while away from such actions
41. for a s__e reason *adj.* mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
42. answer in a wh_____r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
43. psy_____ry therapy *n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
44. man_____ive language *adj.* characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner

ANSWERS: 35. outstretch, 36. adept, 37. docile, 38. outstretch, 39. superficial, 40. recidivism, 41. sane, 42. whisper, 43. psychiatry, 44. manipulative

45. ce____te relationship *n.* a person with whom one shares a prison cell or room
46. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
47. cu__y seat *adj.* comfortable, easy, and lacking hardship or effort; undemanding; luxurious
48. bu____ee pollination *n.* a large, furry bee with black and yellow bands on its body that is known for its loud buzzing sound and its important role in pollinating plants
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ANSWERS: 45. cellmate, 46. trait, 47. cushy, 48. bumblebee, 49. generalize, 50. hare, 51. glib, 52. admittedly, 53. intrigue

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61. rec_____sm rate *n.* the act of repeating or relapsing into criminal or unwanted behavior or patterns, often after a while away from such actions
62. lazy y__n *v.* to involuntarily open one's mouth wide and exhale due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen; (noun) an involuntary reflex act of opening one's mouth wide and inhaling deeply due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen

ANSWERS: 54. sane, 55. apprentice, 56. peach, 57. pseudoscience, 58. cliché, 59. tantrum, 60. psychiatry, 61. recidivism, 62. yawn

63. man_____ion of a deeper problem
n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
64. sh__e a person aside
v. to push someone or something in a rough way
65. propaganda pa_____et
n. a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
66. va___h amid the crowd
v. disappear or stop being present or existing suddenly and completely
67. no_____al communication
adj. not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language
68. computer-con_____ble
adj. able to be controlled or directed
69. cl___e plot
n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
70. ru_____ss brutality
adj. lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
71. a juvenile del_____nt
n. a person who regularly engages in minor criminal or antisocial activities, especially a young person; a person who has failed to neglect one's duty
72. experienced cl_____an
n. a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients

ANSWERS: 63. manifestation, 64. shove, 65. pamphlet, 66. vanish, 67. nonverbal, 68. controllable, 69. cliché, 70. ruthless, 71. delinquent, 72. clinician

73. cloistered m__k *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
74. no_____al signal *adj.* not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language
75. make a gr_____se claim *adj.* impressive or grand in size, appearance, or manner, especially in an exaggerated or pompous way
76. del_____cy in payment *n.* a failure to fulfill one's duties or obligations, especially those imposed by law or societal norms; a tendency to engage in illegal or socially unacceptable behavior
77. ad__t in handicrafts *adj.* having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult
78. seemingly do___e animal *adj.* easily controlled or managed, or willing to be led or instructed
79. show ru_____ss behavior *adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
80. ou_____st boundary *adj.* farthest from the center or the inside; located on or relating to the outer part or surface of something
81. temporary ce_____te *n.* a person with whom one shares a prison cell or room

ANSWERS: 73. monk, 74. nonverbal, 75. grandiose, 76. delinquency, 77. adept, 78. docile, 79. ruthless, 80. outermost, 81. cellmate

82. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
83. adm_____ly controversial *adv.* used to acknowledge a fact or statement, often one that weakens or contradicts an argument or opinion; concededly
84. VIP bo_____rd *n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
85. mis_____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
86. digital no_____d *n.* (also scratchpad) a small pad of paper or a digital device used for taking notes
87. a bi_____r semiconductor *adj.* of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness
88. st_____le economic growth *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
89. high levels of psy_____hic traits *adj.* relating to or suffering from a serious, and often undiagnosed, mental disorder with extreme or violent social behavior
90. cu__y lifestyle *adj.* comfortable, easy, and lacking hardship or effort; undemanding; luxurious
91. an om_____s silence *adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
92. man_____ion of psychological stress *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

ANSWERS: 82. frightening, 83. admittedly, 84. bodyguard, 85. misunderstand, 86. notepad, 87. bipolar, 88. strangle, 89. psychopathic, 90. cushy, 91. ominous, 92. manifestation

93. protecting bu_____ees *n.* a large, furry bee with black and yellow bands on its body that is known for its loud buzzing sound and its important role in pollinating plants
94. sn__f the air *v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
95. cat_____ze the cause of failure *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
96. t__k to the refrigerator door *n.* a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place
97. drunken fr___s *n.* a noisy disturbance, quarrel, or brawl; a chaotic or disorderly situation characterized by loud and aggressive behavior
98. m__k lifestyle *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
99. eff_____te gestures *adj.* having qualities or characteristics traditionally associated with women, especially delicacy, softness, and a lack of strength or assertiveness
100. known mal_____er *n.* a person who pretends or exaggerates illness, incapacity, or injury, often to avoid work, duty, or responsibility

ANSWERS: 93. bumblebee, 94. sniff, 95. categorize, 96. tack, 97. fracas, 98. monk, 99. effeminate, 100. malingerer

101. violent fr___s *n.* a noisy disturbance, quarrel, or brawl; a chaotic or disorderly situation characterized by loud and aggressive behavior
102. psy_____hic issues *adj.* relating to or suffering from a serious, and often undiagnosed, mental disorder with extreme or violent social behavior
103. sharpen a ch_____aw *n.* a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects
104. fe_____ss bravery *adj.* having no fear; brave
105. om_____s sign *adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
106. cu_____g plan *adj.* clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily
107. from a cl_____an's perspective *n.* a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients
108. 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
109. gr_____se project *adj.* impressive or grand in size, appearance, or manner, especially in an exaggerated or pompous way
110. bi_____r depression *adj.* of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness

ANSWERS: 101. fracas, 102. psychopathic, 103. chainsaw, 104. fearless, 105. ominous, 106. cunning, 107. clinician, 108. determinant, 109. grandiose, 110. bipolar

111. psy_____th tendencies *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
112. temper ta_____m *n.* an outburst of anger or frustration, typically characterized by yelling, crying, or other emotional displays
113. elite bo_____rd unit *n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
114. ind_____ely suspended *adv.* without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time
115. del_____nt payments *n.* a person who regularly engages in minor criminal or antisocial activities, especially a young person; a person who has failed to neglect one's duty
116. violent psy_____th *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
117. st_____le a cry *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
118. wit_____ft belief *n.* the practice of using magical or supernatural powers or abilities to influence events or people, often used to describe ancient, mystical, or pagan practices

ANSWERS: 111. psychopath, 112. tantrum, 113. bodyguard, 114. indefinitely, 115. delinquent, 116. psychopath, 117. strangle, 118. witchcraft

119. del_____cy rate *n.* a failure to fulfill one's duties or obligations, especially those imposed by law or societal norms; a tendency to engage in illegal or socially unacceptable behavior
120. pr_____ry warfare *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
121. the wh_____r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
122. sh__e hamburger into my mouth *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
123. con_____ble aircraft *adj.* able to be controlled or directed
124. y__n in sleepiness *v.* to involuntarily open one's mouth wide and exhale due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen; (noun) an involuntary reflex act of opening one's mouth wide and inhaling deeply due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen
125. al__f attitude *adj.* emotionally detached or reserved; distant or uninvolved in personal relationships or social interactions; standing apart from others
126. keep al__f *adj.* emotionally detached or reserved; distant or uninvolved in personal relationships or social interactions; standing apart from others
127. pi_____pe suit *n.* a thin, usually colored stripe or narrow line pattern, often found on fabric, clothing, or objects, commonly associated with formal wear, particularly suits

ANSWERS: 119. delinquency, 120. predatory, 121. whisper, 122. shove, 123. controllable, 124. yawn, 125. aloof, 126. aloof, 127. pinstripe

128. sup_____al wound *adj.* existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely
129. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
130. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
131. h__e hunting *n.* a fast-running mammal with long ears and a short tail that closely resembles a rabbit but is larger and has longer hind legs
132. pi_____pe shirt *n.* a thin, usually colored stripe or narrow line pattern, often found on fabric, clothing, or objects, commonly associated with formal wear, particularly suits
133. sincere re_____e *n.* a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done
134. potential mal_____ers *n.* a person who pretends or exaggerates illness, incapacity, or injury, often to avoid work, duty, or responsibility
135. the power of wit_____ft *n.* the practice of using magical or supernatural powers or abilities to influence events or people, often used to describe ancient, mystical, or pagan practices
136. cu_____g thief *adj.* clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily

ANSWERS: 128. superficial, 129. trait, 130. determinant, 131. hare, 132. pinstripe, 133. remorse, 134. malingerer, 135. witchcraft, 136. cunning

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.
 - v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

2. He took on an _____ to teach him the trade.
 - n. a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves

3. The increase in juvenile _____ is a growing concern for the community.
 - n. a failure to fulfill one's duties or obligations, especially those imposed by law or societal norms; a tendency to engage in illegal or socially unacceptable behavior

4. The toddler had a _____ and refused to take a nap.
 - n. an outburst of anger or frustration, typically characterized by yelling, crying, or other emotional displays

5. Two months later, my tumor _____ utterly.
 - v. disappear or stop being present or existing suddenly and completely

6. Sleep-deprived people gradually lose their concentration and may _____.
 - v. to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use

7. The dog stopped to _____ around the tree, looking for something interesting.
 - v. to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath

ANSWERS: 1. whispered, 2. apprentice, 3. delinquency, 4. tantrum, 5. vanished, 6. hallucinate, 7. sniff

8. The physician prescribed medication to treat _____ disorder.
adj. of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness
9. It's dangerous to _____ about people.
v. to make something, such as a theory, idea, etc., more widespread or widely applicable based on what is true in some cases
10. The field of _____ is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.
n. the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
11. Despite the difficult circumstances, he remained _____.
adj. mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
12. Her job was _____ and comfortable, with little pressure or stress.
adj. comfortable, easy, and lacking hardship or effort; undemanding; luxurious
13. The farmer noticed a group of _____ had been eating his vegetables, so he put up a fence to keep them out.
n. a fast-running mammal with long ears and a short tail that closely resembles a rabbit but is larger and has longer hind legs
14. The domesticated cat still has its _____ instincts.
adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
15. The government's efforts to reduce _____ among former prisoners have been largely unsuccessful.
n. the act of repeating or relapsing into criminal or unwanted behavior or patterns, often after a while away from such actions

ANSWERS: 8. bipolar, 9. generalize, 10. psychiatry, 11. sane, 12. cushy, 13. hares, 14. predatory, 15. recidivism

16. The celebrity hired a personal _____ to protect them from the paparazzi.
- n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
17. The _____ layer of the planet's atmosphere is extremely thin.
- adj.* farthest from the center or the inside; located on or relating to the outer part or surface of something
18. The prisoner requested a transfer to a different _____ due to conflicts.
- n.* a person with whom one shares a prison cell or room
19. The detective identified the _____ who had been terrorizing the city for months.
- n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
20. I always keep a _____ and pen in my bag to jot down ideas throughout the day.
- n.* (also scratchpad) a small pad of paper or a digital device used for taking notes
21. The high rate of _____ in the community has led to increased crime.
- n.* a person who regularly engages in minor criminal or antisocial activities, especially a young person; a person who has failed to neglect one's duty
22. The killer used his hands to _____ his victim.
- v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
23. I always remember that event with bitter _____.
- n.* a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done

ANSWERS: 16. bodyguard, 17. outermost, 18. cellmate, 19. psychopath, 20. notepad, 21. delinquents, 22. strangle, 23. remorse

24. The book was _____ difficult to follow but still worth reading.
adv. used to acknowledge a fact or statement, often one that weakens or contradicts an argument or opinion; concededly
25. The new software is much more _____ and user-friendly.
adj. able to be controlled or directed
26. The supervisor was always wary of the occasional _____ trying to avoid a full day's work.
n. a person who pretends or exaggerates illness, incapacity, or injury, often to avoid work, duty, or responsibility
27. He couldn't help but _____ during the long and boring presentation.
v. to involuntarily open one's mouth wide and exhale due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen; (noun) an involuntary reflex act of opening one's mouth wide and inhaling deeply due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen
28. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.
adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
29. The yoga instructor instructed the class to _____ their arms and breathe deeply into the stretch.
v. to stretch out one's body, limbs, or arms to their furthest extent; to extend something so that it exceeds a certain limit or boundary
30. He is going to play a _____ killer in this movie.
adj. relating to or suffering from a serious, and often undiagnosed, mental disorder with extreme or violent social behavior

ANSWERS: 24. admittedly, 25. controllable, 26. malingerer, 27. yawn, 28. frightening, 29. outstretch, 30. psychopathic

31. The _____ dog followed its owner's commands.
adj. easily controlled or managed, or willing to be led or instructed
32. 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
33. Many people were accused of _____ during the Salem Witch Trials in the late 1600s.
n. the practice of using magical or supernatural powers or abilities to influence events or people, often used to describe ancient, mystical, or pagan practices
34. The battlefield was filled with _____ a terrible reminder of the horrors of war.
n. the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way
35. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.
n. a particular feature of your nature
36. 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
37. Many communication skills rely on _____ cues such as body language and facial expressions.
adj. not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language
38. The lumberjack used his _____ to chop through the tree's thick trunk.
n. a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects

ANSWERS: 31. docile, 32. determinant, 33. witchcraft, 34. carnage, 35. traits, 36. manifestation, 37. nonverbal, 38. chainsaw

39. The _____ of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.
- n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
40. The sudden drop in the stock market was an _____ that puzzled many investors.
- n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
41. His suit was adorned with a subtle _____ pattern, adding a touch of elegance to his attire.
- n.* a thin, usually colored stripe or narrow line pattern, often found on fabric, clothing, or objects, commonly associated with formal wear, particularly suits
42. The _____ keen eyesight makes it an excellent hunter.
- n.* a bird of prey characterized by its sharp talons and hooked beak; typically having a long tail and wingspan and known for its swift and agile flight
43. The sound of the _____ wings was soothing to listen to.
- n.* a large, furry bee with black and yellow bands on its body that is known for its loud buzzing sound and its important role in pollinating plants
44. She is highly _____ with medical equipment.
- adj.* having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult
45. The _____ cat refused to cuddle with its owner.
- adj.* emotionally detached or reserved; distant or uninvolved in personal relationships or social interactions; standing apart from others

ANSWERS: 39. temper, 40. anomaly, 41. pinstripe, 42. falcon's, 43. bumblebee's, 44. adept, 45. aloof

46. He was accused of being _____ when he lied to his friends to get what he wanted.

adj. characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner

47. Some _____ believe that psychological characteristics alone may cause mental disorders.

n. a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients

48. His _____ mannerisms made others question his masculinity.

adj. having qualities or characteristics traditionally associated with women, especially delicacy, softness, and a lack of strength or assertiveness

49. The idea that certain crystals have healing powers is considered _____ by the scientific community.

n. a belief or practice that is presented as scientific but lacks supporting evidence or is contradicted by scientific evidence; a system of beliefs or practices that is not based on scientific principles

50. The biologist _____ the viruses into four groups.

v. to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.

51. The journalist's _____ reporting should have captured the full scope of the issue.

adj. existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely

52. The _____ mansion was a testament to the family's wealth and status.

adj. impressive or grand in size, appearance, or manner, especially in an exaggerated or pompous way

ANSWERS: 46. manipulative, 47. clinicians, 48. effeminate, 49. pseudoscience, 50. categorized, 51. superficial, 52. grandiose

53. He forcibly _____ the flyer into my bag.

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

54. I need to change the _____ of the sailboat to avoid hitting the rocks.

n. a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place

55. The public outcry over the controversial decision led to chaotic _____ outside the courthouse.

n. a noisy disturbance, quarrel, or brawl; a chaotic or disorderly situation characterized by loud and aggressive behavior

56. The ascetic _____ spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

57. The _____ clouds in the sky foretold of an approaching storm.

adj. giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding

58. The artist's innovative style of work _____ me.

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

59. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

60. The _____ firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

adj. having no fear; brave

ANSWERS: 53. shoved, 54. tack, 55. fracas, 56. monk, 57. ominous, 58. intrigues, 59. misunderstand, 60. fearless

61. The _____ fox managed to elude the hunters and escape with his prey.
adj. clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily
62. His _____ explanation of the complex topic could have convinced the audience.
adj. fluent and shallow in speech or conversation; confidently and slickly persuasive or superficially knowledgeable; characterized by superficial ease or insincerity
63. The political organization handed out _____ to raise awareness about their cause.
n. a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
64. The _____ tree in my backyard produced a bountiful harvest this year.
n. juicy, sweet fruit with fuzzy, pinkish-yellow skin; a person or thing that is particularly pleasing or attractive
65. The dictator was known for his _____ tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.
adj. lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
66. The construction project has been delayed _____ due to the pandemic.
adv. without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time
67. Using the same _____ phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.
n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
68. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 61. cunning, 62. glib, 63. pamphlets, 64. peach, 65. ruthless, 66. indefinitely, 67. cliché, 68. Empathy

ANSWERS: