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Session 1: Word List

unnatural

adj. not in accordance with the normal or natural order or not normal, typical, or expected

synonym: abnormal, bizarre, artificial

(1) **unnatural** death, (2) **unnatural** disaster

The **unnatural** growth of the city has disrupted wildlife habitats.

laureate

n. a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

(1) Oscar **laureate**, (2) poet **laureate**

The Nobel **laureate** delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.

animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

synonym: invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

disastrous

adj. extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

synonym : catastrophic, destructive, fatal

(1) have **disastrous** consequences, (2) absolutely **disastrous** effect

The emission of hazardous substances has **disastrous** effects on the ecology of a region.

relent

v. to soften or become less severe, particularly in response to pressure or persuasion; to abandon a harsh or demanding attitude or stance

synonym : yield, soften, give in

(1) **relent** to pressure, (2) don't **relent** until late in the evening

The team refused to **relent** even after falling three points behind.

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym : bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

loon

n. a large migratory bird, typically having a haunting cry and known for its diving and swimming abilities; (an offensive word) a foolish or crazy person

synonym : fool, lunatic

(1) **loon** call, (2) wild **loon**

We spotted a common **loon** swimming gracefully in the lake.

muse

n. a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists

synonym : source of inspiration, minstrel, versifier

(1) **muse** inspiration, (2) creative **muse**

She gazed out the window, deep in thought, as if waiting for her **muse** to strike.

billboard

n. a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads

synonym : hoarding, signboard, advertisement

(1) **billboard** advertising, (2) digital **billboard**

The new **billboard** on the highway promotes a popular vacation destination.

deflect

v. to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone

synonym : deter, redirect, sidetrack

(1) **deflect** a blow, (2) **deflect** his criticism

The soccer player was able to **deflect** the ball away from the goal.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

narration

n. the act or process of telling a story; the relating of a story or account

synonym : story-telling, recital, account

(1) **narration** of events, (2) exaggerate in **narration**

His **narration** of the story was engaging and captivating.

snout

n. the nose and mouth of an animal, especially when protruding or prominently featured

synonym : nose, muzzle, bill

(1) dig with the **snout**, (2) short **snouts**

The pig's **snout** was wet and covered in mud.

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.

ceaseless

adj. without stopping, pausing, or resting; persistent and unending

synonym : endless, unending, perpetual

(1) **ceaseless** rain, (2) **ceaseless** chatter

The **ceaseless** noise from the construction site kept me up all night.

grub

n. the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously

synonym : larva, food, chow

(1) cook up some **grubs**, (2) **grub** for potatoes

The garden was infested with beetle **grubs**, causing damage to the plant roots.

plaid

n. a pattern of intersecting horizontal and vertical stripes of different colors and widths, usually in a checkered pattern, and typically seen on textiles like blankets and clothing

synonym : tartan, check, pattern

(1) **plaid-patterned** wallpaper, (2) **plaid** skirt

He wore a **plaid** shirt to the picnic, which gave him a rustic

look.

writ *n.* a written legal order or command
synonym : legal document, order, legal process
(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**
He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

dutiful *adj.* motivated by a sense of duty or obligation; willingly and conscientiously fulfilling one's responsibilities or obligations
synonym : obedient, compliant, responsible
(1) **dutiful** obedience, (2) **dutiful** employee
The secretary was appreciated for her **dutiful** service and organization in the office.

slogan *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
synonym : catchphrase, tagline, motto
(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**
The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

motionless *adj.* without movement or motion; completely still
synonym : still, immobile, static
(1) **motionless** figure, (2) **motionless** body
The wounded soldier lay **motionless** on the battlefield waiting for medical attention.

rib *n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
synonym : costa
(1) brake a **rib**, (2) **rib** cage

The accident caused a cracked **rib**.

stride

v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

synonym: step, walk, march

(1) **stride** across a room, (2) **stride** down a slope

She **strides** confidently across the stage to accept her award.

poetic

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

synonym: literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

amnesia

n. a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness

synonym: forgetfulness, blackout, memory loss

(1) childhood **amnesia**, (2) **amnesia** by trauma

The accident caused her to suffer from temporary **amnesia**, and she couldn't remember anything that happened before the collision.

obedient

adj. willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do

synonym: compliant, submissive, dutiful

(1) grow to be **obedient**, (2) **obedient** dog

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

heartbreak

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

synonym: grief, sorrow, bitterness

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

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

hemisphere

n. half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere

(1) northern **hemisphere**, (2) cerebral **hemisphere**

This weather pattern is unique to the southern **hemisphere**.

quadrate

n. a square-shaped object or area

synonym: square, rectangle, block

(1) **quadrate** shape, (2) **quadrate** ligament

The scientist examined the **quadrate** bone to determine the species of dinosaur it came from.

memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym: learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

poise

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

synonym: confidence, grace, calmness

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

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

lurk

v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

synonym: hide, creep, stalk

(1) **lurked** behind the words, (2) **lurk** in the darkness

In the city, the risk of traffic accidents **lurks** at every corner.

spleen

n. a large, blood-rich organ located in the upper left region of the abdomen, known for its role in the immune system, blood storage, and blood filtration

synonym: lien, irascibility, temper

(1) **spleen** function, (2) enlarged **spleen**

The doctor explained that the pain in her abdomen was

caused by **spleen** inflammation.

oblivion

n. the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence

synonym: limbo, forgetfulness, unawareness

(1) vanish into **oblivion**, (2) drunken **oblivion**

The author's work was forgotten and fell into **oblivion** after his death.

lore

n. traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature

synonym: mythology, legend, tradition

(1) military **lore**, (2) mythological **lore**

The village's **lore** passed down stories of their ancestors and their traditions.

etiquette

n. a set of rules and norms governing polite and proper behavior in social situations or professional contexts

synonym: protocol, manners, decorum

(1) email **etiquette**, (2) breach of **etiquette**

It's important to follow proper **etiquette** when attending a formal dinner.

stow

v. to pack or store something safely and securely, especially on a ship or aircraft; to hide or conceal something

synonym: store, pack, stash

(1) **stow** all electronic, (2) **stow** away goods

Please **stow** your luggage in the overhead compartment before takeoff.

whisk

v. to move something somewhere suddenly and quickly

synonym: whip, hasten, wipe

(1) **whisk** flies away, (2) **whisk** people from entrance to exit

Whisk rapidly until egg whites are foamy.

hew

v. to chop or cut something, particularly wood, with an ax or other tool; to shape, carve, or form something using a sharp tool

synonym : cut, chop, carve

(1) **hew** my way through effort, (2) **hew** out a cave

He used a chisel to **hew** the wood into the shape of a bird.

flare

v. to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface

synonym : blaze, ignite, light up

(1) **flare** up into a major crisis, (2) the **flare** of a match

The Sun **flared** and caused a sudden brightening in the sky.

torch

n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

synonym : flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

druid

n. a member of an ancient Celtic order of priests, often associated with nature worship and divination

synonym : pagan, shaman, spiritualist

(1) **druid** ritual, (2) **druid** priestess

The ancient **druids** believed in the power of nature and conducted rituals to honor it.

illuminating

adj. making something clear or easy to understand; providing light

synonym : enlightening, informative, clarifying

(1) **illuminating** light, (2) an **illuminating** answer

The lecture was **illuminating** and gave me a new perspective on the topic.

blazing

adj. burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive

synonym : burning, fiery, scorching

(1) **blazing** fury, (2) **blazing** fire

The **blazing** sun beat down on the desert.

inhabitant

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

synonym : dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax

His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

eulogy

n. a speech or writing in praise of someone who has died, typically given at a funeral or memorial service

synonym : tribute, praise, commendation

(1) **eulogy** speech, (2) deliver **eulogy**

The pastor's **eulogy** touched everyone's heart and brought many to tears.

afterlife

n. life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions

synonym : eternal life, immortality, hereafter

(1) **afterlife** name, (2) corporate **afterlife**

The belief in an **afterlife** comforted those mourning the loss of their loved ones.

gratify

v. to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite

synonym : please, satisfy, fulfill

(1) **gratify** desires, (2) **gratify** curiosity

I always try to **gratify** my boss by achieving the sales target every month.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

oar *n.* a pole with a flat blade at one end used for rowing a boat through the water
synonym : paddle, row, scull

(1) sculling **oar**, (2) wooden **oar**

The rowing team coordinated their **oars** to move through the water smoothly.

schlep *v.* to carry or drag something heavy or awkward; to travel a long distance with difficulty or effort; to behave in a sluggish or unenthusiastic manner
synonym : haul, lug, drag

(1) **schlep** groceries, (2) **schlep** through airport

I had to **schlep** all my luggage up four flights to my hotel room.

garland *n.* a wreath or chain made of flowers, leaves, or other decorative materials, often used for ornamentation or to honor someone or something; a prize or award given in the form of a wreath or chain
synonym : wreath, chaplet, coronet

(1) **garland** of beads, (2) **garland** of lights

The bride wore a beautiful **garland** of flowers around her neck.

pascal *n.* a unit of pressure in the International System of Units (SI) named after the French mathematician and physicist Blaise Pascal, which equals one newton per square meter; the name of a high-level programming language developed in the 1970s
synonym : Pa, unit of pressure

(1) 980 hecto **pascals**, (2) pressure conditions from 100 to 1600 **pascals**

Meteorologists recorded a sudden drop in air pressure to 980 hecto **pascals**, signaling the approach of a storm.

blossom

n. the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

synonym: flower, bloom, bud

(1) apple **blossom**, (2) **blossom** garden

The cherry **blossom** trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

behead

v. to cut off the head of a person or animal

synonym: decapitate, execute, chop off

(1) **behead** a prisoner, (2) **behead** several hostages

The king ordered the executioner to **behead** the traitor.

symphony

n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

synonym: orchestra, harmony, concert

(1) a **symphony** orchestra, (2) a beautiful **symphony**

The frequent performances of the **symphony** prove its popularity.

youngster

n. a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development

synonym: child, youth, adolescent

(1) **youngster** education, (2) teenage **youngster**

The little **youngster** couldn't wait to open their birthday presents.

Session 2: Spelling

1. wild l__n *n.* a large migratory bird, typically having a haunting cry and known for its diving and swimming abilities; (an offensive word) a foolish or crazy person

2. ga____d of beads *n.* a wreath or chain made of flowers, leaves, or other decorative materials, often used for ornamentation or to honor someone or something; a prize or award given in the form of a wreath or chain

3. ease her hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

4. gr____y curiosity *v.* to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite

5. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

6. 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

7. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 1. loon, 2. garland, 3. heartbreak, 4. gratify, 5. pretension, 6. sniff, 7. rev

8. hu____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
9. bl____m garden *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
10. military l__e *n.* traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature
11. don't re___t until late in the evening *v.* to soften or become less severe, particularly in response to pressure or persuasion; to abandon a harsh or demanding attitude or stance
12. brake a r_b *n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
13. digital bi_____rd *n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
14. short sn__ts *n.* the nose and mouth of an animal, especially when protruding or prominently featured
15. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

ANSWERS: 8. humming, 9. blossom, 10. lore, 11. relent, 12. rib, 13. billboard, 14. snout, 15. broth

16. am____a by trauma *n.* a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness
17. sc___p through airport *v.* to carry or drag something heavy or awkward; to travel a long distance with difficulty or effort; to behave in a sluggish or unenthusiastic manner
18. cook up some g__bs *n.* the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously
19. du____l employee *adj.* motivated by a sense of duty or obligation; willingly and conscientiously fulfilling one's responsibilities or obligations
20. un_____al death *adj.* not in accordance with the normal or natural order or not normal, typical, or expected
21. s__w all electronic *v.* to pack or store something safely and securely, especially on a ship or aircraft; to hide or conceal something
22. po___c genius *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
23. 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: 16. amnesia, 17. schlep, 18. grub, 19. dutiful, 20. unnatural, 21. stow, 22. poetic, 23. sniff

24. pl__d-patterned wallpaper *n.* a pattern of intersecting horizontal and vertical stripes of different colors and widths, usually in a checkered pattern, and typically seen on textiles like blankets and clothing
25. drunken ob____on *n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence
26. sculling o_r *n.* a pole with a flat blade at one end used for rowing a boat through the water
27. bi____rd advertising *n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
28. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
29. dr__d priestess *n.* a member of an ancient Celtic order of priests, often associated with nature worship and divination
30. 980 hectopa___ls *n.* a unit of pressure in the International System of Units (SI) named after the French mathematician and physicist Blaise Pascal, which equals one newton per square meter; the name of a high-level programming language developed in the 1970s
31. m__e inspiration *n.* a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists

ANSWERS: 24. plaid, 25. oblivion, 26. oar, 27. billboard, 28. writ, 29. druid, 30. pascal, 31. muse

32. r_b cage *n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
33. chicken br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
34. childhood am____a *n.* a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness
35. deliver eu___y *n.* a speech or writing in praise of someone who has died, typically given at a funeral or memorial service
36. af_____fe name *n.* life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions
37. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
38. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
39. email et_____te *n.* a set of rules and norms governing polite and proper behavior in social situations or professional contexts
40. de_____t a blow *v.* to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone
41. ob_____nt dog *adj.* willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do

ANSWERS: 32. rib, 33. broth, 34. amnesia, 35. eulogy, 36. afterlife, 37. pretension, 38. humming, 39. etiquette, 40. deflect, 41. obedient

42. dig with the sn__t *n.* the nose and mouth of an animal, especially when protruding or prominently featured
43. grow to be ob____nt *adj.* willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do
44. creative m__e *n.* a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists
45. po___c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
46. enlarged sp___n *n.* a large, blood-rich organ located in the upper left region of the abdomen, known for its role in the immune system, blood storage, and blood filtration
47. g__b for potatoes *n.* the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously
48. cerebral hem_____re *n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
49. the to__h of learning *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
50. northern hem_____re *n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere

ANSWERS: 42. snout, 43. obedient, 44. muse, 45. poetic, 46. spleen, 47. grub, 48. hemisphere, 49. torch, 50. hemisphere

51. mythological l__e *n.* traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature
52. a sy____ny orchestra *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
53. be____d several hostages *v.* to cut off the head of a person or animal
54. l__k in the darkness *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
55. advertising sl____n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
56. vanish into ob____on *n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence
57. fl__e up into a major crisis *v.* to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface
58. s__w away goods *v.* to pack or store something safely and securely, especially on a ship or aircraft; to hide or conceal something

ANSWERS: 51. lore, 52. symphony, 53. behead, 54. lurk, 55. slogan, 56. oblivion, 57. flare, 58. stow

59. be___d a prisoner *v.* to cut off the head of a person or animal
60. ga____d of lights *n.* a wreath or chain made of flowers, leaves, or other decorative materials, often used for ornamentation or to honor someone or something; a prize or award given in the form of a wreath or chain
61. an____e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
62. st___e down a slope *v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
63. gr____y desires *v.* to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite
64. sc___p groceries *v.* to carry or drag something heavy or awkward; to travel a long distance with difficulty or effort; to behave in a sluggish or unenthusiastic manner
65. pressure conditions from 100 to 1600 pa___ls *n.* a unit of pressure in the International System of Units (SI) named after the French mathematician and physicist Blaise Pascal, which equals one newton per square meter; the name of a high-level programming language developed in the 1970s
66. ce____ss rain *adj.* without stopping, pausing, or resting; persistent and unending

ANSWERS: 59. behead, 60. garland, 61. animate, 62. stride, 63. gratify, 64. schlep, 65. pascal, 66. ceaseless

67. Oscar la____te *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
68. l__n call *n.* a large migratory bird, typically having a haunting cry and known for its diving and swimming abilities; (an offensive word) a foolish or crazy person
69. exaggerate in na_____on *n.* the act or process of telling a story; the relating of a story or account
70. inh_____nt tax *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
71. eu___y speech *n.* a speech or writing in praise of someone who has died, typically given at a funeral or memorial service
72. bl_____g fire *adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive
73. with easy po__e *n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior
74. dr__d ritual *n.* a member of an ancient Celtic order of priests, often associated with nature worship and divination
75. a beautiful sy_____ny *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

ANSWERS: 67. laureate, 68. loon, 69. narration, 70. inhabitant, 71. eulogy, 72. blazing, 73. poise, 74. druid, 75. symphony

76. breach of et_____te *n.* a set of rules and norms governing polite and proper behavior in social situations or professional contexts
77. wh__k flies away *v.* to move something somewhere suddenly and quickly
78. an ill_____ing answer *adj.* making something clear or easy to understand; providing light
79. poet la_____te *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
80. yo_____er education *n.* a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development
81. mot_____ss figure *adj.* without movement or motion; completely still
82. wh__k people from entrance to exit *v.* to move something somewhere suddenly and quickly
83. h_w my way through effort *v.* to chop or cut something, particularly wood, with an ax or other tool; to shape, carve, or form something using a sharp tool
84. have dis_____us consequences *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
85. try hard to me_____ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
86. absolutely dis_____us effect *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

ANSWERS: 76. etiquette, 77. whisk, 78. illuminating, 79. laureate, 80. youngster, 81. motionless, 82. whisk, 83. hew, 84. disastrous, 85. memorize, 86. disastrous

87. de____t his criticism *v.* to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone
88. pl__d skirt *n.* a pattern of intersecting horizontal and vertical stripes of different colors and widths, usually in a checkered pattern, and typically seen on textiles like blankets and clothing
89. go through hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
90. ill_____ing light *adj.* making something clear or easy to understand; providing light
91. me_____ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
92. qu_____te ligament *n.* a square-shaped object or area
93. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
94. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
95. qu_____te shape *n.* a square-shaped object or area
96. teenage yo_____er *n.* a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development
97. sp____n function *n.* a large, blood-rich organ located in the upper left region of the abdomen, known for its role in the immune system, blood storage, and blood filtration

ANSWERS: 87. deflect, 88. plaid, 89. heartbreak, 90. illuminating, 91. memorize, 92. quadrate, 93. writ, 94. rev, 95. quadrate, 96. youngster, 97. spleen

98. aesthetic po__e *n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior
99. bl_____g fury *adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive
100. catchy sl___n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
101. h_w out a cave *v.* to chop or cut something, particularly wood, with an ax or other tool; to shape, carve, or form something using a sharp tool
102. mot_____ss body *adj.* without movement or motion; completely still
103. ce_____ss chatter *adj.* without stopping, pausing, or resting; persistent and unending
104. un_____al disaster *adj.* not in accordance with the normal or natural order or not normal, typical, or expected
105. the fl__e of a match *v.* to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface
106. re___t to pressure *v.* to soften or become less severe, particularly in response to pressure or persuasion; to abandon a harsh or demanding attitude or stance
107. wooden o_r *n.* a pole with a flat blade at one end used for rowing a boat through the water

ANSWERS: 98. poise, 99. blazing, 100. slogan, 101. hew, 102. motionless, 103. ceaseless, 104. unnatural, 105. flare, 106. relent, 107. oar

108. I__ked behind the words *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
109. the early inh_____nts of Europe *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
110. st___e across a room *v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
111. apple bl_____m *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
112. na_____on of events *n.* the act or process of telling a story; the relating of a story or account
113. corporate af_____fe *n.* life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions
114. to__h song *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
115. an_____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
116. du_____l obedience *adj.* motivated by a sense of duty or obligation; willingly and conscientiously fulfilling one's responsibilities or obligations

ANSWERS: 108. lurk, 109. inhabitant, 110. stride, 111. blossom, 112. narration, 113. afterlife, 114. torch, 115. animate, 116. dutiful

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He took a deep breath and recovered a little of his _____.
n. a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior
2. The rowing team coordinated their _____ to move through the water smoothly.
n. a pole with a flat blade at one end used for rowing a boat through the water
3. Lawyers need to _____ even the most minor provisions of the law.
v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
4. The belief in an _____ comforted those mourning the loss of their loved ones.
n. life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions
5. This weather pattern is unique to the southern _____.
n. half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
6. The _____ growth of the city has disrupted wildlife habitats.
adj. not in accordance with the normal or natural order or not normal, typical, or expected
7. The village's _____ passed down stories of their ancestors and their traditions.
n. traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature
8. The Nobel _____ delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.
n. a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

ANSWERS: 1. poise, 2. oars, 3. memorize, 4. afterlife, 5. hemisphere, 6. unnatural, 7. lore, 8. laureate

9. The author's work was forgotten and fell into _____ after his death.
n. the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence
10. His family is the oldest _____ of the island.
n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
11. The garden was infested with beetle _____ causing damage to the plant roots.
n. the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously
12. She gazed out the window, deep in thought, as if waiting for her _____ to strike.
n. a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists
13. The _____ noise from the construction site kept me up all night.
adj. without stopping, pausing, or resting; persistent and unending
14. The company spent months researching and testing different brand _____ before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.
n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
15. The new _____ on the highway promotes a popular vacation destination.
n. a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
16. The secretary was appreciated for her _____ service and organization in the office.
adj. motivated by a sense of duty or obligation; willingly and conscientiously fulfilling one's responsibilities or obligations

ANSWERS: 9. oblivion, 10. inhabitant, 11. grubs, 12. muse, 13. ceaseless, 14. slogans, 15. billboard, 16. dutiful

17. I had to _____ all my luggage up four flights to my hotel room.

- v.* to carry or drag something heavy or awkward; to travel a long distance with difficulty or effort; to behave in a sluggish or unenthusiastic manner

18. He used a chisel to ____ the wood into the shape of a bird.

- v.* to chop or cut something, particularly wood, with an ax or other tool; to shape, carve, or form something using a sharp tool

19. She used an electric _____ to light her way through the dark cave.

- n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

20. _____ rapidly until egg whites are foamy.

- v.* to move something somewhere suddenly and quickly

21. The pig's _____ was wet and covered in mud.

- n.* the nose and mouth of an animal, especially when protruding or prominently featured

22. Meteorologists recorded a sudden drop in air pressure to 980 hecto_____ signaling the approach of a storm.

- n.* a unit of pressure in the International System of Units (SI) named after the French mathematician and physicist Blaise Pascal, which equals one newton per square meter; the name of a high-level programming language developed in the 1970s

23. The accident caused a cracked _____.

- n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule

ANSWERS: 17. schlep, 18. hew, 19. torch, 20. Whisk, 21. snout, 22. pascals, 23. rib

24. Please _____ your luggage in the overhead compartment before takeoff.
- v.* to pack or store something safely and securely, especially on a ship or aircraft; to hide or conceal something
25. The cherry _____ trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.
- n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
26. We spotted a common _____ swimming gracefully in the lake.
- n.* a large migratory bird, typically having a haunting cry and known for its diving and swimming abilities; (an offensive word) a foolish or crazy person
27. His _____ of the story was engaging and captivating.
- n.* the act or process of telling a story; the relating of a story or account
28. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
- adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
29. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.
- n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
30. The doctor explained that the pain in her abdomen was caused by _____ inflammation.
- n.* a large, blood-rich organ located in the upper left region of the abdomen, known for its role in the immune system, blood storage, and blood filtration
31. In the city, the risk of traffic accidents _____ at every corner.
- v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

ANSWERS: 24. stow, 25. blossom, 26. loon, 27. narration, 28. humming, 29. broth, 30. spleen, 31. lurks

32. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.
- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
33. The frequent performances of the _____ prove its popularity.
- n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
34. He was served with a ____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n.* a written legal order or command
35. 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
36. The wounded soldier lay _____ on the battlefield waiting for medical attention.
- adj.* without movement or motion; completely still
37. He wore a _____ shirt to the picnic, which gave him a rustic look.
- n.* a pattern of intersecting horizontal and vertical stripes of different colors and widths, usually in a checkered pattern, and typically seen on textiles like blankets and clothing
38. The lecture was _____ and gave me a new perspective on the topic.
- adj.* making something clear or easy to understand; providing light
39. The emission of hazardous substances has _____ effects on the ecology of a region.
- adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

ANSWERS: 32. rev, 33. symphony, 34. writ, 35. sniff, 36. motionless, 37. plaid, 38. illuminating, 39. disastrous

40. It's important to follow proper _____ when attending a formal dinner.
- n.* a set of rules and norms governing polite and proper behavior in social situations or professional contexts
41. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
42. The soccer player was able to _____ the ball away from the goal.
- v.* to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone
43. The team refused to _____ even after falling three points behind.
- v.* to soften or become less severe, particularly in response to pressure or persuasion; to abandon a harsh or demanding attitude or stance
44. She _____ confidently across the stage to accept her award.
- v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
45. The pastor's _____ touched everyone's heart and brought many to tears.
- n.* a speech or writing in praise of someone who has died, typically given at a funeral or memorial service
46. They had experienced the _____ of losing two children due to premature births.
- n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
47. The bride wore a beautiful _____ of flowers around her neck.
- n.* a wreath or chain made of flowers, leaves, or other decorative materials, often used for ornamentation or to honor someone or something; a prize or award given in the form of a wreath or chain

ANSWERS: 40. etiquette, 41. pretensions, 42. deflect, 43. relent, 44. strides, 45. eulogy, 46. heartbreak, 47. garland

48. The _____ sun beat down on the desert.

adj. burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive

49. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.

v. to make something full of interest and energy

50. The accident caused her to suffer from temporary _____ and she couldn't remember anything that happened before the collision.

n. a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness

51. The scientist examined the _____ bone to determine the species of dinosaur it came from.

n. a square-shaped object or area

52. The Sun _____ and caused a sudden brightening in the sky.

v. to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface

53. The ancient _____ believed in the power of nature and conducted rituals to honor it.

n. a member of an ancient Celtic order of priests, often associated with nature worship and divination

54. The king ordered the executioner to _____ the traitor.

v. to cut off the head of a person or animal

55. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a _____ scene from a movie.

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

ANSWERS: 48. blazing, 49. animated, 50. amnesia, 51. quadrate, 52. flared, 53. druids, 54. behead, 55. poetic

56. The little _____ couldn't wait to open their birthday presents.

n. a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development

57. I always try to _____ my boss by achieving the sales target every month.

v. to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite

58. The _____ dog followed its owner's commands.

adj. willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do

ANSWERS: 56. youngster, 57. gratify, 58. obedient