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Session 1: Word List

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.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym: graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

hereditary

adj. passed down from one generation to another through inheritance

synonym: inherited, transmitted, genetic

(1) a **hereditary** disease, (2) **hereditary** property

A **hereditary** condition is a medical condition caused by a genetic mutation passed down from one's parents.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property
After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

ancestral

adj. related to or connected with members of your family from the past

synonym: hereditary, inherited, patrimonial

(1) an **ancestral** graveyard, (2) **ancestral** roots
The **ancestral** home has been in the family for generations.

farmland

n. land used for farming or agricultural purposes

synonym: agriculture, cropland

(1) **farmland** acreage, (2) fertile **farmland**
The government is encouraging farmers to expand their **farmland** to increase food production.

vacate

v. to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty

synonym: empty, evacuate, abandon

(1) **vacate** a property, (2) **vacate** a seat
I need to **vacate** my apartment by the end of the month.

cremate

v. to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual

synonym: burn, incinerate, immolate

(1) **cremate** a body, (2) **cremate** the remains
They plan to **cremate** their loved ones according to their cultural traditions.

disorient

v. to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go

synonym: confuse, flummox, perplex

(1) **disorient** his audience, (2) **disorient** and wrong-foot viewers
Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might **disorient** dolphins and whales.

quandary

n. a state of uncertainty or confusion, particularly when one is unsure of what to do; a dilemma

synonym: dilemma, uncertainty, predicament

(1) **quandary** situation, (2) financial **quandary**

I was in a **quandary** over which job offer to accept.

bloodline

n. the hereditary line of descent of a group of related individuals; the genetic lineage or ancestry of a family, group, or species

synonym: ancestry, lineage, descent

(1) **bloodline** inheritance, (2) royal **bloodline**

The new champion racehorse came from a long line of strong **bloodlines**.

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.

feud

n. a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence

synonym: argument, conflict, dispute

(1) family **feud**, (2) carry out a **feud**

The retired politician resolved the **feud** between groups through mediation.

hijack

v. to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

synonym: commandeer, seize, pirate

(1) **hijack** a helicopter, (2) **hijack** a phone number

He made a desperate effort to **hijack** an airliner.

collide

v. to hit something violently when moving

synonym: clash, slam, contradict

(1) **collide** head-on, (2) **collide** in midair

The interests of the two countries **collide**.

footnote

n. a note of additional information provided at the bottom of a page in a book or document, often indicated by a superscript number or symbol in the main text

synonym: annotation, comment, reference

(1) **footnote** citation, (2) add a **footnote**

I included a **footnote** in my essay to provide additional information and sources for my argument.

unalterable

adj. impossible to change or modify; permanent, fixed, or constant

synonym: fixed, immutable, unchangeable

(1) **unalterable** fact, (2) **unalterable** truth

The Constitution contains **unalterable** rights for all citizens.

curate

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

synonym: minister, caretaker, (verb) arrange

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

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

butte

n. a steep hill or small mountain with a flat top and steep sides, usually found in arid or desert regions

synonym: mesa, plateau, mound

(1) **butte** landscape, (2) limestone **butte**

We hiked up the red **butte** for a panoramic view of the surrounding landscape.

chaotic

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

synonym: disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory

Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

descendant

n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

synonym: child, offspring, heir

(1) **descendant** of a pioneer, (2) third-generation

descendant

Those warriors' **descendants** are still skilled archers.

Arthurian

adj. relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

(1) the **Arthurian** cycle, (2) **Arthurian** romances

The **Arthurian** legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

Zionism

n. a movement for the return of Jews to Zion (Israel) and the resumption of Jewish sovereignty in the Land of Israel

synonym: Jewish nationalism, Jewish restorationism

(1) **Zionism** movement, (2) **Zionism** ideology

Theodor Herzl is considered to be the father of modern **Zionism**.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym: Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

infertile

adj. unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable

synonym: barren, sterile, unproductive

(1) **infertile** woman, (2) **infertile** land

The soil in the desert is **infertile**, making it difficult to grow crops.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

deserted

adj. empty or abandoned; lacking inhabitants or visitors; left alone or left behind

synonym: abandoned, empty, vacated

(1) **deserted** city, (2) **deserted** island

The **deserted** street was quiet and eerie, with no signs of life.

passee

adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym: outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

polygamy

n. the practice of having more than one spouse at the same time

synonym: bigamy, multiple marriages

(1) abolish **polygamy**, (2) **polygamy** law

The practice of **polygamy** has been controversial and debated for centuries.

dowry

n. property or money brought by a bride to her husband on their marriage, traditionally in some cultures

synonym: dower, portion, settlement

(1) **dowry** payment, (2) donate a **dowry**

Traditionally, a bride's **dowry** consisted of money, property,

or other valuable possessions given to the groom's family.

dengue

n. (also "breakbone fever") a viral disease transmitted by mosquitoes, characterized by fever, severe joint and muscle pain, and a rash

synonym : breakbone fever, infectious tropical disease

(1) **dengue** mosquito, (2) **dengue** outbreak

Many people in this region have contracted **dengue** fever from mosquito bites.

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

kidnapping

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

synonym : abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

settler

n. a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area

synonym : frontiersperson, immigrant, emigrant

(1) new **settlers**, (2) **settlers** on some foreign shore

A large proportion of railway workers in **settler** colonies were white.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym : detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym : vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym: demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

biosecurity

n. a set of measures and protocols designed to protect against the risks associated with the intentional or accidental release of biological agents, such as viruses or bacteria that could cause harm to humans, animals, or plants

synonym: biosafety, bio-defense, bio-protection

(1) **biosecurity** measures, (2) **biosecurity** protocol

Researchers are developing new technologies to improve **biosecurity** in the agricultural industry.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

virulence

n. the degree or intensity of a pathogen's ability to cause disease or harm; the strength or power of a negative attribute or quality

synonym: intensity, fierceness, acuteness

(1) aggressive **virulence**, (2) infectious **virulence**

The **virulence** of the disease caused widespread concern

among the population.

euthanize

v. to put a sick, injured, or very old animal to death humanely

(1) **euthanize** my terminally ill pet, (2) **euthanize** the rat
The family asked the doctor to **euthanize** their grandfather.

massacre

n. the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

synonym : slaughter, bloodbath, butchery

(1) **massacre** in the village, (2) animal **massacre**
The **massacre** of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

exhume

v. to dig up or remove something, especially a corpse, from a grave or other burial place; to uncover or bring something hidden or forgotten to light

synonym : unearth, disinter

(1) **exhume** remains, (2) **exhume** the past
The authorities had to **exhume** the body for further investigation into the cause of death.

graffiti

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

synonym : street art, tagging, vandalism

(1) **graffiti** art, (2) **graffiti** tag
The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the **graffiti** on the buildings downtown.

scorpion

n. a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting

synonym : arachnid, stinger

(1) **scorpion** fish, (2) poisonous **scorpion**
The **scorpion's** venom can be lethal to humans.

orthodox

adj. following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church

synonym : traditional, conventional, established

(1) an **orthodox** doctrine, (2) **orthodox** thought

He challenged the **orthodox** views on business.

solicit

v. to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty

synonym : request, seek, ask

(1) **solicit** advice, (2) **solicit** patronage

The company **solicited** donations from its employees for the charity event.

multigenerational

adj. involving or encompassing multiple generations, particularly within a family or community; relating to or affecting people of different age groups or life stages

synonym : cross-generational, intergenerational

(1) **multigenerational** home, (2) **multigenerational** workforce

The **multigenerational** family farm has been passed down for generations.

situ

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

synonym : situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control

Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym : train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on

high alert.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

rescind

v. to officially revoke or cancel a decision, law, or agreement; to undo or annul something previously established

synonym : cancel, revoke, annul

(1) **rescind** a decision, (2) **rescind** a contract

The company had to **rescind** its new policy when it caused employee outrage.

recognizable

adj. easy to become aware of or identify

synonym : noticeable, perceptible, definite

(1) to a **recognizable** degree, (2) **recognizable** landmark

His car was easily **recognizable** in the parking lot.

imitation

n. a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something

synonym : fabrication, replica, fake

(1) **imitation** antique, (2) artificial **imitation**

Many individuals believe that children learn languages through **imitation**.

usurp

v. to take or claim a position, power, authority, etc., without the right or legitimate claim; to seize and hold something, especially a position or power, by force

synonym : seize, preempt, annex

(1) **usurp** power, (2) attempt to **usurp** the throne

The competitor tried to **usurp** the reigning champion's title.

bystander

n. a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene

synonym: spectator, observer, witness

(1) innocent **bystander**, (2) shocked **bystander**

The **bystander** effect is a phenomenon where people are less likely to intervene in an emergency if others are present.

decapitate

v. to cut off the head of someone; to behead

synonym: behead, sever, cut off

(1) **decapitate** the enemy, (2) **decapitate** a statue

The executioner was about to **decapitate** the condemned prisoner.

turret

n. a small tower or tall structure, often found on the corner of a building, typically used for defensive purposes; a rotating armored structure on a military vehicle or ship for mounting weapons

synonym: tower, fortification, bastion

(1) medieval **turret**, (2) **turret** lathe

The **turret** atop the castle provided a panoramic view of the surrounding area.

retribution

n. punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing

synonym: punishment, revenge, recompense

(1) divine **retribution**, (2) seek **retribution**

He faced **retribution** for his crimes and was sentenced to many years.

retaliate

v. to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person

synonym: get back, strike back, revenge

(1) **retaliate** for the blow, (2) **retaliate** in a like fashion

After the other team scored, we **retaliated** by playing even harder and scoring two quick goals.

archetype

n. a very typical example of a certain person or thing; a recurrent symbol or motif in literature, art, or mythology that represents a universal pattern of human nature

synonym : prototype, model, paradigm

(1) **archetype** symbol, (2) feminine **archetype**

The hero's journey is a common **archetype** in many myths and stories.

orphanage

n. an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)

synonym : home for orphans, children's home, foster home

(1) build an **orphanage**, (2) **orphanage** director

He grew up in a Christian **orphanage** and never knew his biological parents.

prostitute

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

synonym : hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**

She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

supple

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

synonym : flexible, pliable, bendable

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

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

bathe

v. to wash or immerse oneself or another person in the water or a liquid; to expose a part of the body to a natural element, such as sunlight or air

synonym : cleanse, soak, immerse

(1) **bathe** in the sea, (2) **bathe** the baby

I always **bathe** my dog after she swims in the lake.

infrequent

adj. occurring rarely or irregularly; happening at long intervals; not happening often or in large numbers

synonym : rare, sporadic, uncommon

(1) **infrequent** showers, (2) **infrequent** meetings

Traveling to remote villages can be difficult due to **infrequent** transportation.

abridge

v. to shorten or condense a book, a play, a speech, etc., while maintaining its essence

synonym : condense, shorten, abbreviate

(1) **abridge** a biography, (2) **abridge** a speech

I had to **abridge** the novel to fit it into the time allotted for the movie.

relentless

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

synonym : unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure

The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

unending

adj. seeming to have no end

synonym : endless, eternal, lasting

(1) **unending** battle, (2) the **unending** bliss

Creating amazing shows requires constant **unending** effort.

Session 2: Spelling

1. re____d a decision
v. to officially revoke or cancel a decision, law, or agreement; to undo or annul something previously established
2. de____ed island
adj. empty or abandoned; lacking inhabitants or visitors; left alone or left behind
3. us__p power
v. to take or claim a position, power, authority, etc., without the right or legitimate claim; to seize and hold something, especially a position or power, by force
4. animal ma____re
n. the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
5. hi___k a phone number
v. to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
6. the Ar_____an cycle
adj. relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
7. m__h larva
n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
8. una_____le fact
adj. impossible to change or modify; permanent, fixed, or constant
9. secret s__t
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 1. rescind, 2. deserted, 3. usurp, 4. massacre, 5. hijack, 6. Arthurian, 7. moth, 8. unalterable, 9. sect

10. in_____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
11. family f__d *n.* a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence
12. a male pro_____te *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
13. ba__e the baby *v.* to wash or immerse oneself or another person in the water or a liquid; to expose a part of the body to a natural element, such as sunlight or air
14. abolish po_____my *n.* the practice of having more than one spouse at the same time
15. cr_____e a body *v.* to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual
16. inf_____nt showers *adj.* occurring rarely or irregularly; happening at long intervals; not happening often or in large numbers
17. mass kid_____ng *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
18. perpetual cu____e *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

ANSWERS: 10. instruct, 11. feud, 12. prostitute, 13. bathe, 14. polygamy, 15. cremate, 16. infrequent, 17. kidnapping, 18. curate

19. fo____te citation *n.* a note of additional information provided at the bottom of a page in a book or document, often indicated by a superscript number or symbol in the main text
20. di_____nt his audience *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
21. bio_____ty protocol *n.* a set of measures and protocols designed to protect against the risks associated with the intentional or accidental release of biological agents, such as viruses or bacteria that could cause harm to humans, animals, or plants
22. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
23. feminine ar_____pe *n.* a very typical example of a certain person or thing; a recurrent symbol or motif in literature, art, or mythology that represents a universal pattern of human nature
24. un_____ng battle *adj.* seeming to have no end
25. ch_____c theory *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
26. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

ANSWERS: 19. footnote, 20. disorient, 21. biosecurity, 22. broth, 23. archetype, 24. unending, 25. chaotic, 26. passe

27. de____e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
28. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
29. so____t advice *v.* to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty
30. cr____e the remains *v.* to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual
31. va____e a seat *v.* to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty
32. re____te in a like fashion *v.* to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person
33. an an____al graveyard *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
34. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
35. gra____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
36. fertile fa____nd *n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes

ANSWERS: 27. degrade, 28. situ, 29. solicit, 30. cremate, 31. vacate, 32. retaliate, 33. ancestral, 34. situ, 35. grandchild, 36. farmland

37. donate a do__y *n.* property or money brought by a bride to her husband on their marriage, traditionally in some cultures
38. bl_____ne inheritance *n.* the hereditary line of descent of a group of related individuals; the genetic lineage or ancestry of a family, group, or species
39. in_____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
40. poisonous sc_____on *n.* a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting
41. re_____d a contract *v.* to officially revoke or cancel a decision, law, or agreement; to undo or annul something previously established
42. her_____ry property *adj.* passed down from one generation to another through inheritance
43. ex___e the past *v.* to dig up or remove something, especially a corpse, from a grave or other burial place; to uncover or bring something hidden or forgotten to light
44. attempt to us__p the throne *v.* to take or claim a position, power, authority, etc., without the right or legitimate claim; to seize and hold something, especially a position or power, by force
45. co_____e in midair *v.* to hit something violently when moving
46. Ar_____an romances *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

ANSWERS: 37. dowry, 38. bloodline, 39. inherit, 40. scorpion, 41. rescind, 42. hereditary, 43. exhume, 44. usurp, 45. collide, 46. Arthurian

47. de___e mosquito *n.* (also "breakbone fever") a viral disease transmitted by mosquitoes, characterized by fever, severe joint and muscle pain, and a rash
48. new se_____rs *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
49. se_____rs on some foreign shore *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
50. re_____te for the blow *v.* to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person
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53. sc_____on fish *n.* a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting
54. gr_____ti tag *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
55. royal bl_____ne *n.* the hereditary line of descent of a group of related individuals; the genetic lineage or ancestry of a family, group, or species

ANSWERS: 47. dengue, 48. settler, 49. settler, 50. retaliate, 51. passe, 52. infrequent, 53. scorpion, 54. graffiti, 55. bloodline

56. tu__t lathe *n.* a small tower or tall structure, often found on the corner of a building, typically used for defensive purposes; a rotating armored structure on a military vehicle or ship for mounting weapons
57. limestone bu__e *n.* a steep hill or small mountain with a flat top and steep sides, usually found in arid or desert regions
58. qu____ry situation *n.* a state of uncertainty or confusion, particularly when one is unsure of what to do; a dilemma
59. bio____ty measures *n.* a set of measures and protocols designed to protect against the risks associated with the intentional or accidental release of biological agents, such as viruses or bacteria that could cause harm to humans, animals, or plants
60. divine ret____on *n.* punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing
61. third-generation des____nt *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
62. chicken br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
63. fa____nd acreage *n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes
64. de__e outbreak *n.* (also "breakbone fever") a viral disease transmitted by mosquitoes, characterized by fever, severe joint and muscle pain, and a rash

ANSWERS: 56. turret, 57. butte, 58. quandary, 59. biosecurity, 60. retribution, 61. descendant, 62. broth, 63. farmland, 64. dengue

65. seek retrib_____on *n.* punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing
66. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
67. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
68. hi___k a helicopter *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
69. di_____nt and wrong-foot viewers *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
70. innocent by_____er *n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
71. do__y payment *n.* property or money brought by a bride to her husband on their marriage, traditionally in some cultures
72. dec_____te a statue *v.* to cut off the head of someone; to behead
73. rec_____ble landmark *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
74. the ch_____c economic situation *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
75. bu__e landscape *n.* a steep hill or small mountain with a flat top and steep sides, usually found in arid or desert regions

ANSWERS: 65. retribution, 66. inherit, 67. sect, 68. hijack, 69. disorient, 70. bystander, 71. dowry, 72. decapitate, 73. recognizable, 74. chaotic, 75. butte

76. add a fo____te *n.* a note of additional information provided at the bottom of a page in a book or document, often indicated by a superscript number or symbol in the main text
77. in____t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
78. ex____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
79. an____al roots *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
80. or____ge director *n.* an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)
81. Je____h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
82. in____ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
83. una____le truth *adj.* impossible to change or modify; permanent, fixed, or constant
84. in____le land *adj.* unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable
85. face rel____ss pressure *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
86. eu____ze the rat *v.* to put a sick, injured, or very old animal to death humanely
87. su____e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

ANSWERS: 76. footnote, 77. infect, 78. explode, 79. ancestral, 80. orphanage, 81. Jewish, 82. instruct, 83. unalterable, 84. infertile, 85. relentless, 86. euthanize, 87. supple

88. Zi_____m movement *n.* a movement for the return of Jews to Zion (Israel) and the resumption of Jewish sovereignty in the Land of Israel
89. infectious vi_____ce *n.* the degree or intensity of a pathogen's ability to cause disease or harm; the strength or power of a negative attribute or quality
90. in_____le woman *adj.* unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable
91. pro_____te street *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
92. va____e a property *v.* to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty
93. so_____t patronage *v.* to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty
94. or_____ox thought *adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
95. cu____e an art website *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

ANSWERS: 88. Zionism, 89. virulence, 90. infertile, 91. prostitute, 92. vacate, 93. solicit, 94. orthodox, 95. curate

96. aggressive vi_____ce *n.* the degree or intensity of a pathogen's ability to cause disease or harm; the strength or power of a negative attribute or quality
97. po_____my law *n.* the practice of having more than one spouse at the same time
98. a her_____ry disease *adj.* passed down from one generation to another through inheritance
99. des_____nt of a pioneer *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
100. ex_____e remains *v.* to dig up or remove something, especially a corpse, from a grave or other burial place; to uncover or bring something hidden or forgotten to light
101. build an or_____ge *n.* an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)
102. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
103. im_____on antique *n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
104. an or_____ox doctrine *adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
105. de_____e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

ANSWERS: 96. virulence, 97. polygamy, 98. hereditary, 99. descendant, 100. exhume, 101. orphanage, 102. explode, 103. imitation, 104. orthodox, 105. degrade

106. mul_____nal workforce *adj.* involving or encompassing multiple generations, particularly within a family or community; relating to or affecting people of different age groups or life stages
107. br__e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
108. mul_____nal home *adj.* involving or encompassing multiple generations, particularly within a family or community; relating to or affecting people of different age groups or life stages
109. sexual pr____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
110. dec_____te the enemy *v.* to cut off the head of someone; to behead
111. artificial im_____on *n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
112. in____t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
113. su____e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
114. the un_____ng bliss *adj.* seeming to have no end
115. co_____e head-on *v.* to hit something violently when moving

ANSWERS: 106. multigenerational, 107. bribe, 108. multigenerational, 109. predator, 110. decapitate, 111. imitation, 112. infect, 113. supple, 114. unending, 115. collide

116. 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
117. ar_____pe symbol *n.* a very typical example of a certain person or thing; a recurrent symbol or motif in literature, art, or mythology that represents a universal pattern of human nature
118. Zi_____m ideology *n.* a movement for the return of Jews to Zion (Israel) and the resumption of Jewish sovereignty in the Land of Israel
119. de_____ed city *adj.* empty or abandoned; lacking inhabitants or visitors; left alone or left behind
120. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
121. carry out a f__d *n.* a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence
122. br__e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
123. ab_____e a speech *v.* to shorten or condense a book, a play, a speech, etc., while maintaining its essence
124. ab_____e a biography *v.* to shorten or condense a book, a play, a speech, etc., while maintaining its essence

ANSWERS: 116. determinant, 117. archetype, 118. Zionism, 119. deserted, 120. moth, 121. feud, 122. bribe, 123. abridge, 124. abridge

125. kid_____ng attempt *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
126. ma_____re in the village *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
127. ba__e in the sea *v.* to wash or immerse oneself or another person in the water or a liquid; to expose a part of the body to a natural element, such as sunlight or air
128. financial qu_____ry *n.* a state of uncertainty or confusion, particularly when one is unsure of what to do; a dilemma
129. gr_____ti art *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
130. eu_____ze my terminally ill pet *v.* to put a sick, injured, or very old animal to death humanely
131. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
132. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
133. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
134. to a rec_____ble degree *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
135. medieval tu____t *n.* a small tower or tall structure, often found on the corner of a building, typically used for defensive purposes; a rotating armored structure on a military vehicle or ship for mounting weapons

ANSWERS: 125. kidnapping, 126. massacre, 127. bathe, 128. quandary, 129. graffiti, 130. euthanize, 131. predator, 132. determinant, 133. grandchild, 134. recognizable, 135. turret

136. rel_____ss attack

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

137. Je___h culture

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

138. shocked by_____er

n. a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene

ANSWERS: 136. relentless, 137. Jewish, 138. bystander

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.
v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
2. Theodor Herzl is considered to be the father of modern _____.
n. a movement for the return of Jews to Zion (Israel) and the resumption of Jewish sovereignty in the Land of Israel
3. The athlete's _____ training paid off in the end.
adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
4. The new champion racehorse came from a long line of strong _____.
n. the hereditary line of descent of a group of related individuals; the genetic lineage or ancestry of a family, group, or species
5. 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
6. The interests of the two countries _____.
v. to hit something violently when moving
7. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
8. His car was easily _____ in the parking lot.
adj. easy to become aware of or identify

ANSWERS: 1. infect, 2. Zionism, 3. relentless, 4. bloodlines, 5. broth, 6. collide, 7. exploded, 8. recognizable

9. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered _____ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.
- adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
10. The _____ is a serious threat to the farm's output.
- n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
11. The _____ atop the castle provided a panoramic view of the surrounding area.
- n.* a small tower or tall structure, often found on the corner of a building, typically used for defensive purposes; a rotating armored structure on a military vehicle or ship for mounting weapons
12. I included a _____ in my essay to provide additional information and sources for my argument.
- n.* a note of additional information provided at the bottom of a page in a book or document, often indicated by a superscript number or symbol in the main text
13. The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the _____ on the buildings downtown.
- n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
14. I was in a _____ over which job offer to accept.
- n.* a state of uncertainty or confusion, particularly when one is unsure of what to do; a dilemma
15. Researchers are developing new technologies to improve _____ in the agricultural industry.
- n.* a set of measures and protocols designed to protect against the risks associated with the intentional or accidental release of biological agents, such as viruses or bacteria that could cause harm to humans, animals, or plants

ANSWERS: 9. passe, 10. moth, 11. turret, 12. footnote, 13. graffiti, 14. quandary, 15. biosecurity

16. He made a desperate effort to _____ an airliner.

- v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

17. Creating amazing shows requires constant _____ effort.

- adj.* seeming to have no end

18. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

- n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

19. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

- adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

20. The company had to _____ its new policy when it caused employee outrage.

- v.* to officially revoke or cancel a decision, law, or agreement; to undo or annul something previously established

21. I need to _____ my apartment by the end of the month.

- v.* to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty

22. He grew up in a Christian _____ and never knew his biological parents.

- n.* an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)

23. I always _____ my dog after she swims in the lake.

- v.* to wash or immerse oneself or another person in the water or a liquid; to expose a part of the body to a natural element, such as sunlight or air

ANSWERS: 16. hijack, 17. unending, 18. sect, 19. Jewish, 20. rescind, 21. vacate, 22. orphanage, 23. bathe

24. The art museum has hired a _____ to select and display pieces from its collection.
- n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
25. The _____ venom can be lethal to humans.
- n.* a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting
26. The government is encouraging farmers to expand their _____ to increase food production.
- n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes
27. He tries to _____ the ship's captain to export illegal products.
- v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
28. Many individuals believe that children learn languages through _____.
- n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
29. Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might _____ dolphins and whales.
- v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
30. Those warriors' _____ are still skilled archers.
- n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

ANSWERS: 24. curate, 25. scorpion's, 26. farmland, 27. bribe, 28. imitation, 29. disorient, 30. descendants

31. The _____ legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.
adj. relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
32. The _____ family farm has been passed down for generations.
adj. involving or encompassing multiple generations, particularly within a family or community; relating to or affecting people of different age groups or life stages
33. The family asked the doctor to _____ their grandfather.
v. to put a sick, injured, or very old animal to death humanely
34. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
n. a child of someone's son or daughter
35. The executioner was about to _____ the condemned prisoner.
v. to cut off the head of someone; to behead
36. After the other team scored, we _____ by playing even harder and scoring two quick goals.
v. to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person
37. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.
adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
38. We hiked up the red _____ for a panoramic view of the surrounding landscape.
n. a steep hill or small mountain with a flat top and steep sides, usually found in arid or desert regions

ANSWERS: 31. Arthurian, 32. multigenerational, 33. euthanize, 34. grandchild, 35. decapitate, 36. retaliated, 37. supple, 38. butte

39. The _____ effect is a phenomenon where people are less likely to intervene in an emergency if others are present.
- n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
40. The company _____ donations from its employees for the charity event.
- v.* to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty
41. A _____ condition is a medical condition caused by a genetic mutation passed down from one's parents.
- adj.* passed down from one generation to another through inheritance
42. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
- v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
43. Melanoma in _____ is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.
- adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
44. Traveling to remote villages can be difficult due to _____ transportation.
- adj.* occurring rarely or irregularly; happening at long intervals; not happening often or in large numbers
45. The facility manager _____ the security guards to be on high alert.
- v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
46. Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of _____ reform.
- adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

ANSWERS: 39. bystander, 40. solicited, 41. hereditary, 42. inherited, 43. situ, 44. infrequent, 45. instructed, 46. chaotic

47. The _____ home has been in the family for generations.

adj. related to or connected with members of your family from the past

48. He challenged the _____ views on business.

adj. following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church

49. The retired politician resolved the _____ between groups through mediation.

n. a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence

50. I had to _____ the novel to fit it into the time allotted for the movie.

v. to shorten or condense a book, a play, a speech, etc., while maintaining its essence

51. The Constitution contains _____ rights for all citizens.

adj. impossible to change or modify; permanent, fixed, or constant

52. He faced _____ for his crimes and was sentenced to many years.

n. punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing

53. The competitor tried to _____ the reigning champion's title.

v. to take or claim a position, power, authority, etc., without the right or legitimate claim; to seize and hold something, especially a position or power, by force

54. She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated _____.

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

ANSWERS: 47. ancestral, 48. orthodox, 49. feud, 50. abridge, 51. unalterable, 52. retribution, 53. usurp, 54. kidnapping

55. She turned to _____ to make ends meet.

- n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

56. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.

- v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

57. The _____ of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

- n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

58. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.

- n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

59. The _____ street was quiet and eerie, with no signs of life.

- adj.* empty or abandoned; lacking inhabitants or visitors; left alone or left behind

60. The authorities had to _____ the body for further investigation into the cause of death.

- v.* to dig up or remove something, especially a corpse, from a grave or other burial place; to uncover or bring something hidden or forgotten to light

61. 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

ANSWERS: 55. prostitute, 56. degrade, 57. massacre, 58. predator's, 59. deserted, 60. exhume, 61. determinant

62. The hero's journey is a common _____ in many myths and stories.
- n.* a very typical example of a certain person or thing; a recurrent symbol or motif in literature, art, or mythology that represents a universal pattern of human nature
63. The _____ of the disease caused widespread concern among the population.
- n.* the degree or intensity of a pathogen's ability to cause disease or harm; the strength or power of a negative attribute or quality
64. The soil in the desert is _____ making it difficult to grow crops.
- adj.* unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable
65. The practice of _____ has been controversial and debated for centuries.
- n.* the practice of having more than one spouse at the same time
66. Many people in this region have contracted _____ fever from mosquito bites.
- n.* (also "breakbone fever") a viral disease transmitted by mosquitoes, characterized by fever, severe joint and muscle pain, and a rash
67. Traditionally, a bride's _____ consisted of money, property, or other valuable possessions given to the groom's family.
- n.* property or money brought by a bride to her husband on their marriage, traditionally in some cultures
68. A large proportion of railway workers in _____ colonies were white.
- n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
69. They plan to _____ their loved ones according to their cultural traditions.
- v.* to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual

ANSWERS: 62. archetype, 63. virulence, 64. infertile, 65. polygamy, 66. dengue, 67. dowry, 68. settler, 69. cremate

ANSWERS: