

Englist.me



Vocabulary Builder Reference from...

Frank Warren: Half a million secrets | TED Talk

https://www.ted.com/talks/frank_warren_half_a_million_secrets

All Words

IMPORTANT

This material is a commentary and does not contain any copyrighted material of the reference source. We strongly recommend accessing/buying the reference source at the same time.

Session 1: Word List

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym: candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

blank

adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

synonym: empty, void, barren

(1) **blank** expression, (2) **blank** paper

The computer screen displayed nothing but a **blank** white screen

instruction

n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

synonym: education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

anonymous

adj. having no known name, identity, or known source

synonym : nameless, unidentified, unnamed

(1) **anonymous** letter, (2) **anonymous** house

She received several **anonymous** calls.

artful

adj. skillful and cunning, often deceitfully or cleverly; displaying artistic or creative skill

synonym : crafty, cunning, skillful

(1) **artful** design, (2) **artful** manipulation

The writer's **artful** descriptions made the reader feel as though they were part of the story.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym : incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

viral

adj. relating to or caused by a virus

(1) fight **viral** infections, (2) detect a **viral** code

This device can more accurately detect **viral** pathogens.

advertise

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

synonym : publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media

We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym : toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

stack

n. a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

synonym : accumulation, heap, pile

(1) high **stack**, (2) a large **stack** of paper

The earthquake caused a **stack** of lumber to crumble noisily.

brick

n. a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material

synonym : block, tile, paver

(1) **brick** wall, (2) dressed **brick**

The wall was made of hard **bricks** that had been used for centuries.

pyramid

n. a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

synonym : monument, edifice, tomb

(1) **pyramid** architecture, (2) a truncated **pyramid**

The Egyptian **pyramids** consist of a vast number of blocks.

handful

n. a small quantity or number, usually referring to the amount that can be held in one hand; a person or thing that is difficult to control or manage

synonym : small number, couple, few

(1) literal **handful**, (2) just a **handful** of participants

She only had a **handful** of pens left in her bag.

shocking

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

synonym : startling, surprising, astounding

(1) **shocking** response, (2) **shocking** revelation

The news of the accident was **shocking** and left many in shock.

humanity

n. all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.

synonym : humankind, society, human race

(1) **humanity** at large, (2) mass of **humanity**

They donated large sums of money for the development of **humanity**.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym : show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym : equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**

Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

countless

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

synonym : innumerable, myriad, numerous

(1) **countless** hours, (2) answer **countless** questions

There are **countless** methods for dealing with stress.

drama

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

synonym : acting, play, theater

(1) secular **drama**, (2) upcoming crime **drama**

She had an audition for **drama** school.

frailty

n. the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality

synonym : weakness, fragility, delicacy

(1) cognitive **frailty**, (2) **frailty** syndrome

The doctor warned us about the human body's **frailty** and the dangers of neglecting our health.

heroism

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

synonym : bravery, valor, courage

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

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

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

uptight

adj. tense, anxious, or stressed; showing or feeling a need for control or perfection

synonym : nervous, anxious, tense

(1) **uptight** attitude, (2) **uptight** schedule

My boss is always **uptight** and stressed out.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

chuckle

n. a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way

synonym: laugh, giggle, snicker

(1) **chuckle** at my cat's silly antics, (2) stifled **chuckle**

I couldn't help but let out a little **chuckle** when I saw the silly photo my friend had sent me.

explanation

n. the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear

synonym: description, elucidation, account

(1) the **explanation** for the failure, (2) detailed **explanation**

The following **explanation** is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.

stud

n. a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

synonym: beam, scantling, framing

(1) horse **stud**, (2) wall **stud**

He bought a new **stud** to attach the strap to his watch.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym : reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

wireless

adj. of or relating a connection or communication that does not require a physical wire or cable, often through the use of radio waves or electromagnetic signals

synonym : cordless, radio

(1) **wireless** access, (2) **wireless** charging

The office's **wireless** network allows employees to work from anywhere in the building.

microphone

n. a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder

synonym : mic, megaphone, amplifier

(1) **microphone** cable, (2) built-in **microphone**

The interviewer asked him to speak into the **microphone**.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in

public.

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase
synonym: wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug
The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

rip

v. to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
synonym: tear, cut, slit

(1) **rip** a notebook apart, (2) **rip** a hole in the roof
During transit, the stuff may **rip** off the luggage tag.

remains

n. the leftover parts or pieces of something that have been destroyed, removed, or consumed; the physical or biological remains of a deceased person, plant, animal
synonym: leftovers, debris, relic

(1) **remains** of a building, (2) human **remains**
The **remains** of the ancient civilization can still be seen in the city's ruins.

suicide

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally
synonym: self-destruction, self-annihilation, felo-de-se

(1) commit **suicide**, (2) **suicide** attack
In an economically prosperous country, most male **suicide** is due to child support problems.

column

n. one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

synonym: line, pillar, cue

(1) the spinal **column**, (2) a **column** of water
The newspaper devoted several **columns** to the affair.

exuberant

adj. full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production

synonym : joyful, elated, ebullient

(1) **exuberant** performance, (2) **exuberant** personality

The young couple's **exuberant** energy was infectious, and everyone around them was smiling.

ritual

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

synonym : tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

proposal

n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

synonym : offer, suggestion, proposition

(1) an innovative **proposal**, (2) details of his **proposal**

Our skeleton outline of the **proposal** met with much opposition.

calm

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

synonym : quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

fairy

n. a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers

synonym : sprite, pixie, elf

(1) **fairy** tale, (2) a water **fairy**

The mischievous **fairy** flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.

tale

n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

synonym : canard, fiction, fable

(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror

Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym : boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym : numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

orphan

n. a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them

synonym : waif, stray, fatherless child

(1) **orphan** care, (2) asylum for **orphan** children

The little girl was a war **orphan** and lived in a group home.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym : determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

desperately

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

synonym : urgently, perilously, seriously

(1) **desperately** anxious, (2) **desperately** ill patient

The baby clung **desperately** to her mother.

ingenious

adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill

synonym : creative, innovative, inventive

(1) **ingenious** device, (2) **ingenious** idea

I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so **ingenious**.

lever

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

synonym : lifter, crowbar, bar

(1) a gear change **lever**, (2) **lever** for reform

This initiative will be a **lever** for increasing company sales.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

crossing

n. the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect

synonym : intersection, junction

(1) **crossing** bridge, (2) a **crossing-keeper**

The busy road was closed for a few hours for a railway **crossing**.

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym : border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

synonym : disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym : conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage
They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym : soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**
Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

sake

n. purpose; reason for wanting something done

synonym : purpose, reason, interest

(1) for your own **sake**, (2) for the **sake** of argument
He got a new job for the **sake** of his family.

touching

adj. evoking an emotional response; causing feelings of sympathy, tenderness, or compassion; having a poignant or emotional impact

synonym : moving, poignant, heartwarming

(1) **touching** appeal, (2) **touching** moment

The movie's **touching** storyline left the audience in tears.

crowdsourcing

n. the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

(1) **crowdsourcing** apps, (2) **crowdsourcing** in climate policy

The company used this **crowdsourcing** platform to gather ideas for its next product.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth
He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

haunting

adj. lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off

synonym: lingering, disturbing, unsettling

(1) **haunting** memory, (2) a **haunting** sense of fear
The song's **haunting** melody stayed with me long after I heard it.

Session 2: Spelling

1. re____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
2. high st__k *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
3. cr____ng bridge *n.* the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect
4. un____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
5. asylum for or____n children *n.* a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them
6. a scientific di____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
7. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
8. em____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
9. built-in mic____ne *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder

ANSWERS: 1. religion, 2. stack, 3. crossing, 4. uncover, 5. orphan, 6. discovery, 7. stick, 8. emotional, 9. microphone

10. ex_____nt performance *adj.* full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production
11. cost ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
12. detailed exp_____on *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
13. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
14. sh_____ng revelation *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
15. a gear change le__r *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
16. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
17. a di_____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
18. cro_____ing in climate policy *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

ANSWERS: 10. exuberant, 11. barrier, 12. explanation, 13. obvious, 14. shocking, 15. lever, 16. mess, 17. digital, 18. crowdsourcing

19. cro_____ing apps *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
20. a fairy t__e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
21. ar___l manipulation *adj.* skillful and cunning, often deceitfully or cleverly; displaying artistic or creative skill
22. mass of hu_____ty *n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
23. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
24. r_p a notebook apart *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
25. cognitive fr_____y *n.* the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality
26. information ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
27. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
28. ex_____nt personality *adj.* full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production

ANSWERS: 19. crowdsourcing, 20. tale, 21. artful, 22. humanity, 23. identify, 24. rip, 25. frailty, 26. barrier, 27. frank, 28. exuberant

29. a co___n of water *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
30. a water fa__y *n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
31. fa__y tale *n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
32. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
33. co_____ss hours *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
34. py_____d architecture *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
35. r_p a hole in the roof *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
36. a cr_____ng-keeper *n.* the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect
37. mic_____ne cable *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder

ANSWERS: 29. column, 30. fairy, 31. fairy, 32. bunch, 33. countless, 34. pyramid, 35. rip, 36. crossing, 37. microphone

38. a truncated py____d *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
39. des_____ly ill patient *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
40. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
41. answer co_____ss questions *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
42. ha_____ng memory *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
43. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
44. dressed br__k *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
45. en_____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
46. the spinal co___n *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

ANSWERS: 38. pyramid, 39. desperately, 40. demonstrate, 41. countless, 42. haunting, 43. inspire, 44. brick, 45. envelop, 46. column

47. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
48. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
49. in_____us idea *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
50. un_____r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
51. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
52. en_____p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
53. pr_____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
54. ad_____se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
55. military he_____m *n.* great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause
56. secular dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
57. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly

ANSWERS: 47. invite, 48. par, 49. ingenious, 50. uncover, 51. creative, 52. envelop, 53. preserve, 54. advertise, 55. heroism, 56. drama, 57. mention

58. ad_____se on social media *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
59. up_____t attitude *adj.* tense, anxious, or stressed; showing or feeling a need for control or perfection
60. a large st__k of paper *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
61. morning ri___l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
62. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
63. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
64. to_____ng moment *adj.* evoking an emotional response; causing feelings of sympathy, tenderness, or compassion; having a poignant or emotional impact
65. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
66. c__m sea *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

ANSWERS: 58. advertise, 59. uptight, 60. stack, 61. ritual, 62. develop, 63. frank, 64. touching, 65. invite, 66. calm

67. su____e attack *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
68. a few years af____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
69. hu____ty at large *n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
70. t__e of horror *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
71. in____us device *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
72. give si____t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
73. ar____l design *adj.* skillful and cunning, often deceitfully or cleverly; displaying artistic or creative skill
74. br__k wall *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
75. si____t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
76. an____us letter *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
77. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
78. a ra____m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
79. for your own s__e *n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done
80. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 67. suicide, 68. afterward, 69. humanity, 70. tale, 71. ingenious, 72. silent, 73. artful, 74. brick, 75. silent, 76. anonymous, 77. communal, 78. random, 79. sake, 80. stick

81. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
82. sp____t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
83. commit su_____e *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
84. horse s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
85. an_____us house *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
86. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
87. des_____ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
88. wi_____ss access *adj.* of or relating a connection or communication that does not require a physical wire or cable, often through the use of radio waves or electromagnetic signals

ANSWERS: 81. inspire, 82. spirit, 83. suicide, 84. stud, 85. anonymous, 86. crazy, 87. desperately, 88. wireless

89. sh_____ng response *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
90. acts of he_____m *n.* great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause
91. for the s__e of argument *n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done
92. an indomitable sp____t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
93. individual ins_____on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
94. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
95. c__m manner *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
96. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
97. re_____s of a building *n.* the leftover parts or pieces of something that have been destroyed, removed, or consumed; the physical or biological remains of a deceased person, plant, animal

ANSWERS: 89. shocking, 90. heroism, 91. sake, 92. spirit, 93. instruction, 94. discovery, 95. calm, 96. creative, 97. remains

98. just a ha_____l of participants *n.* a small quantity or number, usually referring to the amount that can be held in one hand; a person or thing that is difficult to control or manage
99. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
100. bombs fell at ra_____m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
101. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
102. details of his pr_____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
103. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
104. stifled ch_____e *n.* a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way
105. wi_____ss charging *adj.* of or relating a connection or communication that does not require a physical wire or cable, often through the use of radio waves or electromagnetic signals
106. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
107. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
108. a ha_____ng sense of fear *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off

ANSWERS: 98. handful, 99. obvious, 100. random, 101. religion, 102. proposal, 103. crazy, 104. chuckle, 105. wireless, 106. communal, 107. par, 108. haunting

109. an innovative pr____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
110. wall s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
111. le__r for reform *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
112. st____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
113. me____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
114. or____n care *n.* a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them
115. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
116. bl__k expression *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

ANSWERS: 109. proposal, 110. stud, 111. lever, 112. struggle, 113. mention, 114. orphan, 115. develop, 116. blank

117. di____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
118. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
119. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
120. bl__k paper *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
121. follow his ins_____ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
122. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
123. pr_____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
124. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
125. have a whole m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
126. a ri____l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

ANSWERS: 117. digital, 118. demonstrate, 119. embarrass, 120. blank, 121. instruction, 122. embarrass, 123. preserve, 124. identify, 125. mess, 126. ritual

127. detect a vi__l code *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
128. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
129. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
130. human re_____s *n.* the leftover parts or pieces of something that have been destroyed, removed, or consumed; the physical or biological remains of a deceased person, plant, animal
131. to_____ng appeal *adj.* evoking an emotional response; causing feelings of sympathy, tenderness, or compassion; having a poignant or emotional impact
132. literal ha_____l *n.* a small quantity or number, usually referring to the amount that can be held in one hand; a person or thing that is difficult to control or manage
133. the exp_____on for the failure *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
134. up_____t schedule *adj.* tense, anxious, or stressed; showing or feeling a need for control or perfection
135. fr_____y syndrome *n.* the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality
136. fight vi__l infections *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
137. ch_____e at my cat's silly antics *n.* a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way

ANSWERS: 127. viral, 128. bunch, 129. afterward, 130. remains, 131. touching, 132. handful, 133. explanation, 134. uptight, 135. frailty, 136. viral, 137. chuckle

138. em_____al distress

adj. relating to people's feelings

139. st_____le to get the job

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

140. upcoming crime dr__a

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

ANSWERS: 138. emotional, 139. struggle, 140. drama

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
2. The movie's _____ storyline left the audience in tears.
adj. evoking an emotional response; causing feelings of sympathy, tenderness, or compassion; having a poignant or emotional impact
3. The little girl was a war _____ and lived in a group home.
n. a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them
4. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
adj. without any or little sound
5. They needed further _____ to perform their duties efficiently.
n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
6. The firefighter showed true _____ when he rescued the family from the burning building.
n. great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause
7. She had an audition for _____ school.
n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
8. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 1. embarrass, 2. touching, 3. orphan, 4. silent, 5. instruction, 6. heroism, 7. drama, 8. invite

9. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.
- v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
10. The company used this _____ platform to gather ideas for its next product.
- n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
11. During transit, the stuff may ____ off the luggage tag.
- v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
12. Our skeleton outline of the _____ met with much opposition.
- n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
13. I couldn't help but let out a little _____ when I saw the silly photo my friend had sent me.
- n.* a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way
14. The Egyptian _____ consist of a vast number of blocks.
- n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
15. The newspaper devoted several _____ to the affair.
- n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

ANSWERS: 9. uncovered, 10. crowdsourcing, 11. rip, 12. proposal, 13. chuckle, 14. pyramids, 15. columns

16. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

17. My boss is always _____ and stressed out.

adj. tense, anxious, or stressed; showing or feeling a need for control or perfection

18. The song's _____ melody stayed with me long after I heard it.

adj. lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off

19. The baby clung _____ to her mother.

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

20. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

21. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly _____ and at peace.

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

22. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

23. The earthquake caused a _____ of lumber to crumble noisily.

n. a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

ANSWERS: 16. inspired, 17. uptight, 18. haunting, 19. desperately, 20. random, 21. calm, 22. spirit, 23. stack

24. The writer's _____ descriptions made the reader feel as though they were part of the story.

adj. skillful and cunning, often deceitfully or cleverly; displaying artistic or creative skill

25. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

26. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

27. The busy road was closed for a few hours for a railway _____.

n. the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect

28. The wall was made of hard _____ that had been used for centuries.

n. a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material

29. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

30. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

31. I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so _____.

adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill

32. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

ANSWERS: 24. artful, 25. identify, 26. demonstrate, 27. crossing, 28. bricks, 29. obvious, 30. barrier, 31. ingenious, 32. frank

33. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
34. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
35. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
36. There are _____ methods for dealing with stress.
adj. too numerous to be counted or very many
37. The young couple's _____ energy was infectious, and everyone around them was smiling.
adj. full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production
38. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.
adv. after the time mentioned
39. The computer screen displayed nothing but a _____ white screen
adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
40. They donated large sums of money for the development of _____.
n. all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.

ANSWERS: 33. creative, 34. Communal, 35. religion, 36. countless, 37. exuberant, 38. afterward, 39. blank, 40. humanity

41. He made a frightful _____ in his room.

- n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

42. This initiative will be a _____ for increasing company sales.

- n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

43. The fog _____ the city, making it difficult to see.

- v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase

44. We want to _____ our company through your media.

- v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

45. He could not _____ against temptation.

- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

46. Ghosts in folk _____ are almost always malicious.

- n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

47. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

- adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

48. The doctor warned us about the human body's _____ and the dangers of neglecting our health.

- n.* the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality

ANSWERS: 41. mess, 42. lever, 43. enveloped, 44. advertise, 45. struggle, 46. tales, 47. crazy, 48. frailty

49. The following _____ is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.
- n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
50. The office's _____ network allows employees to work from anywhere in the building.
- adj.* of or relating a connection or communication that does not require a physical wire or cable, often through the use of radio waves or electromagnetic signals
51. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.
- adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
52. The mischievous _____ flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.
- n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
53. She received several _____ calls.
- adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
54. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
55. This device can more accurately detect _____ pathogens.
- adj.* relating to or caused by a virus

ANSWERS: 49. explanation, 50. wireless, 51. digital, 52. fairy, 53. anonymous, 54. stick, 55. viral

56. The _____ of the ancient civilization can still be seen in the city's ruins.
- n.* the leftover parts or pieces of something that have been destroyed, removed, or consumed; the physical or biological remains of a deceased person, plant, animal
57. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
- v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
58. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
- n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
59. Her research team made an important _____.
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
60. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
- adj.* relating to people's feelings
61. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
62. In an economically prosperous country, most male _____ is due to child support problems.
- n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
63. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.
- n.* a state of being equal to someone or something

ANSWERS: 56. remains, 57. mentioned, 58. bunch, 59. discovery, 60. emotional, 61. develop, 62. suicide, 63. par

64. She only had a _____ of pens left in her bag.

- n.* a small quantity or number, usually referring to the amount that can be held in one hand; a person or thing that is difficult to control or manage

65. He got a new job for the _____ of his family.

- n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done

66. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.

- n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

67. The news of the accident was _____ and left many in shock.

- adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

68. He bought a new _____ to attach the strap to his watch.

- n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

69. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.

- v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

70. The interviewer asked him to speak into the _____.

- n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder

ANSWERS: 64. handful, 65. sake, 66. ritual, 67. shocking, 68. stud, 69. preserve, 70. microphone