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Session 1: Word List

ravage

v. to cause damage to something badly

synonym: devastate, ruin, destroy

(1) **ravage** a country, (2) **ravage** the brain

A large fire **ravaged** the forest.

legion

n. a large number or multitude of people or things; an organized military unit consisting of a large number of soldiers, usually numbering several thousand

synonym: army, horde, multitude

(1) a **legion** of fans, (2) football **legion**

The politician had a **legion** of supporters who campaigned tirelessly for him.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

assassination

n. the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

synonym: murder, killing, execution

(1) failed **assassination** attempt, (2) **assassination** plot

The **assassination** of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

cybersecurity

n. the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction

synonym : information security, cyber protection

(1) **cybersecurity** threat, (2) **cybersecurity** measures

As the use of technology continues to increase in everyday life, **cybersecurity** awareness and education become even more important

dastard

n. a dishonorable or despicable coward

synonym : coward, chicken, cad

(1) you **dastard**, (2) the **dastard's** way of thinking

You cannot criticize him as an arrogant **dastard**.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

inchoate

adj. being in an early or incomplete stage; not fully formed or developed

synonym : beginning, incipient, embryonic

(1) **inchoate** idea, (2) **inchoate** relationship

The entrepreneur's business plan was still **inchoate** and

needed further development before implementation.

whiff

n. a brief and faint odor that is detected; a slight gust or puff of air; a hint or a trace of something; (verb) to catch a brief, slight smell of something

synonym : aroma, scent, odor

(1) **whiff** of smoke, (2) catch a **whiff**

The **whiff** of freshly baked bread made my mouth water.

anarchist

n. a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary

synonym : nihilist, syndicalist, agitator

(1) **anarchist** terrorism, (2) **anarchist** group

The event pretty much converted him from his **anarchist** views.

mediate

v. to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

synonym : arbitrate, reconcile, intervene

(1) **mediate** allergic reaction, (2) **mediate** a negotiation

The teacher had to **mediate** a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.

hubris

n. excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin

synonym : arrogance, conceit, pride

(1) political **hubris**, (2) **hubris** in business

The athlete's **hubris** resulted in him underestimating his competition and losing the game.

hawk

n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

synonym : militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

dazzling

adj. shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting

synonym : astonishing, breathtaking, flashy

(1) **dazzling** debut, (2) **dazzling** views

Last night, the team delivered a **dazzling** performance.

teeny

adj. extremely small; tiny

synonym : tiny, mini, minuscule

(1) **teeny** bit, (2) so **teeny** tiny

The ring was so **teeny** that it almost looked like a toy.

industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

synonym : motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

cyber

adj. relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality

synonym : digital, computer, Internet

(1) **cyber** bullying, (2) **cyber** crime

Cyber espionage between countries can have serious consequences.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

malware

n. a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network

synonym : virus, malicious software, spyware

(1) **malware** attack, (2) prevent **malware**

My computer was infected with **malware**, and it caused many problems.

axiom

n. a statement or principle that is regarded as being self-evidently true and does not require proof or justification; a fundamental truth upon which other truths or theories are based

synonym : principle, maxim, postulate

(1) self-evident **axiom**, (2) fundamental **axiom**

It is an **axiom** in mathematics that two parallel lines never intersect.

escrow

n. a financial arrangement in which a third party holds money or property on behalf of two other parties until a particular condition is met

synonym : deposit, stake, bond

(1) **escrow** account, (2) **escrow** agreement

The house purchase is in **escrow** until all the necessary paperwork is complete.

passe

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

synonym : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

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

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

rev

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

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

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

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

spree

n. a short period of indulgence or excessive activity, often involving spending money or engaging in risky or impulsive behavior

synonym : binge, fling, spree

(1) shopping **spree**, (2) crime **spree**

She went on a travel **spree** and visited six countries in one month.

stash

v. to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use

synonym: hoard, stockpile, reserve

(1) **stash** gems in a safe, (2) **stash** your phone

He **stashed** away a large amount of money in a Swiss bank.

roam

v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

synonym: wander, ramble, meander

(1) **roam** freely, (2) **roam** the countryside

I love to **roam** around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

interrogate

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

synonym: question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police

The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

bully

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

synonym: tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

seduce

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

synonym: tempt, lure, entice

(1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind

He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

synonym: condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

mastermind

v. to plan, organize, or oversee a complex scheme or project; to be the central or key person behind a brilliant or intricate plan or idea

synonym: plan, orchestrate, scheme

(1) **mastermind** a plan, (2) **mastermind** a general strike

The detective **masterminded** the entire operation to catch the thief red-handed.

meridian

n. a circle or imaginary line on the Earth's surface, running from north to south and passing through both poles

synonym: longitude, line of longitude, great circle

(1) **meridian** altitude, (2) prime **meridian**

The **meridian** lines on a globe help with navigation and

determining location.

sparing

adj. characterized by using or giving very little of something; frugal or economical in the use of resources or materials

synonym : frugal, economical, thrifty

(1) a **sparing** amount of sugar, (2) time **sparing**

The **sparing** use of resources is important for conservation efforts.

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.

inveterate

adj. having a particular habit, activity, or behavior that is firmly established and unlikely to change; long-standing or deep-rooted

synonym : habitual, confirmed, ingrained

(1) **inveterate** wine lover, (2) **inveterate** liar

He is an **inveterate** smoker, despite numerous attempts to quit.

wormhole

n. a hypothetical tunnel or passage through space and time, permitting quicker travel across vast distances than would normally be possible

(1) quantum **wormhole**, (2) traversable **wormhole**

The theory of **wormholes** suggests they would create a shortcut between two points in space-time.

cracker

n. a crisp, dry baked food usually made from flour and served as a snack or with soup or cheese; a person who breaks into computer systems or networks without authorization, commonly known as a hacker; a small firework that is designed to make a loud noise when ignited

synonym : biscuit, hacker, banger

(1) cannon **cracker**, (2) computer **cracker**

I love having a cheese and **cracker** platter while watching a movie.

prosaic

adj. lacking excitement, imagination, or originality; dull, ordinary, or commonplace; relating to or characteristic of prose rather than poetry

synonym: mundane, ordinary, dull

(1) **prosaic** language, (2) **prosaic** approach

The book's **prosaic** writing style left me uninterested despite the dramatic premise.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym: allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

mast

n. a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails

(1) **mast** height, (2) built-up **mast**

The main cabin is located in front of the **mast**.

suave

adj. smoothly polite or refined in manner; graceful and elegant in appearance or behavior; charmingly confident and sophisticated

synonym: smooth, polished, charming

(1) **suave** appearance, (2) **suave** charm

The **suave** gentleman in the suit charmed his way into the job interview.

psychopath

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

synonym: sociopath, antisocial, monster

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

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

pentagon

n. a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

synonym: five-sided shape, quinquangle

(1) equilateral **pentagon**, (2) **pentagon** building

The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided **pentagon**.

dupe

v. to deceive or trick someone into believing something that is not true; to cheat or swindle someone; (noun) a person who has been deceived or tricked into believing something that is not true, often by someone who is trying to take advantage of them

synonym: trick, deceive, fool

(1) **dupe** him into believing, (2) **dupe** the public

He tried to **dupe** me into buying a product that didn't work.

espionage

n. the practice of spying or gathering confidential information about a country or organization for political or military purposes; the act of obtaining secret or confidential information by means of spies or secret agents

synonym: spying, intelligence gathering

(1) **espionage** tactics, (2) industrial **espionage**

The cyber **espionage** operation was the work of a foreign government's army of hackers.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

punitive

adj. relating to or involving punishment or inflicting punishment; aimed at punishing or disciplining

synonym : punishing, retributive, disciplinary

(1) **punitive** response, (2) **punitive** damages

His coworkers deemed the **punitive** measures taken against the employee too harsh.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym : boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

tame

v. to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training

synonym : domesticate, soften, (adjective) harmless

(1) **tame** a wild beast, (2) a **tame** animal

We have to **tame** substantial financial deficits at first.

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.

obsessive

adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

synonym : compulsive, fixated, besetting

(1) **obsessive-compulsive** disorder, (2) **obsessive** thoughts

Her **obsessive** behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.

Session 2: Spelling

1. mas_____nd a plan
v. to plan, organize, or oversee a complex scheme or project; to be the central or key person behind a brilliant or intricate plan or idea
2. ac___e his rudeness
v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
3. national ob_____on
n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
4. bu__y the weak
n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
5. se___e her mind
v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
6. a sp_____g amount of sugar
adj. characterized by using or giving very little of something; frugal or economical in the use of resources or materials
7. inv_____te wine lover
adj. having a particular habit, activity, or behavior that is firmly established and unlikely to change; long-standing or deep-rooted
8. mo_____ze a stiff joint
v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. mastermind, 2. accuse, 3. obsession, 4. bully, 5. seduce, 6. sparing, 7. inveterate, 8. mobilize

9. prevent ma____e *n.* a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
10. ob____ve-compulsive disorder *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
11. the da____d's way of thinking *n.* a dishonorable or despicable coward
12. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
13. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
14. prime me____an *n.* a circle or imaginary line on the Earth's surface, running from north to south and passing through both poles
15. pr____c approach *adj.* lacking excitement, imagination, or originality; dull, ordinary, or commonplace; relating to or characteristic of prose rather than poetry
16. me____an altitude *n.* a circle or imaginary line on the Earth's surface, running from north to south and passing through both poles
17. equilateral pe____on *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

ANSWERS: 9. malware, 10. obsessive, 11. dastard, 12. passe, 13. motto, 14. meridian, 15. prosaic, 16. meridian, 17. pentagon

18. ind_____ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
19. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
20. you da____d *n.* a dishonorable or despicable coward
21. co_____t in a jail *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
22. traversable wo_____le *n.* a hypothetical tunnel or passage through space and time, permitting quicker travel across vast distances than would normally be possible
23. nu_____e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
24. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
25. bu__y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
26. catch a wh__f *n.* a brief and faint odor that is detected; a slight gust or puff of air; a hint or a trace of something; (verb) to catch a brief, slight smell of something
27. military di_____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

ANSWERS: 18. industrialize, 19. industrious, 20. dastard, 21. convict, 22. wormhole, 23. nurture, 24. passe, 25. bully, 26. whiff, 27. dictator

28. an_____st terrorism *n.* a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary
29. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
30. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
31. int_____te an enemy soldier *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
32. a le____n of fans *n.* a large number or multitude of people or things; an organized military unit consisting of a large number of soldiers, usually numbering several thousand
33. self-evident ax__m *n.* a statement or principle that is regarded as being self-evidently true and does not require proof or justification; a fundamental truth upon which other truths or theories are based
34. es_____ge tactics *n.* the practice of spying or gathering confidential information about a country or organization for political or military purposes; the act of obtaining secret or confidential information by means of spies or secret agents
35. quantum wo_____le *n.* a hypothetical tunnel or passage through space and time, permitting quicker travel across vast distances than would normally be possible

ANSWERS: 28. anarchist, 29. creditor, 30. rev, 31. interrogate, 32. legion, 33. axiom, 34. espionage, 35. wormhole

36. ass_____ion plot *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
37. in_____te relationship *adj.* being in an early or incomplete stage; not fully formed or developed
38. cy__r crime *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
39. cast off a h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
40. time sp_____g *adj.* characterized by using or giving very little of something; frugal or economical in the use of resources or materials
41. st__h gems in a safe *v.* to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use
42. r__m freely *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
43. se___e him into crime *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
44. ind_____ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
45. d__e him into believing *v.* to deceive or trick someone into believing something that is not true; to cheat or swindle someone; (noun) a person who has been deceived or tricked into believing something that is not true, often by someone who is trying to take advantage of them

ANSWERS: 36. assassination, 37. inchoate, 38. cyber, 39. hawk, 40. sparing, 41. stash, 42. roam, 43. seduce, 44. industrialize, 45. dupe

46. football le___n *n.* a large number or multitude of people or things; an organized military unit consisting of a large number of soldiers, usually numbering several thousand
47. t__e a wild beast *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
48. a t__e animal *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
49. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
50. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
51. cy__r bullying *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
52. me_____e a negotiation *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
53. shopping sp__e *n.* a short period of indulgence or excessive activity, often involving spending money or engaging in risky or impulsive behavior
54. es___w account *n.* a financial arrangement in which a third party holds money or property on behalf of two other parties until a particular condition is met

ANSWERS: 46. legion, 47. tame, 48. tame, 49. nurture, 50. embarrass, 51. cyber, 52. mediate, 53. spree, 54. escrow

55. wh__f of smoke *n.* a brief and faint odor that is detected; a slight gust or puff of air; a hint or a trace of something; (verb) to catch a brief, slight smell of something
56. m__t height *n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
57. crime sp__e *n.* a short period of indulgence or excessive activity, often involving spending money or engaging in risky or impulsive behavior
58. built-up m__t *n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
59. en____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
60. rel____ss attack *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
61. violent psy____th *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
62. ob____ve thoughts *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
63. an____st group *n.* a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary

ANSWERS: 55. whiff, 56. mast, 57. spree, 58. mast, 59. entitle, 60. relentless, 61. psychopath, 62. obsessive, 63. anarchist

64. st__h your phone *v.* to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use
65. da____ng views *adj.* shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting
66. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
67. industrial es_____ge *n.* the practice of spying or gathering confidential information about a country or organization for political or military purposes; the act of obtaining secret or confidential information by means of spies or secret agents
68. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
69. d__e the public *v.* to deceive or trick someone into believing something that is not true; to cheat or swindle someone; (noun) a person who has been deceived or tricked into believing something that is not true, often by someone who is trying to take advantage of them
70. congressional h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
71. int_____ted by police *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

ANSWERS: 64. stash, 65. dazzling, 66. obsession, 67. espionage, 68. rev, 69. dupe, 70. hawk, 71. interrogate

72. ma_____e attack *n.* a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
73. face rel_____ss pressure *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
74. me_____e allergic reaction *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
75. cyb_____ity measures *n.* the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction
76. psy_____th tendencies *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
77. so te__y tiny *adj.* extremely small; tiny
78. te__y bit *adj.* extremely small; tiny
79. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
80. es___w agreement *n.* a financial arrangement in which a third party holds money or property on behalf of two other parties until a particular condition is met
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ANSWERS: 72. malware, 73. relentless, 74. mediate, 75. cybersecurity, 76. psychopath, 77. teeny, 78. teeny, 79. motto, 80. escrow, 81. accuse

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84. pr_____c language *adj.* lacking excitement, imagination, or originality; dull, ordinary, or commonplace; relating to or characteristic of prose rather than poetry
85. hu_____s in business *n.* excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin
86. computer cr_____r *n.* a crisp, dry baked food usually made from flour and served as a snack or with soup or cheese; a person who breaks into computer systems or networks without authorization, commonly known as a hacker; a small firework that is designed to make a loud noise when ignited
87. political hu_____s *n.* excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin
88. pu_____ve damages *adj.* relating to or involving punishment or inflicting punishment; aimed at punishing or disciplining
89. su__e charm *adj.* smoothly polite or refined in manner; graceful and elegant in appearance or behavior; charmingly confident and sophisticated

ANSWERS: 82. mastermind, 83. creditor, 84. prosaic, 85. hubris, 86. cracker, 87. hubris, 88. punitive, 89. suave

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96. cannon cr_____r *n.* a crisp, dry baked food usually made from flour and served as a snack or with soup or cheese; a person who breaks into computer systems or networks without authorization, commonly known as a hacker; a small firework that is designed to make a loud noise when ignited
97. failed ass_____ion attempt *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
98. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

ANSWERS: 90. roam, 91. embarrass, 92. cybersecurity, 93. dazzling, 94. industrious, 95. convict, 96. cracker, 97. assassination, 98. entitle

99. ra___e the brain	<i>v.</i> to cause damage to something badly
100. mo____ze cooperation	<i>v.</i> to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
101. pe_____on building	<i>n.</i> a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
102. in_____te idea	<i>adj.</i> being in an early or incomplete stage; not fully formed or developed
103. inv_____te liar	<i>adj.</i> having a particular habit, activity, or behavior that is firmly established and unlikely to change; long-standing or deep-rooted
104. pu_____ve response	<i>adj.</i> relating to or involving punishment or inflicting punishment; aimed at punishing or disciplining
105. a di_____or with enormous powers	<i>n.</i> a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
106. su___e appearance	<i>adj.</i> smoothly polite or refined in manner; graceful and elegant in appearance or behavior; charmingly confident and sophisticated
107. fundamental ax__m	<i>n.</i> a statement or principle that is regarded as being self-evidently true and does not require proof or justification; a fundamental truth upon which other truths or theories are based

ANSWERS: 99. ravage, 100. mobilize, 101. pentagon, 102. inchoate, 103. inveterate, 104. punitive, 105. dictator, 106. suave, 107. axiom

108. ra___e a country

v. to cause damage to something badly

ANSWERS: 108. ravage

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He tried to _____ her with his charm and good looks.
 - v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

2. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
 - n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

3. We have to _____ substantial financial deficits at first.
 - v. to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training

4. The teacher had to _____ a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.
 - v. to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

5. The _____ of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.
 - n. the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

6. The schoolyard _____ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.
 - n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

7. The main cabin is located in front of the _____.
 - n. a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails

ANSWERS: 1. seduce, 2. creditor, 3. tame, 4. mediate, 5. assassination, 6. bully, 7. mast

8. It is an _____ in mathematics that two parallel lines never intersect.
- n.* a statement or principle that is regarded as being self-evidently true and does not require proof or justification; a fundamental truth upon which other truths or theories are based
9. The detective identified the _____ who had been terrorizing the city for months.
- n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
10. He _____ away a large amount of money in a Swiss bank.
- v.* to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use
11. The _____ use of resources is important for conservation efforts.
- adj.* characterized by using or giving very little of something; frugal or economical in the use of resources or materials
12. I love having a cheese and _____ platter while watching a movie.
- n.* a crisp, dry baked food usually made from flour and served as a snack or with soup or cheese; a person who breaks into computer systems or networks without authorization, commonly known as a hacker; a small firework that is designed to make a loud noise when ignited
13. Her _____ behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.
- adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
14. He tried to _____ me into buying a product that didn't work.
- v.* to deceive or trick someone into believing something that is not true; to cheat or swindle someone; (noun) a person who has been deceived or tricked into believing something that is not true, often by someone who is trying to take advantage of them

ANSWERS: 8. axiom, 9. psychopath, 10. stashed, 11. sparing, 12. cracker, 13. obsessive, 14. dupe

15. The _____ lines on a globe help with navigation and determining location.
- n.* a circle or imaginary line on the Earth's surface, running from north to south and passing through both poles
16. That team signed a center forward who was a ball-_____.
- n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
17. The _____ of freshly baked bread made my mouth water.
- n.* a brief and faint odor that is detected; a slight gust or puff of air; a hint or a trace of something; (verb) to catch a brief, slight smell of something
18. The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided _____.
- n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
19. My computer was infected with _____ and it caused many problems.
- n.* a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
20. The book's _____ writing style left me uninterested despite the dramatic premise.
- adj.* lacking excitement, imagination, or originality; dull, ordinary, or commonplace; relating to or characteristic of prose rather than poetry
21. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
- n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

ANSWERS: 15. meridian, 16. hawk, 17. whiff, 18. pentagon, 19. malware, 20. prosaic, 21. motto

22. The cyber _____ operation was the work of a foreign government's army of hackers.
- n.* the practice of spying or gathering confidential information about a country or organization for political or military purposes; the act of obtaining secret or confidential information by means of spies or secret agents
23. 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
24. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
- v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
25. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.
- v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
26. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
- n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
27. I love to _____ around the city and discover new neighborhoods.
- v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
28. The house purchase is in _____ until all the necessary paperwork is complete.
- n.* a financial arrangement in which a third party holds money or property on behalf of two other parties until a particular condition is met
29. The event pretty much converted him from his _____ views.
- n.* a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary

ANSWERS: 22. espionage, 23. passe, 24. embarrass, 25. entitled, 26. dictator, 27. roam, 28. escrow, 29. anarchist

30. The military _____ troops to the border.
v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
31. The politician had a _____ of supporters who campaigned tirelessly for him.
n. a large number or multitude of people or things; an organized military unit consisting of a large number of soldiers, usually numbering several thousand
32. The athlete's _____ resulted in him underestimating his competition and losing the game.
n. excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin
33. _____ espionage between countries can have serious consequences.
adj. relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
34. He was _____ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.
v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
35. Last night, the team delivered a _____ performance.
adj. shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting
36. The theory of _____ suggests they would create a shortcut between two points in space-time.
n. a hypothetical tunnel or passage through space and time, permitting quicker travel across vast distances than would normally be possible
37. A large fire _____ the forest.
v. to cause damage to something badly

ANSWERS: 30. mobilized, 31. legion, 32. hubris, 33. Cyber, 34. convicted, 35. dazzling, 36. wormholes, 37. ravaged

38. The _____ gentleman in the suit charmed his way into the job interview.
adj. smoothly polite or refined in manner; graceful and elegant in appearance or behavior; charmingly confident and sophisticated
39. His coworkers deemed the _____ measures taken against the employee too harsh.
adj. relating to or involving punishment or inflicting punishment; aimed at punishing or disciplining
40. You cannot criticize him as an arrogant _____.
n. a dishonorable or despicable coward
41. The athlete's _____ training paid off in the end.
adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
42. The entrepreneur's business plan was still _____ and needed further development before implementation.
adj. being in an early or incomplete stage; not fully formed or developed
43. He is an _____ smoker, despite numerous attempts to quit.
adj. having a particular habit, activity, or behavior that is firmly established and unlikely to change; long-standing or deep-rooted
44. As the use of technology continues to increase in everyday life, _____ awareness and education become even more important
n. the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction
45. She went on a travel _____ and visited six countries in one month.
n. a short period of indulgence or excessive activity, often involving spending money or engaging in risky or impulsive behavior

ANSWERS: 38. suave, 39. punitive, 40. dastard, 41. relentless, 42. inchoate, 43. inveterate, 44. cybersecurity, 45. spree

46. The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately _____ the witness.
v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
47. The nations of South East Asia will quickly _____ and catch up with the West.
v. to organize the production of something into an industry
48. The detective _____ the entire operation to catch the thief red-handed.
v. to plan, organize, or oversee a complex scheme or project; to be the central or key person behind a brilliant or intricate plan or idea
49. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
50. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.
v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
51. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.
n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
52. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.
v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
53. The ring was so _____ that it almost looked like a toy.
adj. extremely small; tiny

ANSWERS: 46. interrogate, 47. industrialize, 48. masterminded, 49. industrious, 50. nurture, 51. obsession, 52. accused, 53. teeny

54. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.

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

ANSWERS: 54. rev