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Session 1: Word List

unshakeable

adj. not able to be shaken or moved; firm, steadfast, and determined; describing a person who is strong, resolute, and unwavering

synonym: unwavering, firm, resolute

(1) **unshakeable** determination, (2) **unshakeable** trust

His **unshakeable** confidence inspired those around him to take bold risks.

coercion

n. the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority

synonym: pressure, force, compulsion

(1) **coercion** through force, (2) physical **coercion**

The government used **coercion** to force citizens to comply with pandemic restrictions.

invariably

adv. in every case or on every occasion; without exception

synonym: consistently, always, uniformly

(1) **invariably** polite, (2) **invariably** correct

She **invariably** arrived at the office early each day.

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**.

tyrannical

adj. using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way

synonym : despotic, oppressive, authoritarian

(1) a **tyrannical** government, (2) a **tyrannical** parent

Tyrannical Hollywood film moguls can easily rule the movie star's career.

rehearse

v. to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it

synonym : practice, recite, drill

(1) **rehearse** an opera, (2) **rehearse** a speech

The actors needed to **rehearse** their lines before the performance.

rehearsal

n. a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing

synonym : practice, run-through, drill

(1) dress **rehearsal**, (2) music **rehearsal**

The theater company had its final **rehearsal** before opening night.

cast-iron

n. a strong, heavy, and durable metal or alloy that is used in various industrial applications, such as machinery, piping, and construction

(1) **cast-iron** stove, (2) **cast-iron** gate

My grandma used to cook with a **cast-iron** skillet, giving her

food a unique flavor.

scot

n. a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

synonym: tax, charge, toll

(1) pay annual **scot**, (2) traditional **Scot** attire

The **scot-free** suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.

overcompensate

v. to take excessive or extreme measures to make up for a perceived deficiency or lack, often resulting in an overcorrection

synonym: overcorrect, overdo, make up for

(1) **overcompensate** for mistakes, (2) **overcompensate** for lack of experience

After missing a deadline, he worked late into the night to **overcompensate** for his mistake.

gesticulate

v. to make gestures, especially with one's hands or arms, while speaking or expressing oneself; to convey emotions or thoughts using dramatic or vigorous gestures

synonym: signal, indicate, gesture

(1) **gesticulate** to communicate with friends, (2) **gesticulate** with his hands

The speaker **gesticulated** wildly as they spoke, emphasizing their words.

rabid

adj. characterized by extreme or fanatical enthusiasm or devotion; having or showing symptoms of rabies, a viral disease that affects the nervous system of mammals and can cause violent and aggressive behavior

synonym: fanatical, furious, zealous

(1) **rabid** anti-vaxxer, (2) **rabid** supporter

The fans became **rabid** when their team scored the winning goal.

windmill

n. a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity

synonym : wind turbine, aerogenerator

(1) **windmill** blades, (2) **windmill** energy

The countryside was dotted with picturesque **windmills**.

blur

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym : smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

ridicule

n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

synonym : derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense

The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

dismal

adj. depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

synonym : gloomy, depressing, dreary

(1) **dismal** failure, (2) **dismal** performance

The weather was so **dismal** that we decided to stay indoors all day.

podium

n. a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards

synonym : lectern, stand, dais

(1) win a **podium** position, (2) **podium** finisher

The speaker stood confidently on the **podium** while delivering their speech.

engender

v. to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to

synonym: beget, spawn, generate

(1) **engender** a crisis, (2) **engender** the trust

The discussion about war helps **engender** a sense of shared humanity.

crescendo

n. a gradual increase in volume or intensity, often about a musical piece or performance; figuratively, a gradual buildup or intensification of a feeling, emotion, or action

synonym: escalation, apex, zenith

(1) **crescendo** of applause, (2) a rising **crescendo** of voices

The band's music reached a **crescendo** during the concert's final song.

upsurge

n. a sudden and significant increase, a rise, or surge in something, especially in intensity or frequency

synonym: surge, increase, rise

(1) population **upsurge**, (2) an **upsurge** of emotion

The country saw an **upsurge** in tourism after the new airport was built.

weep

v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain

synonym: cry, sob, mourn

(1) **weep** bitter tears, (2) **weep** for joy

I'm easily moved to tears, so I would **weep** in sympathy if I saw that movie.

futile

adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

synonym: useless, worthless, ineffective

(1) **futile** talk, (2) make a **futile** protest

It was **futile** to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

visceral

adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

synonym : instinctive, intuitive, gut

(1) **visceral** organ, (2) **visceral** fear

After watching the horror movie, she had a **visceral** reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

dizzy

adj. having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance

synonym : addled, confounded, unsteady

(1) feel **dizzy**, (2) had a **dizzy** spell

Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting **dizzy**.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

incarnation

n. the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something

synonym : embodiment, personification, avatar

(1) former **incarnation**, (2) **incarnation** of stupidity

The novel is an **incarnation** of the author's experiences and imagination.

aggress

v. to attack or threaten with violence or offense

synonym : attack, assault, threaten

(1) **aggress** into an enemy's camp, (2) **aggress** on the neighboring countries

The dog barked and **aggressed** towards anyone who approached the gate.

devoid

adj. completely lacking or free from something

synonym : empty, lacking, void

(1) **devoid** of life, (2) air **devoid** of pollution

The room was **devoid** of any furniture or decorations.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

blossom

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

synonym: flower, bloom, bud

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

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

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

cape

n. a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

synonym: shawl, cloak, mantle

(1) **cape** cod, (2) red **cape**

The superhero wore a flowing **cape** as part of their costume.

enchant

v. to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone

synonym: charm, captivate, bewitch

(1) **enchant** the audience, (2) **enchant** the crowd

The fairy's spell **enchanted** the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.

spontaneously

adv. in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden

synonym: impromptu, automatically, immediately

(1) recover **spontaneously** after five days, (2) this shift occurs **spontaneously**

The electrical cord **spontaneously** combusted.

improvise

v. to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something

synonym: ad-lib, extemporize

(1) **improvise** a joke, (2) **improvise** an escape plan

We had to **improvise** a tent using a tarp and sticks since we didn't have a proper one.

broaden

v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

synonym: expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

acuity

n. the ability to perceive or discern with a high degree of accuracy and sensitivity; sharpness or keenness of senses, especially vision or hearing

synonym: sharpness, clarity, precision

(1) mental **acuity**, (2) hearing **acuity**

The optometrist tested my visual **acuity** by asking me to read various-sized letters on a chart.

plunge

v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

synonym: dive, drop, thrust

(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart

The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

enshrine

v. to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect

synonym: ensconce, preserve, cherish

(1) **enshrine** memories, (2) **enshrine** tradition

The Constitution **enshrines** the rights and freedoms of citizens.

poke

v. to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

synonym: prod, jab, push

(1) **poke** around the desk, (2) **poke** a fire

They **poked** fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

pardon

v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense

synonym: forgive, excuse, absolve

(1) **pardon** me, (2) supplicate for **pardon**

The governor decided to **pardon** the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.

reckon

v. to think or believe something

synonym: regard, imagine, suppose

(1) hard to **reckon**, (2) **reckon** the company as a rival

He **reckons** that corruption was rampant in the regime.

adventurous

adj. willing to take risks and try new or difficult things

synonym: daring, risk-taking, bold

(1) lead an **adventurous** life, (2) **adventurous** pioneers

He has an **adventurous** spirit and is unafraid of risks.

octave

n. a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale

synonym: eighth, interval, range

(1) **octave** key, (2) **octave** range

The singer's range was impressive, covering three **octaves**

with ease.

vim *n.* lively energy, vigor, or enthusiasm; a quality of spiritedness or determination; (of a computer) a highly configurable, powerful, console-based text editor that was built to enable efficient text editing
synonym: energy, vitality, liveliness
(1) boundless **vim**, (2) youthful **vim**
He tackled the project with great **vim** and energy.

excite *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate
(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion
The news of her promotion **excited** her.

palsy *n.* a condition characterized by the loss or impairment of movement or sensation due to damage or disease affecting the nervous system; paralysis or weakness
synonym: paralysis, tremor, twitch
(1) muscle **palsy**, (2) cerebral **palsy**
Some people with Parkinson's disease may experience tremors and **palsy** in their limbs.

hitherto *adv.* until now or until the particular time
synonym: heretofore, previously, yet
(1) **hitherto** existing, (2) **hitherto** untouchable topic
This product can achieve even lower power consumption than **hitherto**.

improvisation *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization
(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**
He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains
The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

frightening

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

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

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

bedlam

n. a state of chaos, confusion, and uproar; an uproarious or madly noisy scene or situation

synonym: chaos, pandemonium, mayhem

(1) chaotic **bedlam**, (2) noisy **bedlam**

The stadium erupted into **bedlam** when the home team scored the winning goal.

rapt

adj. deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed

synonym: entranced, absorbed, spellbound

(1) **rapt** audience, (2) have a **rapt** expression

She was **rapt** in concentration as she listened to the lecture.

left-handed

adv. using the left hand more skillfully or naturally; (adverb) in a way that is specific to or unique to left-handed individuals

synonym: sinister, southpaw, portside

(1) **left-handed** writer, (2) **left-handed** pitcher

She writes **left-handed** and finds it challenging to use a standard pen.

cockpit

n. the area in an aircraft or spacecraft from which the pilot controls the aircraft or spacecraft

synonym: flight deck, control room, bridge

(1) navigator's **cockpit**, (2) **cockpit** ship
The pilot sat in the **cockpit** of the airplane.

paralysis

n. a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

synonym: immobility, stiffness, palsy

(1) moral **paralysis**, (2) **paralysis** in the leg
Massive demonstrations lead to total **paralysis** of transportation.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

implausible

adj. difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable

synonym: incredulous, far-fetched, unbelievable

(1) **implausible** theory, (2) **implausible** excuse

The detective found the suspect's story **implausible** and decided to investigate further.

disconsolate

adj. deeply unhappy or dejected; without hope or comfort; unable to be consoled

synonym: unhappy, dejected, forlorn

(1) **disconsolate** mood, (2) look **disconsolate**

The widow remained **disconsolate** for months after her husband's death.

remonstrate

v. to protest or object forcefully; to argue or reason against something; to express disapproval or disagreement

synonym: argue, protest, object

(1) **remonstrate** with a person, (2) **remonstrate** against a

decision

He **remonstrated** with his friend for behaving inappropriately at the party.

symphony

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

synonym: orchestra, harmony, concert

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

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

sullen

adj. showing a gloomy, moody, or resentful disposition; silent and refusing to engage in conversation; characterized by a dark or dismal atmosphere or appearance

synonym: gloomy, morose, sulky

(1) **sullen** silence, (2) **sullen** teenager

After receiving bad news, she walked around with a **sullen** expression, refusing to talk to anyone.

revolt

n. to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler

synonym: rebellion, uprising, insurgence

(1) **revolt** against existing ways of thinking, (2) **revolt** against the dictator

The people tried to **revolt** to oust the tyrant.

reunite

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

synonym: reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend

The band will **reunite** only for this show.

wither

v. to gradually shrink, shrivel, or become weaker, often due to lack of nourishment, age, or disease; to lose freshness, vitality, or vigor

synonym: fade, wilt, shrivel

(1) **wither** corporate management, (2) **wither** in the heat
The flowers in the garden began to **wither** due to lack of
water.

Session 2: Spelling

1. en____ne tradition *v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect
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3. di___l failure *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
4. hard to re___n *v.* to think or believe something
5. su___n silence *adj.* showing a gloomy, moody, or resentful disposition; silent and refusing to engage in conversation; characterized by a dark or dismal atmosphere or appearance
6. hearing ac___y *n.* the ability to perceive or discern with a high degree of accuracy and sensitivity; sharpness or keenness of senses, especially vision or hearing
7. traditional S__t attire *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
8. hear customer's voices fi____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
9. uns____le determination *adj.* not able to be shaken or moved; firm, steadfast, and determined; describing a person who is strong, resolute, and unwavering

ANSWERS: 1. enshrine, 2. implausible, 3. dismal, 4. reckon, 5. sullen, 6. acuity, 7. scot, 8. firsthand, 9. unshakeable

10. br____n their horizon
v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
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adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
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v. to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
15. re___n the company as a rival
v. to think or believe something
16. pl___e a dagger through his heart
v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
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n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
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20. ast_____ng achievement
adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

ANSWERS: 10. broaden, 11. frightening, 12. cape, 13. invariably, 14. poke, 15. reckon, 16. plunge, 17. dictator, 18. dizzy, 19. crescendo, 20. astonishing

21. air de___d of pollution *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
22. co_____t ship *n.* the area in an aircraft or spacecraft from which the pilot controls the aircraft or spacecraft
23. medical in___n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
24. inc_____on of stupidity *n.* the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something
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27. re___t against the dictator *n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
28. fu___e talk *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
29. recover spo_____sly after five days *adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
30. win a po___m position *n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards

ANSWERS: 21. devoid, 22. cockpit, 23. intern, 24. incarnation, 25. symphony, 26. improvisation, 27. revolt, 28. futile, 29. spontaneously, 30. podium

31. w__p for joy *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
32. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
33. mental ac___y *n.* the ability to perceive or discern with a high degree of accuracy and sensitivity; sharpness or keenness of senses, especially vision or hearing
34. public ri_____le *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
35. pl___e into the water *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
36. make ast_____ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
37. vi_____al organ *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
38. pa_____is in the leg *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
39. inv_____ly polite *adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception

ANSWERS: 31. weep, 32. opportune, 33. acuity, 34. ridicule, 35. plunge, 36. astonishing, 37. visceral, 38. paralysis, 39. invariably

40. wi_____ll energy *n.* a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity
41. oc____e key *n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale
42. ag_____s into an enemy's camp *v.* to attack or threaten with violence or offense
43. re_____e with my friend *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
44. rem_____te with a person *v.* to protest or object forcefully; to argue or reason against something; to express disapproval or disagreement
45. ex____e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
46. have a r__t expression *adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed
47. dis_____ate mood *adj.* deeply unhappy or dejected; without hope or comfort; unable to be consoled
48. lef_____ed pitcher *adv.* using the left hand more skillfully or naturally; (adverb) in a way that is specific to or unique to left-handed individuals
49. re____t against existing ways of thinking *n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
50. had a di__y spell *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance

ANSWERS: 40. windmill, 41. octave, 42. aggress, 43. reunite, 44. remonstrate, 45. excite, 46. rapt, 47. disconsolate, 48. left-handed, 49. revolt, 50. dizzy

51. re____se a speech *v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
52. wi____r corporate management *v.* to gradually shrink, shrivel, or become weaker, often due to lack of nourishment, age, or disease; to lose freshness, vitality, or vigor
53. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
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57. re_____e after five years *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
58. pay annual s__t *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
59. w__p bitter tears *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
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ANSWERS: 51. rehearse, 52. wither, 53. singe, 54. hitherto, 55. aggress, 56. dictator, 57. reunite, 58. scot, 59. weep, 60. sullen

61. population up_____e *n.* a sudden and significant increase, a rise, or surge in something, especially in intensity or frequency
62. a tyr_____al parent *adj.* using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way
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68. wi_____ll blades *n.* a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity
69. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 61. upsurge, 62. tyrannical, 63. frightening, 64. bedlam, 65. intern, 66. upsurge, 67. rehearse, 68. windmill, 69. improvisation

70. physical co_____on
n. the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority
71. adv_____us pioneers
adj. willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
72. look dis_____ate
adj. deeply unhappy or dejected; without hope or comfort; unable to be consoled
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n. a strong, heavy, and durable metal or alloy that is used in various industrial applications, such as machinery, piping, and construction
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adv. using the left hand more skillfully or naturally; (adverb) in a way that is specific to or unique to left-handed individuals
75. ove_____ate for lack of experience
v. to take excessive or extreme measures to make up for a perceived deficiency or lack, often resulting in an overcorrection
76. p__e a fire
v. to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
77. uns_____le trust
adj. not able to be shaken or moved; firm, steadfast, and determined; describing a person who is strong, resolute, and unwavering
78. dress re_____al
n. a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing

ANSWERS: 70. coercion, 71. adventurous, 72. disconsolate, 73. cast-iron, 74. left-handed, 75. overcompensate, 76. poke, 77. unshakeable, 78. rehearsal

79. co_____on through force *n.* the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority
80. oc___e range *n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale
81. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
82. en_____er a crisis *v.* to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to
83. noisy be___m *n.* a state of chaos, confusion, and uproar; an uproarious or madly noisy scene or situation
84. im_____se a joke *v.* to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something
85. youthful v_m *n.* lively energy, vigor, or enthusiasm; a quality of spiritedness or determination; (of a computer) a highly configurable, powerful, console-based text editor that was built to enable efficient text editing
86. boundless v_m *n.* lively energy, vigor, or enthusiasm; a quality of spiritedness or determination; (of a computer) a highly configurable, powerful, console-based text editor that was built to enable efficient text editing

ANSWERS: 79. coercion, 80. octave, 81. opportune, 82. engender, 83. bedlam, 84. improvise, 85. vim, 86. vim

87. moral pa_____is *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
88. br_____n students' knowledge *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
89. vi_____al fear *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
90. im_____se an escape plan *v.* to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something
91. a sy_____ny orchestra *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
92. motion b__r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
93. ca_____on gate *n.* a strong, heavy, and durable metal or alloy that is used in various industrial applications, such as machinery, piping, and construction
94. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
95. ra__d anti-vaxxer *adj.* characterized by extreme or fanatical enthusiasm or devotion; having or showing symptoms of rabies, a viral disease that affects the nervous system of mammals and can cause violent and aggressive behavior

ANSWERS: 87. paralysis, 88. broaden, 89. visceral, 90. improvise, 91. symphony, 92. blur, 93. cast-iron, 94. excite, 95. rabid

96. former inc_____on *n.* the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something
97. c__e cod *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
98. lead an adv_____us life *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
99. ove_____ate for mistakes *v.* to take excessive or extreme measures to make up for a perceived deficiency or lack, often resulting in an overcorrection
100. ges_____te with his hands *v.* to make gestures, especially with one's hands or arms, while speaking or expressing oneself; to convey emotions or thoughts using dramatic or vigorous gestures
101. en_____t the crowd *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
102. ri_____le at his expense *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
103. a tyr_____al government *adj.* using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way
104. apple bl_____m *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

ANSWERS: 96. incarnation, 97. cape, 98. adventurous, 99. overcompensate, 100. gesticulate, 101. enchant, 102. ridicule, 103. tyrannical, 104. blossom

105. po___m finisher *n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards
106. imp_____le excuse *adj.* difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable
107. en_____ne memories *v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect
108. supplicate for pa___n *v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
109. make a fu___e protest *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
110. cr_____do of applause *n.* a gradual increase in volume or intensity, often about a musical piece or performance; figuratively, a gradual buildup or intensification of a feeling, emotion, or action
111. ra__d supporter *adj.* characterized by extreme or fanatical enthusiasm or devotion; having or showing symptoms of rabies, a viral disease that affects the nervous system of mammals and can cause violent and aggressive behavior
112. hi_____to untouchable topic *adv.* until now or until the particular time
113. wi___r in the heat *v.* to gradually shrink, shrivel, or become weaker, often due to lack of nourishment, age, or disease; to lose freshness, vitality, or vigor

ANSWERS: 105. podium, 106. implausible, 107. enshrine, 108. pardon, 109. futile, 110. crescendo, 111. rabid, 112. hitherto, 113. wither

114. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
115. bl_____m garden *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
116. r__t audience *adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed
117. ges_____te to communicate with friends *v.* to make gestures, especially with one's hands or arms, while speaking or expressing oneself; to convey emotions or thoughts using dramatic or vigorous gestures
118. cerebral pa__y *n.* a condition characterized by the loss or impairment of movement or sensation due to damage or disease affecting the nervous system; paralysis or weakness
119. en_____er the trust *v.* to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to
120. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
121. de___d of life *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
122. rem_____te against a decision *v.* to protest or object forcefully; to argue or reason against something; to express disapproval or disagreement

ANSWERS: 114. firsthand, 115. blossom, 116. rapt, 117. gesticulate, 118. palsy, 119. engender, 120. singe, 121. devoid, 122. remonstrate

123. pa___n me *v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
124. muscle pa__y *n.* a condition characterized by the loss or impairment of movement or sensation due to damage or disease affecting the nervous system; paralysis or weakness
125. en_____t the audience *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
126. this shift occurs spo_____sly *adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
127. b__r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
128. music re_____al *n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing
129. navigator's co_____t *n.* the area in an aircraft or spacecraft from which the pilot controls the aircraft or spacecraft
130. di___l performance *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

ANSWERS: 123. pardon, 124. palsy, 125. enchant, 126. spontaneously, 127. blur, 128. rehearsal, 129. cockpit, 130. dismal

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The band's music reached a _____ during the concert's final song.
n. a gradual increase in volume or intensity, often about a musical piece or performance; figuratively, a gradual buildup or intensification of a feeling, emotion, or action
2. _____ Hollywood film moguls can easily rule the movie star's career.
adj. using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way
3. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.
adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
4. This product can achieve even lower power consumption than _____.
adv. until now or until the particular time
5. The Constitution _____ the rights and freedoms of citizens.
v. to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect
6. The dog barked and _____ towards anyone who approached the gate.
v. to attack or threaten with violence or offense
7. The electrical cord _____ combusted.
adv. in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
8. The fairy's spell _____ the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.
v. to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone

ANSWERS: 1. crescendo, 2. Tyrannical, 3. astonishing, 4. hitherto, 5. enshrines, 6. aggressed, 7. spontaneously, 8. enchanted

9. The people tried to _____ to oust the tyrant.
n. to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
10. The governor decided to _____ the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.
v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime;
(noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
11. The frequent performances of the _____ prove its popularity.
n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
12. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
13. I'm easily moved to tears, so I would _____ in sympathy if I saw that movie.
v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
14. My grandma used to cook with a _____ skillet, giving her food a unique flavor.
n. a strong, heavy, and durable metal or alloy that is used in various industrial applications, such as machinery, piping, and construction
15. She writes _____ and finds it challenging to use a standard pen.
adv. using the left hand more skillfully or naturally; (adverb) in a way that is specific to or unique to left-handed individuals
16. It was _____ to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.
adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

ANSWERS: 9. revolt, 10. pardon, 11. symphony, 12. improvisation, 13. weep, 14. cast-iron, 15. left-handed, 16. futile

17. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.
v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
18. The superhero wore a flowing _____ as part of their costume.
n. a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
19. We had to _____ a tent using a tarp and sticks since we didn't have a proper one.
v. to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something
20. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.
adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
21. The flowers in the garden began to _____ due to lack of water.
v. to gradually shrink, shrivel, or become weaker, often due to lack of nourishment, age, or disease; to lose freshness, vitality, or vigor
22. The _____ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.
n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
23. The company _____ its product line to include more customer options.
v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
24. She _____ arrived at the office early each day.
adv. in every case or on every occasion; without exception

ANSWERS: 17. singed, 18. cape, 19. improvise, 20. firsthand, 21. wither, 22. ridicule, 23. broadened, 24. invariably

25. She was _____ in concentration as she listened to the lecture.
adj. deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed
26. The weather was so _____ that we decided to stay indoors all day.
adj. depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
27. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a _____ of colors and shapes.
n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
28. The countryside was dotted with picturesque _____.
n. a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity
29. The singer's range was impressive, covering three _____ with ease.
n. a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale
30. The room was _____ of any furniture or decorations.
adj. completely lacking or free from something
31. The company's profits _____ after the recall of their new product.
v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
32. The _____ suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.
n. a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
33. The theater company had its final _____ before opening night.
n. a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing

ANSWERS: 25. rapt, 26. dismal, 27. blur, 28. windmills, 29. octaves, 30. devoid, 31. plunged, 32. scot-free, 33. rehearsal

34. Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting _____.
adj. having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
35. The actors needed to _____ their lines before the performance.
v. to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
36. 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
37. They _____ fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.
v. to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
38. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
39. The discussion about war helps _____ a sense of shared humanity.
v. to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to
40. He tackled the project with great ____ and energy.
n. lively energy, vigor, or enthusiasm; a quality of spiritedness or determination; (of a computer) a highly configurable, powerful, console-based text editor that was built to enable efficient text editing
41. The stadium erupted into _____ when the home team scored the winning goal.
n. a state of chaos, confusion, and uproar; an uproarious or madly noisy scene or situation

ANSWERS: 34. dizzy, 35. rehearse, 36. dictator, 37. poked, 38. opportune, 39. engender, 40. vim, 41. bedlam

42. The speaker _____ wildly as they spoke, emphasizing their words.
- v.* to make gestures, especially with one's hands or arms, while speaking or expressing oneself; to convey emotions or thoughts using dramatic or vigorous gestures
43. The government used _____ to force citizens to comply with pandemic restrictions.
- n.* the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority
44. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
- v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
45. The fans became _____ when their team scored the winning goal.
- adj.* characterized by extreme or fanatical enthusiasm or devotion; having or showing symptoms of rabies, a viral disease that affects the nervous system of mammals and can cause violent and aggressive behavior
46. The optometrist tested my visual _____ by asking me to read various-sized letters on a chart.
- n.* the ability to perceive or discern with a high degree of accuracy and sensitivity; sharpness or keenness of senses, especially vision or hearing
47. After receiving bad news, she walked around with a _____ expression, refusing to talk to anyone.
- adj.* showing a gloomy, moody, or resentful disposition; silent and refusing to engage in conversation; characterized by a dark or dismal atmosphere or appearance

ANSWERS: 42. gesticulated, 43. coercion, 44. interned, 45. rabid, 46. acuity, 47. sullen

48. He _____ that corruption was rampant in the regime.

v. to think or believe something

49. The country saw an _____ in tourism after the new airport was built.

n. a sudden and significant increase, a rise, or surge in something, especially in intensity or frequency

50. The widow remained _____ for months after her husband's death.

adj. deeply unhappy or dejected; without hope or comfort; unable to be consoled

51. Massive demonstrations lead to total _____ of transportation.

n. a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

52. The band will _____ only for this show.

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

53. The cherry _____ trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

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

54. He has an _____ spirit and is unafraid of risks.

adj. willing to take risks and try new or difficult things

55. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.

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

ANSWERS: 48. reckons, 49. upsurge, 50. disconsolate, 51. paralysis, 52. reunite, 53. blossom, 54. adventurous, 55. frightening

56. Some people with Parkinson's disease may experience tremors and _____ in their limbs.
- n.* a condition characterized by the loss or impairment of movement or sensation due to damage or disease affecting the nervous system; paralysis or weakness
57. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
58. After watching the horror movie, she had a _____ reaction and couldn't sleep all night.
- adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
59. The detective found the suspect's story _____ and decided to investigate further.
- adj.* difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable
60. The novel is an _____ of the author's experiences and imagination.
- n.* the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something
61. The pilot sat in the _____ of the airplane.
- n.* the area in an aircraft or spacecraft from which the pilot controls the aircraft or spacecraft
62. The speaker stood confidently on the _____ while delivering their speech.
- n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards

ANSWERS: 56. palsy, 57. excited, 58. visceral, 59. implausible, 60. incarnation, 61. cockpit, 62. podium

63. His _____ confidence inspired those around him to take bold risks.

adj. not able to be shaken or moved; firm, steadfast, and determined; describing a person who is strong, resolute, and unwavering

64. He _____ with his friend for behaving inappropriately at the party.

v. to protest or object forcefully; to argue or reason against something; to express disapproval or disagreement

65. After missing a deadline, he worked late into the night to _____ for his mistake.

v. to take excessive or extreme measures to make up for a perceived deficiency or lack, often resulting in an overcorrection

ANSWERS: 63. unshakeable, 64. remonstrated, 65. overcompensate