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Session 1: Word List

campfire

n. an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

synonym: bonfire, blaze, fire pit

(1) **campfire** story, (2) roast marshmallows around the **campfire**

We sat around the **campfire** and told stories late into the night.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

wondrous

adj. inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive

synonym: amazing, fantastic, miraculous

(1) **wondrous** sight, (2) **wondrous** adventure

The **wondrous** beauty of the sunset left us all in awe.

unison

n. occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the

same pitch or in octaves

synonym: harmony, accord, unanimity

(1) singing in **unison**, (2) clap the hands in **unison**

They saluted in **unison** to the captain.

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.

syllable

n. a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants

(1) **syllable** structure, (2) single **syllable**

Emphasize the second **syllable** when pronouncing it.

magician

n. a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

synonym: illusionist, conjurer, wizard

(1) **magician's** hat, (2) street **magician**

The children were delighted with the **magician's** clever tricks.

minuscule

adj. extremely small; tiny

synonym: tiny, insignificant, microscopic

(1) **minuscule** amount, (2) **minuscule** letters

This ore emits **minuscule** quantities of radiation

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.

juggle

v. to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act

synonym: jiggle, balance, handle

(1) **juggle** a job and motherhood, (2) **juggle** with facts

It can be difficult to **juggle** work, family, and social life, but finding balance is important.

dexterity

n. skill and speed in performing physical tasks, especially with the hands; mental skill or adroitness in dealing with situations or problems

synonym: skillfulness, agility, expertise

(1) **dexterity** with the pen, (2) manual **dexterity**

The surgeon's **dexterity** was impressive during the delicate surgery.

befriend

v. to become a friend of someone, especially when in need

synonym: support, advise, patronize

(1) **befriend** a young boy, (2) **befriend** other members

I'm willing to **befriend** the weak and the poor.

troupe

n. a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production

synonym: company, ensemble, group

(1) **troupe** rehearsal, (2) circus **troupe**

The theater **troupe** is performing Hamlet this weekend.

oblong

n. an elongated shape that is roughly rectangular or oval in shape

synonym: rectangle, elongated, extended

(1) **oblong** shape, (2) **oblong** box

The **oblong** table was perfect for hosting a large dinner party.

lathe

n. a machine tool that rotates a workpiece on its axis to perform various operations, such as cutting, drilling, or sanding

synonym : turning machine, spinner, rotary tool

(1) **lathe** operator, (2) engine **lathe**

The metal **lathe** was an essential piece of machinery in the fabrication workshop.

frown

v. to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration

synonym : scowl, glare, disapprove

(1) people with **frown** faces, (2) a worried **frown**

Thinking always made him **frown**.

tenacity

n. the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling

synonym : persistence, determination, perseverance

(1) **tenacity** of purpose, (2) show **tenacity**

Her **tenacity** in pursuing her dreams has inspired many people.

pliers

n. a tool consisting of two metal arms joined at a pivot, used for gripping, bending, or cutting objects

synonym : tongs, pincers, nippers

(1) needle-nose **pliers**, (2) locking **pliers**

John used **pliers** to fix the loose wire on the lamp.

hanger

n. a device or object used for hanging or supporting something, often used for hanging clothes; a loop-shaped object used to hang clothes in a closet

synonym : hook, peg, rack

(1) clothes **hanger**, (2) coat **hanger**

I hung the coat on a **hanger** in the closet.

tightrope

n. a rope or wire stretched tightly between two points, on which acrobats, tightrope walkers, etc., perform; a risky or precarious situation that requires one to balance carefully to avoid falling or failure

synonym: rope walk, high wire, funambulism

(1) **tightrope** performer, (2) **tightrope** act

The **tightrope** walker balanced precariously above the crowd.

wobble

v. to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down

synonym: sway, rock, totter

(1) **wobble** a few steps, (2) **wobble** chair

The table **wobbled** a little when I put my drink on it.

slipper

n. a comfortable, lightweight shoe typically worn indoors, often made of soft material and lacking fastenings like laces or buckles

synonym: slip-on, mule, loafer

(1) cotton **slipper**, (2) house **slipper**

She wore fuzzy **slippers** to warm her feet on the cold tile floor.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

synonym: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

certitude

n. a state of complete confidence or certainty; the quality of being assured or convinced beyond doubt

synonym: confidence, assurance, conviction

(1) **certitude** belief, (2) **certitude** theory

I have no **certitude** about what the future holds.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

murmur

v. to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

synonym : burble, gurgle, mutter

(1) **murmur** at low wages, (2) **murmur** a greeting

He always **murmurs** at the ill-treatment.

dissolve

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

synonym : disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

squall

n. a sudden, brief, and intense windstorm characterized by strong gusts, often accompanied by rain, snow, or hail; a loud cry or yell expressing anger or distress

synonym : storm, gale, gust

(1) **squall** of wind, (2) heavy **squall**

We had to take cover from the sudden **squall** that hit during our fishing trip.

flank

n. the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something

synonym : side, edge, rim

(1) **flank** pain, (2) attack the left **flank**

The **flank** of the mountain was difficult to climb.

unburdened

adj. not weighed down by burden or worry; free from responsibility or obligation; unencumbered

synonym : relieved, free

(1) **unburdened** by guilt, (2) **unburdened** soul

She felt **unburdened** after letting go of all her negative emotions.

sag

v. to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something

synonym : droop, slump, bend

(1) **sag** my jaw, (2) **sag** with fatigue

The old mattress **sagged** in the middle, making it uncomfortable to sleep on.

sway

v. to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

synonym : swing, oscillate, influence

(1) **sway** back and forth, (2) **sway** to the rhythm

The politician tried to **sway** public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.

vibrate

v. to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

synonym : oscillate, convulse, jerk

(1) **vibrate** at a regular frequency, (2) **vibrate** with anger

During the flight, the wings of the plane **vibrate**.

explode

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

synonym : detonate, blast, rupture

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

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

howl

v. to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness

synonym :

wail, scream, shriek

(1) **howl** at the moon, (2) **howl** of anger

The wolves began to **howl** in the distance as the sunset.

assail

v. to attack violently or to criticize harshly and aggressively; to make a concerted effort to overcome or defeat

synonym: attack, assault, pounce

(1) **assail** with questions, (2) **assail** an opponent with criticism

The army will **assail** the enemy's camp under the cover of darkness.

chalk

n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

synonym: white rock, limestone, gypsum

(1) a piece of **chalk**, (2) **chalk** on a blackboard

The kids used colored **chalk** to create a mural on the pavement.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym: surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

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**.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

Jewish

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

synonym: Judaic

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

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

graze

v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

synonym: nibble, feed, scrape

(1) turn cattle out to **graze**, (2) **graze** the left shoulder

The sheep **graze** on the green grass in the meadow.

applaud

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

synonym: clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra

I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

azure

adj. a bright blue color resembling the sky; characterized by a vivid blue color

synonym: blue, cerulean, sky-blue

(1) **azure** coastline, (2) **azure** color

The sky was a beautiful shade of **azure** blue on a clear summer day.

reflex

n. an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

synonym: reaction, response, instinct

(1) **reflex** test, (2) knee **reflex**

My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the **reflex** hammer.

salute

v. to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way

synonym : greet, acknowledge, acclaim

(1) **salute** to the flag, (2) **salute** him in military fashion

The soldiers stood at attention to **salute** their commanding officer.

dislodge

v. to forcibly remove or loosen something from a particular position or place; to cause something to become detached or dislodged

synonym : remove, displace, unseat

(1) **dislodge** debris, (2) **dislodge** a stuck object

I had to **dislodge** a small rock from the wheel of my car to keep driving safely.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym : applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

applause

n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

synonym : clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**

The **applause** burst from the audience.

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.

daunt

v. to intimidate or discourage someone, often by making them feel afraid or uncertain; to lessen someone's courage, enthusiasm, or spirit

synonym: intimidate, discourage, frighten

(1) **daunt** the enemy, (2) **daunt** his courage

The idea of skydiving can be **daunting** to some people.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. heavy sq___l | <i>n.</i> a sudden, brief, and intense windstorm characterized by strong gusts, often accompanied by rain, snow, or hail; a loud cry or yell expressing anger or distress |
| 2. em_____r my life | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 3. a sy_____ny orchestra | <i>n.</i> a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements |
| 4. clap the hands in un___n | <i>n.</i> occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves |
| 5. tr___e rehearsal | <i>n.</i> a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production |
| 6. a beautiful sy_____ny | <i>n.</i> a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements |
| 7. circus tr___e | <i>n.</i> a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production |

ANSWERS: 1. squall, 2. empower, 3. symphony, 4. unison, 5. troupe, 6. symphony, 7. troupe

8. ap____d his courage *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
9. di____ge debris *v.* to forcibly remove or loosen something from a particular position or place; to cause something to become detached or dislodged
10. a worried fr__n *v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
11. p__e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
12. wo____e a few steps *v.* to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down
13. ter____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
14. courtroom sto____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
15. te____ty of purpose *n.* the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling
16. vi____e with anger *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
17. fl__k pain *n.* the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something

ANSWERS: 8. applaud, 9. dislodge, 10. frown, 11. pave, 12. wobble, 13. terrifying, 14. storytelling, 15. tenacity, 16. vibrate, 17. flank

18. ti_____pe act *n.* a rope or wire stretched tightly between two points, on which acrobats, tightrope walkers, etc., perform; a risky or precarious situation that requires one to balance carefully to avoid falling or failure
19. re_____se an opera *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
20. la__e operator *n.* a machine tool that rotates a workpiece on its axis to perform various operations, such as cutting, drilling, or sanding
21. ob___g box *n.* an elongated shape that is roughly rectangular or oval in shape
22. wo_____us sight *adj.* inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive
23. round of ap_____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
24. wo___e chair *v.* to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down
25. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
26. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

ANSWERS: 18. tightrope, 19. rehearse, 20. lathe, 21. oblong, 22. wondrous, 23. applause, 24. wobble, 25. improvisation, 26. pave

27. be____nd a young boy *v.* to become a friend of someone, especially when in need
28. s__y back and forth *v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
29. ma_____an's hat *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
30. sa___e to the flag *v.* to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way
31. officially di_____ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
32. s__y to the rhythm *v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
33. in_____on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

ANSWERS: 27. befriend, 28. sway, 29. magician, 30. salute, 31. dissolve, 32. sway, 33. intuition

34. singing in un___n *n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
35. show te____ty *n.* the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling
36. ap____d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
37. h__l at the moon *v.* to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness
38. engine la__e *n.* a machine tool that rotates a workpiece on its axis to perform various operations, such as cutting, drilling, or sanding
39. manual de____ty *n.* skill and speed in performing physical tasks, especially with the hands; mental skill or adroitness in dealing with situations or problems
40. earn ap____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

ANSWERS: 34. unison, 35. tenacity, 36. applaud, 37. howl, 38. lathe, 39. dexterity, 40. applause

41. unb_____ed by guilt *adj.* not weighed down by burden or worry; free from responsibility or obligation; unencumbered
42. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
43. az__e coastline *adj.* a bright blue color resembling the sky; characterized by a vivid blue color
44. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
45. mi_____le letters *adj.* extremely small; tiny
46. ti_____pe performer *n.* a rope or wire stretched tightly between two points, on which acrobats, tightrope walkers, etc., perform; a risky or precarious situation that requires one to balance carefully to avoid falling or failure
47. locking pl_____s *n.* a tool consisting of two metal arms joined at a pivot, used for gripping, bending, or cutting objects
48. as_____l with questions *v.* to attack violently or to criticize harshly and aggressively; to make a concerted effort to overcome or defeat
49. wo_____us adventure *adj.* inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive
50. ce_____de theory *n.* a state of complete confidence or certainty; the quality of being assured or convinced beyond doubt

ANSWERS: 41. unburdened, 42. explode, 43. azure, 44. clap, 45. minuscule, 46. tightrope, 47. pliers, 48. assail, 49. wondrous, 50. certitude

51. creative in_____on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
52. da__t the enemy *v.* to intimidate or discourage someone, often by making them feel afraid or uncertain; to lessen someone's courage, enthusiasm, or spirit
53. unb_____ed soul *adj.* not weighed down by burden or worry; free from responsibility or obligation; unencumbered
54. be_____nd other members *v.* to become a friend of someone, especially when in need
55. needle-nose pl____s *n.* a tool consisting of two metal arms joined at a pivot, used for gripping, bending, or cutting objects
56. ju____e a job and motherhood *v.* to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act
57. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
58. sa____e him in military fashion *v.* to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way
59. de_____ty with the pen *n.* skill and speed in performing physical tasks, especially with the hands; mental skill or adroitness in dealing with situations or problems

ANSWERS: 51. intuition, 52. daunt, 53. unburdened, 54. befriend, 55. pliers, 56. juggle, 57. storytelling, 58. salute, 59. dexterity

60. mu___r a greeting *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
61. knee re___x *n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
62. ob___g shape *n.* an elongated shape that is roughly rectangular or oval in shape
63. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
64. attack the left fl__k *n.* the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something
65. 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
66. s_g my jaw *v.* to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something
67. as___l an opponent with criticism *v.* to attack violently or to criticize harshly and aggressively; to make a concerted effort to overcome or defeat
68. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
69. coat ha___r *n.* a device or object used for hanging or supporting something, often used for hanging clothes; a loop-shaped object used to hang clothes in a closet

ANSWERS: 60. murmur, 61. reflex, 62. oblong, 63. empower, 64. flank, 65. rehearse, 66. sag, 67. assail, 68. Jewish, 69. hanger

70. gr__e the left shoulder *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
71. sq___l of wind *n.* a sudden, brief, and intense windstorm characterized by strong gusts, often accompanied by rain, snow, or hail; a loud cry or yell expressing anger or distress
72. people with fr__n faces *v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
73. vi_____e at a regular frequency *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
74. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
75. street ma_____an *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
76. mi_____le amount *adj.* extremely small; tiny
77. s_g with fatigue *v.* to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something
78. mu___r at low wages *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

ANSWERS: 70. graze, 71. squall, 72. frown, 73. vibrate, 74. Jewish, 75. magician, 76. minuscule, 77. sag, 78. murmur

79. cotton sl_____r *n.* a comfortable, lightweight shoe typically worn indoors, often made of soft material and lacking fastenings like laces or buckles
80. single sy_____le *n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants
81. di_____ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
82. roast marshmallows around the
ca_____re *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
83. ce_____de belief *n.* a state of complete confidence or certainty; the quality of being assured or convinced beyond doubt
84. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
85. ju____e with facts *v.* to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act
86. sy_____le structure *n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants
87. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

ANSWERS: 79. slipper, 80. syllable, 81. dissolve, 82. campfire, 83. certitude, 84. explode, 85. juggle, 86. syllable, 87. motto

88. re___x test *n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
89. house sl_____r *n.* a comfortable, lightweight shoe typically worn indoors, often made of soft material and lacking fastenings like laces or buckles
90. a piece of ch__k *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
91. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
92. turn cattle out to gr__e *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
93. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
94. az__e color *adj.* a bright blue color resembling the sky; characterized by a vivid blue color
95. c__p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
96. h__l of anger *v.* to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness

ANSWERS: 88. reflex, 89. slipper, 90. chalk, 91. terrifying, 92. graze, 93. motto, 94. azure, 95. clap, 96. howl

97. di____ge a stuck object *v.* to forcibly remove or loosen something from a particular position or place; to cause something to become detached or dislodged
98. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
99. ca____re story *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
100. ch__k on a blackboard *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
101. clothes ha____r *n.* a device or object used for hanging or supporting something, often used for hanging clothes; a loop-shaped object used to hang clothes in a closet
102. da__t his courage *v.* to intimidate or discourage someone, often by making them feel afraid or uncertain; to lessen someone's courage, enthusiasm, or spirit

ANSWERS: 97. dislodge, 98. improvisation, 99. campfire, 100. chalk, 101. hanger, 102. daunt

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The politician tried to _____ public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.
 - v. to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

2. We sat around the _____ and told stories late into the night.
 - n. an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

3. The sheep _____ on the green grass in the meadow.
 - v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

4. I hung the coat on a _____ in the closet.
 - n. a device or object used for hanging or supporting something, often used for hanging clothes; a loop-shaped object used to hang clothes in a closet

5. The metal _____ was an essential piece of machinery in the fabrication workshop.
 - n. a machine tool that rotates a workpiece on its axis to perform various operations, such as cutting, drilling, or sanding

6. The _____ of the mountain was difficult to climb.
 - n. the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something

7. The idea of skydiving can be _____ to some people.
 - v. to intimidate or discourage someone, often by making them feel afraid or uncertain; to lessen someone's courage, enthusiasm, or spirit

ANSWERS: 1. sway, 2. campfire, 3. graze, 4. hanger, 5. lathe, 6. flank, 7. daunting

8. Emphasize the second _____ when pronouncing it.
- n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants
9. The surgeon's _____ was impressive during the delicate surgery.
- n.* skill and speed in performing physical tasks, especially with the hands; mental skill or adroitness in dealing with situations or problems
10. We had to take cover from the sudden _____ that hit during our fishing trip.
- n.* a sudden, brief, and intense windstorm characterized by strong gusts, often accompanied by rain, snow, or hail; a loud cry or yell expressing anger or distress
11. 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
12. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.
- v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
13. The army will _____ the enemy's camp under the cover of darkness.
- v.* to attack violently or to criticize harshly and aggressively; to make a concerted effort to overcome or defeat
14. Thinking always made him _____.
- v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
15. She wore fuzzy _____ to warm her feet on the cold tile floor.
- n.* a comfortable, lightweight shoe typically worn indoors, often made of soft material and lacking fastenings like laces or buckles

ANSWERS: 8. syllable, 9. dexterity, 10. squall, 11. improvisation, 12. paved, 13. assail, 14. frown, 15. slippers

16. I enthusiastically _____ my rival's achievement.

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

17. The _____ beauty of the sunset left us all in awe.

adj. inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive

18. During the flight, the wings of the plane _____.

v. to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

19. He always _____ at the ill-treatment.

v. to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

20. The children were delighted with the _____ clever tricks.

n. a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

21. The _____ walker balanced precariously above the crowd.

n. a rope or wire stretched tightly between two points, on which acrobats, tightrope walkers, etc., perform; a risky or precarious situation that requires one to balance carefully to avoid falling or failure

22. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

23. The political party _____ after much internal fighting.

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

ANSWERS: 16. applaud, 17. wondrous, 18. vibrate, 19. murmurs, 20. magician's, 21. tightrope, 22. empowered, 23. dissolved

24. 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

25. Some studies suggest that people's _____ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

26. We _____ along with the singer's song.

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

27. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

28. The sky was a beautiful shade of _____ blue on a clear summer day.

adj. a bright blue color resembling the sky; characterized by a vivid blue color

29. I had to _____ a small rock from the wheel of my car to keep driving safely.

v. to forcibly remove or loosen something from a particular position or place; to cause something to become detached or dislodged

30. The _____ table was perfect for hosting a large dinner party.

n. an elongated shape that is roughly rectangular or oval in shape

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

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

ANSWERS: 24. motto, 25. intuitions, 26. clapped, 27. storytelling, 28. azure, 29. dislodge, 30. oblong, 31. Jewish

32. She felt _____ after letting go of all her negative emotions.
adj. not weighed down by burden or worry; free from responsibility or obligation; unencumbered
33. The old mattress _____ in the middle, making it uncomfortable to sleep on.
v. to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something
34. Her _____ in pursuing her dreams has inspired many people.
n. the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling
35. It can be difficult to _____ work, family, and social life, but finding balance is important.
v. to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act
36. The theater _____ is performing Hamlet this weekend.
n. a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production
37. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
adj. very frightening or intimidating
38. I have no _____ about what the future holds.
n. a state of complete confidence or certainty; the quality of being assured or convinced beyond doubt
39. My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the _____ hammer.
n. an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

ANSWERS: 32. unburdened, 33. sagged, 34. tenacity, 35. juggle, 36. troupe, 37. terrifying, 38. certitude, 39. reflex

40. The wolves began to _____ in the distance as the sunset.

- v.* to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness

41. John used _____ to fix the loose wire on the lamp.

- n.* a tool consisting of two metal arms joined at a pivot, used for gripping, bending, or cutting objects

42. I'm willing to _____ the weak and the poor.

- v.* to become a friend of someone, especially when in need

43. The _____ burst from the audience.

- n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

44. 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

45. The soldiers stood at attention to _____ their commanding officer.

- v.* to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way

46. 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

ANSWERS: 40. howl, 41. pliers, 42. befriend, 43. applause, 44. rehearse, 45. salute, 46. symphony

47. This ore emits _____ quantities of radiation

adj. extremely small; tiny

48. The kids used colored _____ to create a mural on the pavement.

n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

49. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.

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

50. The table _____ a little when I put my drink on it.

v. to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down

51. They saluted in _____ to the captain.

n. occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves

ANSWERS: 47. minuscule, 48. chalk, 49. exploded, 50. wobbled, 51. unison