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Session 1: Word List

stray

v. to move about aimlessly or without any destination; to move away from the right course or place where you should be

synonym: deviate, err, depart

(1) **stray** beyond the confines, (2) **stray** from a rule

Tourists often get lost and **stray** into a restricted area.

crayon

n. a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring

synonym: chalk, pastel, (verb) draw

(1) **crayon** drawing, (2) **crayon** her coloring books

The teacher handed out several different colored **crayons** to each student.

inflict

v. to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something

synonym: impose, levy, administer

(1) **inflict** a heavier tax, (2) **inflict** a hard blow

The storm **inflicted** significant damage on the town.

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.

monologue

n. a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory

synonym : soliloquy, speech, address

(1) inner **monologue**, (2) deliver a **monologue**

The actor's **monologue** was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.

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.

infantile

adj. relating to or characteristic of infants or infancy; behaving in an immature or childish manner; lacking maturity or sophistication

synonym : childish, juvenile, immature

(1) **infantile** paralysis, (2) **infantile** colic

His **infantile** behavior was unacceptable for someone his age.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

viol

n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

synonym :

viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

monstrous

adj. extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance

synonym: grotesque, huge, deformed

(1) a **monstrous** iceberg, (2) **monstrous** behavior

The giant wave was **monstrous** and destroyed the small boat.

vermin

n. small animals, such as rats and mice, that are considered to be harmful

synonym: pests, parasites, rodents

(1) plague of **vermin**, (2) **vermin** control

She set traps to catch the **vermin** in her house.

metamorphosis

n. a profound or dramatic change in form, structure, or condition; a transformation; the process by which an animal or insect undergoes a physical transformation, such as growth, development, or maturation

synonym: transformation, change, evolution

(1) **metamorphosis** process, (2) undergo a **metamorphosis**

The butterfly's **metamorphosis** from a caterpillar to a winged creature is a wonder of nature.

unjust

adj. not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

synonym: unfair, inequitable

(1) **unjust** verdict, (2) **unjust** accusation

The ruling was considered **unjust** by many people in the community.

skit

n. a short, often humorous performative piece or act, typically performed in a comic or satirical tone or style, as part of a variety show or a theatrical or musical

performance

synonym : sketch, parody, routine

(1) comedy **skit**, (2) political **skit**

The comedy group performed a hilarious **skit** about life in quarantine.

mischievous

adj. causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way

synonym : naughty, prankish, impish

(1) **mischievous** grin, (2) **mischievous** sense of humor

The **mischievous** child played pranks on his siblings all day long.

tiring

adj. causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom

synonym : exhausting, fatiguing, draining

(1) mentally **tiring**, (2) **tiring** day

The **tiring** hike through the mountains was worth it for the stunning views.

pastime

n. an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game

synonym : hobby, diversion, leisure activity

(1) a familiar **pastime**, (2) national **pastime**

I enjoy gardening as a **pastime** during my free time.

diligent

adj. showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties

synonym : active, engaged, assiduous

(1) a **diligent** person, (2) a **diligent** search of the files

The **diligent** detective investigated all clues.

perch

v. to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

synonym : sit, roost, squat

(1) **perch** on a ledge, (2) **perch** of a bird of prey

The bird **perched** on the branch, watching the world below.

rascal

n. a mischievous or playful person often used affectionately; a rogue or scoundrel

synonym : scoundrel, rogue, scamp

(1) mischievous **rascal**, (2) street **rascal**

Despite being a **rascal** in his youth, he grew up to be a respectable man.

mortify

v. to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires

synonym : humiliate, embarrass, shame

(1) **mortify** his ego, (2) **mortify** the body

My parents used to **mortify** me by telling embarrassing stories about me in front of my friends.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

untitled

adj. not named or titled; not given a title or official designation

synonym : nameless, unidentified, anonymous

(1) **untitled** song, (2) **untitled** manuscript

The exhibit featured several **untitled** paintings by the famous artist.

handlebar

n. a horizontal bar or rod attached to the front fork of a bicycle, motorcycle, or other vehicles, used as a handle for steering the vehicle

synonym : handle, bar, grip

(1) **handlebar** mustache, (2) grip **handlebar**

My bike's **handlebar** is loose and needs to be tightened before I can ride it safely.

choke

v. to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

synonym : strangle, suffocate, clog

(1) **choke** with anger, (2) **choke** off the blood supply

The baby started to **choke** on a piece of apple.

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

synonym : antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force

Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

banish

v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

synonym : exile, deport, expel

(1) **banish** doubt, (2) **banish** my wrinkles

The queen **banished** the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

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**.

mime

n. a form of acting or performance in which gestures, body movements, and facial expressions are used to convey meaning or tell a story without the use of spoken words; a performer who specializes in this art form

synonym: gesture, pantomimist, actor

(1) hilarious **mime** act, (2) **mime** artist

The **mime's** silent performance captivated the audience, leaving them in awe.

riff

v. to play a short, repeated, tuneful phrase, often used in jazz and rock; to improvise or go off on a humorous tangent; (noun) a short, repeated, tuneful phrase

(1) rock 'n' roll **riff**, (2) **riff** off the audience's reactions

She began to **riff** on the theme of love lost in her poetry.

troll

n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

synonym: provocateur, antagonist, troublemaker

(1) feed a **troll**, (2) copyright **troll**

He was banned from the online forum for being a **troll** and causing trouble.

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.

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym: envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

envy

v. to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

synonym : covet, resent, grudge

(1) **envy** his success, (2) feeling **envy** toward him

I can't help but **envy** my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.

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**.

dram

n. a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages

synonym : drachm, whisky, scotch

(1) have not one **dram** of learning, (2) scotch **dram**

He poured himself a **dram** of whiskey to relax after a long day at work.

creep

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

synonym : crawl, glide, encroach

(1) **creep** along the leaf, (2) **creep** toward the mouse

Aging **creeps** up slowly with time.

handwriting

n. the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing

synonym : script, penmanship, calligraphy

(1) **handwriting** identification, (2) **handwriting** sample

The **handwriting** on the note was barely legible.

trance

n. a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions

synonym : stupor, hypnosis, daydreaming

(1) **trance** state, (2) meditative **trance**

The rhythmic beat of the drums kept the audience in a **trance**.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

nag

v. to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse

synonym : hassle, bother, badger

(1) **nag** about the minor thing, (2) **nag** political leaders

She couldn't stop **nagging** her husband to take out the trash.

pragmatic

adj. practical rather than idealistic

synonym : practical, realistic, down-to-earth

(1) **pragmatic** approach, (2) **pragmatic** politics

He was a **pragmatic** leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.

banker

n. a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank

synonym : dealer, broker, financier

(1) central **bankers**, (2) investment **banker**

Bankers are only willing to lend with good security.

graham

n. a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour

synonym : cracker, biscuit, wafer

(1) **graham** bread, (2) **graham** flour

I enjoyed my camping trip with friends, toasting marshmallows over a glowing **graham** cracker.

aspiring

adj. desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life

synonym : hopeful, ambitious, eager

(1) **aspiring** prime minister, (2) have **aspiring** eyes

He was extremely generous to the **aspiring** young artist.

Session 2: Spelling

1. in_____le colic
adj. relating to or characteristic of infants or infancy; behaving in an immature or childish manner; lacking maturity or sophistication
2. mentally ti___g
adj. causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom
3. n_g political leaders
v. to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
4. rock 'n' roll r__f
v. to play a short, repeated, tuneful phrase, often used in jazz and rock; to improvise or go off on a humorous tangent; (noun) a short, repeated, tuneful phrase
5. copyright tr___l
n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
6. have not one d___m of learning
n. a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages
7. comedy s__t
n. a short, often humorous performative piece or act, typically performed in a comic or satirical tone or style, as part of a variety show or a theatrical or musical performance

ANSWERS: 1. infantile, 2. tiring, 3. nag, 4. riff, 5. troll, 6. dram, 7. skit

8. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
9. hilarious m__e act *n.* a form of acting or performance in which gestures, body movements, and facial expressions are used to convey meaning or tell a story without the use of spoken words; a performer who specializes in this art form
10. plague of ve___n *n.* small animals, such as rats and mice, that are considered to be harmful
11. st__y beyond the confines *v.* to move about aimlessly or without any destination; to move away from the right course or place where you should be
12. cr___n drawing *n.* a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (*v.*) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring
13. tr___e state *n.* a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions
14. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (*v.*) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 8. singe, 9. mime, 10. vermin, 11. stray, 12. crayon, 13. trance, 14. rev

15. un___t accusation *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
16. cr__p along the leaf *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
17. ha_____ar mustache *n.* a horizontal bar or rod attached to the front fork of a bicycle, motorcycle, or other vehicles, used as a handle for steering the vehicle
18. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
19. pr_____ic approach *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
20. feed a tr__l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
21. a di_____nt search of the files *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
22. v__l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
23. feeling e__y toward him *v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

ANSWERS: 15. unjust, 16. creep, 17. handlebar, 18. writ, 19. pragmatic, 20. troll, 21. diligent, 22. viol, 23. envy

24. mo____y his ego *v.* to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires
25. pr_____ic politics *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
26. in_____t a hard blow *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
27. r__f off the audience's reactions *v.* to play a short, repeated, tuneful phrase, often used in jazz and rock; to improvise or go off on a humorous tangent; (noun) a short, repeated, tuneful phrase
28. grip ha_____ar *n.* a horizontal bar or rod attached to the front fork of a bicycle, motorcycle, or other vehicles, used as a handle for steering the vehicle
29. met_____sis process *n.* a profound or dramatic change in form, structure, or condition; a transformation; the process by which an animal or insect undergoes a physical transformation, such as growth, development, or maturation
30. ti___g day *adj.* causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom
31. undergo a met_____sis *n.* a profound or dramatic change in form, structure, or condition; a transformation; the process by which an animal or insect undergoes a physical transformation, such as growth, development, or maturation

ANSWERS: 24. mortify, 25. pragmatic, 26. inflict, 27. riff, 28. handlebar, 29. metamorphosis, 30. tiring, 31. metamorphosis

32. national pa_____e *n.* an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game
33. mis_____us grin *adj.* causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way
34. ba___h my wrinkles *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
35. e___y his success *v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success
36. a mo_____us iceberg *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
37. pe___h of a bird of prey *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
38. mo_____us behavior *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
39. un___t verdict *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

ANSWERS: 32. pastime, 33. mischievous, 34. banish, 35. envy, 36. monstrous, 37. perch, 38. monstrous, 39. unjust

40. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
41. military di____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
42. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
43. ch__e with anger *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
44. gr___m flour *n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour
45. scotch d__m *n.* a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages
46. investment ba___r *n.* a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank
47. in_____le paralysis *adj.* relating to or characteristic of infants or infancy; behaving in an immature or childish manner; lacking maturity or sophistication
48. op_____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

ANSWERS: 40. pun, 41. dictator, 42. aft, 43. choke, 44. graham, 45. dram, 46. banker, 47. infantile, 48. oppress

49. un_____ed song *adj.* not named or titled; not given a title or official designation
50. mischievous ra___l *n.* a mischievous or playful person often used affectionately; a rogue or scoundrel
51. deliver a mo_____ue *n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
52. a familiar pa_____e *n.* an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game
53. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
54. ch__e off the blood supply *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
55. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
56. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
57. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 49. untitled, 50. rascal, 51. monologue, 52. pastime, 53. doe, 54. choke, 55. pun, 56. doe, 57. aft

58. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
59. m__e artist *n.* a form of acting or performance in which gestures, body movements, and facial expressions are used to convey meaning or tell a story without the use of spoken words; a performer who specializes in this art form
60. mo____y the body *v.* to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires
61. a di____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
62. meditative tr___e *n.* a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions
63. have as____ng eyes *adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
64. han____ng identification *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
65. political s__t *n.* a short, often humorous performative piece or act, typically performed in a comic or satirical tone or style, as part of a variety show or a theatrical or musical performance

ANSWERS: 58. writ, 59. mime, 60. mortify, 61. dictator, 62. trance, 63. aspiring, 64. handwriting, 65. skit

66. as____ng prime minister *adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
67. mis____us sense of humor *adj.* causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way
68. ba____h doubt *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
69. st__y from a rule *v.* to move about aimlessly or without any destination; to move away from the right course or place where you should be
70. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
71. n_g about the minor thing *v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
72. un____ed manuscript *adj.* not named or titled; not given a title or official designation
73. ex____e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
74. gr____m bread *n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour
75. cr____n her coloring books *n.* a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring

ANSWERS: 66. aspiring, 67. mischievous, 68. banish, 69. stray, 70. singe, 71. nag, 72. untitled, 73. excite, 74. graham, 75. crayon

76. a di_____nt person *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
77. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
78. 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
79. burn with je_____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
80. pe__h on a ledge *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
81. op_____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
82. han_____ng sample *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
83. v__l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
84. cr__p toward the mouse *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

ANSWERS: 76. diligent, 77. excite, 78. rev, 79. jealousy, 80. perch, 81. oppress, 82. handwriting, 83. viol, 84. creep

85. ve___n control *n.* small animals, such as rats and mice, that are considered to be harmful
86. in_____t a heavier tax *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
87. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
88. street ra___l *n.* a mischievous or playful person often used affectionately; a rogue or scoundrel
89. je_____sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
90. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
91. central ba___rs *n.* a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank
92. inner mo_____ue *n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory

ANSWERS: 85. vermin, 86. inflict, 87. storytelling, 88. rascal, 89. jealousy, 90. storytelling, 91. banker, 92. monologue

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His _____ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.
n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

2. I can't help but _____ my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.
v. to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

3. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

4. The _____ detective investigated all clues.
adj. showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties

5. My bike's _____ is loose and needs to be tightened before I can ride it safely.
n. a horizontal bar or rod attached to the front fork of a bicycle, motorcycle, or other vehicles, used as a handle for steering the vehicle

6. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command

7. He poured himself a _____ of whiskey to relax after a long day at work.
n. a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages

ANSWERS: 1. jealousy, 2. envy, 3. excited, 4. diligent, 5. handlebar, 6. writ, 7. dram

8. He was a _____ leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.
adj. practical rather than idealistic
9. The rhythmic beat of the drums kept the audience in a _____.
n. a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions
10. _____ are only willing to lend with good security.
n. a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank
11. I enjoy gardening as a _____ during my free time.
n. an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game
12. The butterfly's _____ from a caterpillar to a winged creature is a wonder of nature.
n. a profound or dramatic change in form, structure, or condition; a transformation; the process by which an animal or insect undergoes a physical transformation, such as growth, development, or maturation
13. The storm _____ significant damage on the town.
v. to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
14. The _____ on the note was barely legible.
n. the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
15. Aging _____ up slowly with time.
v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

ANSWERS: 8. pragmatic, 9. trance, 10. Bankers, 11. pastime, 12. metamorphosis, 13. inflicted, 14. handwriting, 15. creeps

16. I enjoyed my camping trip with friends, toasting marshmallows over a glowing _____ cracker.
- n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour
17. She began to _____ on the theme of love lost in her poetry.
- v.* to play a short, repeated, tuneful phrase, often used in jazz and rock; to improvise or go off on a humorous tangent; (noun) a short, repeated, tuneful phrase
18. 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
19. The _____ hike through the mountains was worth it for the stunning views.
- adj.* causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom
20. The bird _____ on the branch, watching the world below.
- v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
21. Despite being a _____ in his youth, he grew up to be a respectable man.
- n.* a mischievous or playful person often used affectionately; a rogue or scoundrel
22. The ruling was considered _____ by many people in the community.
- adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

ANSWERS: 16. graham, 17. riff, 18. rev, 19. tiring, 20. perched, 21. rascal, 22. unjust

23. His _____ behavior was unacceptable for someone his age.

adj. relating to or characteristic of infants or infancy; behaving in an immature or childish manner; lacking maturity or sophistication

24. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

25. My parents used to _____ me by telling embarrassing stories about me in front of my friends.

v. to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires

26. He was banned from the online forum for being a _____ and causing trouble.

n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

27. The queen _____ the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

28. The _____ silent performance captivated the audience, leaving them in awe.

n. a form of acting or performance in which gestures, body movements, and facial expressions are used to convey meaning or tell a story without the use of spoken words; a performer who specializes in this art form

29. The exhibit featured several _____ paintings by the famous artist.

adj. not named or titled; not given a title or official designation

30. Tourists often get lost and _____ into a restricted area.

v. to move about aimlessly or without any destination; to move away from the right course or place where you should be

ANSWERS: 23. infantile, 24. pun, 25. mortify, 26. troll, 27. banished, 28. mime's, 29. untitled, 30. stray

31. The ____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
32. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
33. 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
34. The baby started to _____ on a piece of apple.
v. to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
35. She couldn't stop _____ her husband to take out the trash.
v. to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
36. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.
v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
37. The comedy group performed a hilarious _____ about life in quarantine.
n. a short, often humorous performative piece or act, typically performed in a comic or satirical tone or style, as part of a variety show or a theatrical or musical performance

ANSWERS: 31. aft, 32. oppressed, 33. dictator, 34. choke, 35. nagging, 36. singed, 37. skit

38. The teacher handed out several different colored _____ to each student.
- n.* a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring
39. The actor's _____ was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.
- n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
40. She set traps to catch the _____ in her house.
- n.* small animals, such as rats and mice, that are considered to be harmful
41. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
42. The giant wave was _____ and destroyed the small boat.
- adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
43. The _____ child played pranks on his siblings all day long.
- adj.* causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way
44. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
- n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
45. The ____ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.
- n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

ANSWERS: 38. crayons, 39. monologue, 40. vermin, 41. doe, 42. monstrous, 43. mischievous, 44. storytelling, 45. viol

46. He was extremely generous to the _____ young artist.

adj. desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life

ANSWERS: 46. aspiring