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Session 1: Word List

chuckle

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

synonym: laugh, giggle, snicker

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

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

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym: deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

impair

v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse

synonym: degrade, mar, deface

(1) **impair** my health, (2) **impair** insulin sensitivity

The accident made his vision **impaired**.

squeak

v. to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice

synonym: squeal, whine, creak

(1) **squeak** out a few words, (2) mice **squeak**

The door **squeaked** when I opened it.

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**.

inexhaustible

adj. incapable of being used up or worn out; boundless or limitless in quantity, energy, or endurance

synonym: infinite, exhaustless, limitless

(1) **inexhaustible** optimism, (2) **inexhaustible** curiosity

Solar power is an example of an **inexhaustible** source of energy.

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.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

stoop

v. to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially

synonym: bend, crouch, bow

(1) **stoop** forward in the chair, (2) **stoop** to conquer

I had to **stoop** down to pick up the coin that had rolled under the couch.

hydrant

n. a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes

synonym : fireplug, tap, spigot

(1) **hydrant** valve, (2) fire **hydrant**

The residents reported a leaky **hydrant** in their community, prompting the city to dispatch a maintenance crew

slouch

v. to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward

synonym : slump, crouch, droop

(1) **slouch** along the street, (2) **slouch** down in a chair

After hearing the results, he **slouched** against a wall.

aristocratic

adj. relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance

synonym : noble, titled, patrician

(1) **aristocratic** titles, (2) **aristocratic** government

The **aristocratic** family had a long history of wealth and privilege.

passee

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

synonym : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

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

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

unbroken

adj. continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded

synonym : intact, unchanged, continuing

(1) an **unbroken** horse, (2) **unbroken** chain

He enjoyed the **unbroken** quiet of the afternoon at the villa.

anthem

n. a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause

synonym : hymn, song, paean

(1) a national **anthem**, (2) **anthem** singer

The **anthem** of the country was played during the ceremony.

craze

n. an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad

synonym : mania, fad, agitation

(1) **craze** for speculation, (2) fitness **craze**

We experienced a **craze** for electric vehicles as interest in green tech grew.

ballad

n. a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style

synonym : folk song, jingle, ditty

(1) traditional **ballad**, (2) Irish **ballad**

The singer's **ballad** brought the audience to tears.

distill

v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements

synonym : extract, condense, purify

(1) **distill** a liquid, (2) **distill** information

She decided to **distill** her thoughts into a more manageable list.

condense

v. to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

synonym : compress, compact, shorten

(1) **condense** the text, (2) **condense** water vapor

I need to **condense** all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.

lovingly

adv. in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or

suggests love

synonym : fondly, affectionately

(1) **lovingly** crafted, (2) **lovingly** prepared

She looked at him **lovingly** and knew he was the one for her.

unflinching

adj. not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute

synonym : resolute, steadfast, unwavering

(1) **unflinching** commitment, (2) **unflinching** gaze

His **unflinching** courage in the face of danger was impressive.

concerto

n. a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements

synonym : symphony, composition, piece

(1) piano **concerto**, (2) violin **concerto**

A renowned symphony orchestra performed the piano **concerto**.

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.

evocative

adj. tending to evoke or bring something to mind

synonym : suggestive, stimulating, provocative

(1) **evocative** memories, (2) **evocative** language

The music was **evocative** of a bygone era.

puzzled

adj. confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

synonym : confused, perplexed, bewildered

(1) **puzzled** expression, (2) **puzzled** by the question

She was **puzzled** by the strange behavior of her cat.

annoy

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
synonym: aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

notate

v. to write or mark down musical notes or symbols on a sheet of music or a musical manuscript; to make a written record or notation of something

synonym: record, jot down, annotate

(1) **notate** a transcription, (2) **notate** a poem

As a musician, you must **notate** your compositions accurately for others to read and understand.

inscribe

v. to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

synonym: engrave, carve, etch

(1) **inscribe** a message, (2) **inscribe** in her mind clearly

The artist **inscribed** a beautiful design on the surface of the vase.

squiggle

n. a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops

synonym: curl, swirl, scribble

(1) **squiggle** line, (2) wavy **squiggle**

My signature always has a little **squiggle** at the end.

pinpoint

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

synonym : name, direct, identify

(1) **pinpoint** the problem, (2) **pinpoint** signs of manipulation

This radar quickly **pinpoints** the position of the enemy.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym : rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

intricate

adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together

synonym : complicated, convoluted, complex

(1) **intricate** details, (2) **intricate** lacework

The politician managed to deal with that **intricate** issue.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

polyphony

n. music consisting of two or more independent melodies or voices sounding together

synonym : multi-part, harmonization, counterpoint

(1) a beautiful **polyphony**, (2) the **polyphony** of the music

The composer wrote a complex **polyphony** for the orchestra, featuring multiple layers of sound.

geocentric

adj. referring to a belief or model that places the Earth as the center or focal point, especially in a system of planetary motions

synonym : earth-centered, terracentric

(1) **geocentric** perspective, (2) **geocentric** theory

The **geocentric** model of the universe was widely accepted in ancient times.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

serenity

n. the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness

synonym : calmness, tranquility, peacefulness

(1) fall into **serenity**, (2) **serenity** prayer

Meditation and yoga are great ways to achieve **serenity** and peace of mind.

baleful

adj. harmful or threatening; carrying a menacing or evil intent; filled with misery or sorrow

synonym : harmful, malevolent, menacing

(1) **baleful** prediction, (2) **baleful** consequences

His **baleful** gaze sent shivers down my spine.

avarice

n. an excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or material gain; greediness

synonym : greed, covetousness, rapacity

(1) unbridled **avarice**, (2) his **avarice** knew no bounds

His **avarice** for money led him to make unethical decisions in business.

turbulence

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight

synonym : choppiness, tumult, agitation

(1) financial **turbulence**, (2) emotional **turbulence**

The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of **turbulence**.

triad

n. a group of three people or things; a group of three musical notes played in one chord

synonym: trio, trinity, threesome

(1) a **triad** of nuclear forces, (2) major **triad**

The three friends formed a tight-knit **triad**, always supporting and helping each other.

ambivalent

adj. having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take

synonym: conflicted, indecisive, unsure

(1) **ambivalent** feelings, (2) **ambivalent** attitude

I feel **ambivalent** about attending the party since I don't know anyone there.

virtuoso

n. a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit

synonym: master, artist, expert

(1) versatile **virtuoso**, (2) a **virtuoso** on the guitar

He was a **virtuoso** pianist and played with incredible skill and precision.

sonata

n. a piece of music for solo instruments, typically a piano or violin

synonym: composition, piece, work

(1) play a **sonata**, (2) third **sonata**

He's been practicing a new **sonata** for weeks.

exacting

adj. demanding and requiring great precision, attention to detail, or effort; characterized by meticulousness or strict standards

synonym: rigorous, demanding, strict

(1) **exacting** standards, (2) **exacting** teacher

The software engineer's **exacting** tests caught a potentially disastrous bug before it could cause any real harm.

nationalist

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

synonym : chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

sensual

adj. relating to or consisting in the gratification of the senses or the indulgence of physical pleasure

synonym : sensuous, hedonistic, pleasure-seeking

(1) **sensual** appeal, (2) speak in a **sensual** tone

The room was filled with the **sensual** aroma of incense and flowers.

miraculous

adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

synonym : amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

impersonal

adj. lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person

synonym : detached, unemotional

(1) **impersonal** communication, (2) **impersonal** treatment

The high-rise office building had an **impersonal** atmosphere, making it feel corporate and uninviting.

spearhead

v. to lead or initiate an effort or campaign

synonym : lead, initiate, begin

(1) **spearhead** campaign, (2) **spearhead** movement

The CEO decided to **spearhead** the new project to ensure its success.

blacksmith

n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

synthesizer

n. an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds

synonym: sampler, sequencer, module

(1) **synthesizer** bass, (2) music **synthesizer**

The electronic **synthesizer** created a range of unique sounds for the music.

impenetrable

adj. not able to be passed through, entered, or understood

synonym: impassable, insurmountable, impregnable

(1) **impenetrable** fortress, (2) through an **impenetrable** fog

The jungle was so dense and **impenetrable** that it was almost impossible to find a way through.

instinctive

adj. relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency

synonym: spontaneous, intuitive, natural

(1) **instinctive** reaction, (2) **instinctive** behavior

It was **instinctive** for the mother to protect her child from harm.

awash

adj. flooded or overflowing with water, typically suddenly or unexpectedly; abundant or prevalent to the extent of being overwhelming or excessive

synonym: flooded, inundated, immersed

(1) **awash** with cash, (2) **awash** in debt

The beach was **awash** with seaweed after the storm.

stern

adj. serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude

synonym: severe, harsh, strict

(1) **stern** warning, (2) a **stern** look

The students' antics did not amuse the **stern** teacher.

slough

v. to shed or cast off a dead layer of skin, tissue, or surface; to discard or get rid of something unwanted or unnecessary; (noun) marshy areas or wetlands

synonym: discard, shed, cast off

(1) **slough** off his responsibilities, (2) salt marsh **slough**

Exfoliating treatments help to **slough** off dead skin, revealing a fresher complexion underneath.

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.

backstory

n. the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known

synonym: history, background, prehistory

(1) the **backstory** about this sweet moment, (2) **backstory** plot

The **backstory** of the main character added depth to the story.

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.

ramble

v. to walk, travel or talk in a seemingly random or aimless manner, often digressing from topic to topic without any clear purpose or direction

synonym: wander, meander, stroll

(1) **ramble** down the road, (2) **ramble** through the woods

I like to **ramble** through the park, exploring its hidden paths and natural beauty.

amuse

v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

synonym: entertain, delight, divert

(1) **amuse** a baby with a rattle, (2) **amuse** guests

He **amused** himself by playing video games during his free time.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ex____ng teacher *adj.* demanding and requiring great precision, attention to detail, or effort; characterized by meticulousness or strict standards
2. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
3. Irish ba____d *n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style
4. bla____th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
5. financial tur____ce *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
6. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
7. a st__n look *adj.* serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude
8. imp____al treatment *adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person
9. an___m singer *n.* a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause

ANSWERS: 1. exacting, 2. writ, 3. ballad, 4. blacksmith, 5. turbulence, 6. excite, 7. stern, 8. impersonal, 9. anthem

10. a beautiful sy____ny *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
11. go through a mir____us change *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
12. salt marsh sl____h *v.* to shed or cast off a dead layer of skin, tissue, or surface; to discard or get rid of something unwanted or unnecessary; (noun) marshy areas or wetlands
13. emotional tur____ce *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
14. play a so____a *n.* a piece of music for solo instruments, typically a piano or violin
15. pi____nt the problem *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
16. in____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
17. sl____h off his responsibilities *v.* to shed or cast off a dead layer of skin, tissue, or surface; to discard or get rid of something unwanted or unnecessary; (noun) marshy areas or wetlands
18. unf____ng commitment *adj.* not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute
19. pri____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

ANSWERS: 10. symphony, 11. miraculous, 12. slough, 13. turbulence, 14. sonata, 15. pinpoint, 16. inherit, 17. slough, 18. unflinching, 19. prioritize

20. co____se the text *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
21. the ba_____ry about this sweet moment *n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known
22. a tr__d of nuclear forces *n.* a group of three people or things; a group of three musical notes played in one chord
23. ine_____ble curiosity *adj.* incapable of being used up or worn out; boundless or limitless in quantity, energy, or endurance
24. nat_____st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
25. ra___e down the road *v.* to walk, travel or talk in a seemingly random or aimless manner, often digressing from topic to topic without any clear purpose or direction
26. speak in a se_____l tone *adj.* relating to or consisting in the gratification of the senses or the indulgence of physical pleasure
27. a beautiful po_____ny *n.* music consisting of two or more independent melodies or voices sounding together
28. st__n warning *adj.* serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude

ANSWERS: 20. condense, 21. backstory, 22. triad, 23. inexhaustible, 24. nationalist, 25. ramble, 26. sensual, 27. polyphony, 28. stern

29. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
30. co_____se water vapor *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
31. through an imp_____ble fog *adj.* not able to be passed through, entered, or understood
32. in_____be in her mind clearly *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
33. ex_____e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
34. an__y at the time *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
35. traditional ba____d *n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style
36. aw__h with cash *adj.* flooded or overflowing with water, typically suddenly or unexpectedly; abundant or prevalent to the extent of being overwhelming or excessive
37. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
38. imp_____ble fortress *adj.* not able to be passed through, entered, or understood

ANSWERS: 29. opportune, 30. condense, 31. impenetrable, 32. inscribe, 33. excite, 34. annoy, 35. ballad, 36. awash, 37. intellect, 38. impenetrable

39. unbridled av____e *n.* an excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or material gain; greediness
40. sq____le line *n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops
41. imp____al communication *adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person
42. ev____ve memories *adj.* tending to evoke or bring something to mind
43. no____e a poem *v.* to write or mark down musical notes or symbols on a sheet of music or a musical manuscript; to make a written record or notation of something
44. pro____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
45. di____l a liquid *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
46. unf____ng gaze *adj.* not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute
47. enrich my in____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
48. aw__h in debt *adj.* flooded or overflowing with water, typically suddenly or unexpectedly; abundant or prevalent to the extent of being overwhelming or excessive

ANSWERS: 39. avarice, 40. squiggle, 41. impersonal, 42. evocative, 43. notate, 44. profoundly, 45. distill, 46. unflinching, 47. intellect, 48. awash

49. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
50. pi____nt signs of manipulation *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
51. amb_____nt attitude *adj.* having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take
52. ex_____ng standards *adj.* demanding and requiring great precision, attention to detail, or effort; characterized by meticulousness or strict standards
53. pu____d by the question *adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
54. violin co_____to *n.* a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements
55. sp_____ad movement *v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
56. the po_____ny of the music *n.* music consisting of two or more independent melodies or voices sounding together
57. di_____l information *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
58. am__e a baby with a rattle *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
59. in_____be a message *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
60. syn_____er bass *n.* an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds

ANSWERS: 49. writ, 50. pinpoint, 51. ambivalent, 52. exacting, 53. puzzled, 54. concerto, 55. spearhead, 56. polyphony, 57. distill, 58. amuse, 59. inscribe, 60. synthesizer

61. lo____ly prepared *adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love
62. sl____h along the street *v.* to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward
63. ba____l prediction *adj.* harmful or threatening; carrying a menacing or evil intent; filled with misery or sorrow
64. in____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
65. fitness cr____e *n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
66. un____en chain *adj.* continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded
67. no____e a transcription *v.* to write or mark down musical notes or symbols on a sheet of music or a musical manuscript; to make a written record or notation of something
68. music syn____er *n.* an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds
69. stifled ch____e *n.* a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way

ANSWERS: 61. lovingly, 62. slouch, 63. baleful, 64. inherit, 65. craze, 66. unbroken, 67. notate, 68. synthesizer, 69. chuckle

70. a vi_____so on the guitar
n. a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit
71. lo_____ly crafted
adv. in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love
72. pu_____d expression
adj. confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
73. ins_____ve reaction
adj. relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
74. fa_____te the public
v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
75. geo_____ic theory
adj. referring to a belief or model that places the Earth as the center or focal point, especially in a system of planetary motions
76. geo_____ic perspective
adj. referring to a belief or model that places the Earth as the center or focal point, especially in a system of planetary motions
77. a national an____m
n. a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause
78. imp_____ion on stage
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
79. pa__e trend
adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
80. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 70. virtuoso, 71. lovingly, 72. puzzled, 73. instinctive, 74. fascinate, 75. geocentric, 76. geocentric, 77. anthem, 78. improvisation, 79. passe, 80. opportune

81. se____l appeal *adj.* relating to or consisting in the gratification of the senses or the indulgence of physical pleasure
82. st__p to conquer *v.* to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially
83. third so____a *n.* a piece of music for solo instruments, typically a piano or violin
84. hy____t valve *n.* a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes
85. an un____en horse *adj.* continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded
86. a sy____ny orchestra *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
87. major tr__d *n.* a group of three people or things; a group of three musical notes played in one chord
88. fire hy____t *n.* a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes
89. sleep pro____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
90. ch____e at my cat's silly antics *n.* a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way

ANSWERS: 81. sensual, 82. stoop, 83. sonata, 84. hydrant, 85. unbroken, 86. symphony, 87. triad, 88. hydrant, 89. profoundly, 90. chuckle

91. sq___k out a few words
v. to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice
92. aggressive in_____ct
n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
93. in_____te lacework
adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together
94. ev_____ve language
adj. tending to evoke or bring something to mind
95. bla_____th shop
n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
96. sl___h down in a chair
v. to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward
97. fa_____te the young
v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
98. im___r insulin sensitivity
v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse
99. an__y everyone else
v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
100. st__p forward in the chair
v. to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially
101. ari_____tic titles
adj. relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance

ANSWERS: 91. squeak, 92. instinct, 93. intricate, 94. evocative, 95. blacksmith, 96. slouch, 97. fascinate, 98. impair, 99. annoy, 100. stoop, 101. aristocratic

102. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
103. in____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
104. amb_____nt feelings *adj.* having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take
105. nat_____st sentiment *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
106. mice sq___k *v.* to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice
107. im___r my health *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
108. ba_____l consequences *adj.* harmful or threatening; carrying a menacing or evil intent; filled with misery or sorrow
109. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
110. cr__e for speculation *n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad

ANSWERS: 102. passe, 103. instinct, 104. ambivalent, 105. nationalist, 106. squeak, 107. impair, 108. baleful, 109. improvisation, 110. craze

111. versatile vi_____so *n.* a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit
112. ra___e through the woods *v.* to walk, travel or talk in a seemingly random or aimless manner, often digressing from topic to topic without any clear purpose or direction
113. in_____te details *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
114. ari_____tic government *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance
115. ine_____ble optimism *adj.* incapable of being used up or worn out; boundless or limitless in quantity, energy, or endurance
116. sp_____ad campaign *v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
117. wavy sq_____le *n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops
118. his av_____e knew no bounds *n.* an excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or material gain; greediness
119. ba_____ry plot *n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known
120. a mir_____us encounter *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

ANSWERS: 111. virtuoso, 112. ramble, 113. intricate, 114. aristocratic, 115. inexhaustible, 116. spearhead, 117. squiggle, 118. avarice, 119. backstory, 120. miraculous

121. fall into se____ty *n.* the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness
122. ins____ve behavior *adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
123. se____ty prayer *n.* the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness
124. piano co____to *n.* a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements
125. am__e guests *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
126. pri____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

ANSWERS: 121. serenity, 122. instinctive, 123. serenity, 124. concerto, 125. amuse, 126. prioritize

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I need to _____ all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.
 - v. to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

2. He made a _____ recovery.
 - adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

3. The artist _____ a beautiful design on the surface of the vase.
 - v. to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

4. The three friends formed a tight-knit _____ always supporting and helping each other.
 - n. a group of three people or things; a group of three musical notes played in one chord

5. He's been practicing a new _____ for weeks.
 - n. a piece of music for solo instruments, typically a piano or violin

6. As a musician, you must _____ your compositions accurately for others to read and understand.
 - v. to write or mark down musical notes or symbols on a sheet of music or a musical manuscript; to make a written record or notation of something

7. He _____ himself by playing video games during his free time.
 - v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

ANSWERS: 1. condense, 2. miraculous, 3. inscribed, 4. triad, 5. sonata, 6. notate, 7. amused

8. She looked at him _____ and knew he was the one for her.
adv. in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love
9. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered _____ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.
adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
10. The _____ model of the universe was widely accepted in ancient times.
adj. referring to a belief or model that places the Earth as the center or focal point, especially in a system of planetary motions
11. The high-rise office building had an _____ atmosphere, making it feel corporate and uninviting.
adj. lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person
12. I couldn't help but let out a little _____ when I saw the silly photo my friend had sent me.
n. a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way
13. I had to _____ down to pick up the coin that had rolled under the couch.
v. to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially
14. The singer's _____ brought the audience to tears.
n. a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style

ANSWERS: 8. lovingly, 9. passe, 10. geocentric, 11. impersonal, 12. chuckle, 13. stoop, 14. ballad

15. The _____ family had a long history of wealth and privilege.
adj. relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance
16. She decided to _____ her thoughts into a more manageable list.
v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
17. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
18. The residents reported a leaky _____ in their community, prompting the city to dispatch a maintenance crew
n. a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes
19. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
20. The software engineer's _____ tests caught a potentially disastrous bug before it could cause any real harm.
adj. demanding and requiring great precision, attention to detail, or effort; characterized by meticulousness or strict standards
21. The accident made his vision _____.
v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse
22. I like to _____ through the park, exploring its hidden paths and natural beauty.
v. to walk, travel or talk in a seemingly random or aimless manner, often digressing from topic to topic without any clear purpose or direction

ANSWERS: 15. aristocratic, 16. distill, 17. excited, 18. hydrant, 19. inherited, 20. exacting, 21. impaired, 22. ramble

23. The _____ of the main character added depth to the story.
- n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known
24. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n.* a written legal order or command
25. Her constant chatter was starting to _____ the neighbors.
- v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
26. The _____ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
- n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
27. Exfoliating treatments help to _____ off dead skin, revealing a fresher complexion underneath.
- v.* to shed or cast off a dead layer of skin, tissue, or surface; to discard or get rid of something unwanted or unnecessary; (noun) marshy areas or wetlands
28. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
29. The composer wrote a complex _____ for the orchestra, featuring multiple layers of sound.
- n.* music consisting of two or more independent melodies or voices sounding together
30. The electronic _____ created a range of unique sounds for the music.
- n.* an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds

ANSWERS: 23. backstory, 24. writ, 25. annoy, 26. blacksmith, 27. slough, 28. opportune, 29. polyphony, 30. synthesizer

31. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

32. Solar power is an example of an _____ source of energy.

adj. incapable of being used up or worn out; boundless or limitless in quantity, energy, or endurance

33. His _____ gaze sent shivers down my spine.

adj. harmful or threatening; carrying a menacing or evil intent; filled with misery or sorrow

34. The magic tricks _____ the children.

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

35. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

36. 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

37. The room was filled with the _____ aroma of incense and flowers.

adj. relating to or consisting in the gratification of the senses or the indulgence of physical pleasure

38. The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of _____.

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight

ANSWERS: 31. instinct, 32. inexhaustible, 33. baleful, 34. fascinated, 35. prioritized, 36. improvisation, 37. sensual, 38. turbulence

39. His _____ for money led him to make unethical decisions in business.
n. an excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or material gain; greediness
40. My signature always has a little _____ at the end.
n. a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops
41. He was a _____ pianist and played with incredible skill and precision.
n. a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit
42. The students' antics did not amuse the _____ teacher.
adj. serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude
43. The door _____ when I opened it.
v. to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice
44. After hearing the results, he _____ against a wall.
v. to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward
45. We experienced a _____ for electric vehicles as interest in green tech grew.
n. an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
46. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 39. avarice, 40. squiggle, 41. virtuoso, 42. stern, 43. squeaked, 44. slouched, 45. craze, 46. intellect

47. He enjoyed the _____ quiet of the afternoon at the villa.

adj. continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded

48. She was _____ by the strange behavior of her cat.

adj. confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

49. The novel affected her _____ causing her to question her beliefs and values.

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

50. This radar quickly _____ the position of the enemy.

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

51. Meditation and yoga are great ways to achieve _____ and peace of mind.

n. the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness

52. I feel _____ about attending the party since I don't know anyone there.

adj. having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take

53. The _____ rally attracted thousands of supporters.

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

54. The beach was _____ with seaweed after the storm.

adj. flooded or overflowing with water, typically suddenly or unexpectedly; abundant or prevalent to the extent of being overwhelming or excessive

ANSWERS: 47. unbroken, 48. puzzled, 49. profoundly, 50. pinpoints, 51. serenity, 52. ambivalent, 53. nationalist, 54. awash

55. A renowned symphony orchestra performed the piano _____.
- n.* a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements
56. 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
57. The politician managed to deal with that _____ issue.
- adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
58. It was _____ for the mother to protect her child from harm.
- adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
59. The jungle was so dense and _____ that it was almost impossible to find a way through.
- adj.* not able to be passed through, entered, or understood
60. The music was _____ of a bygone era.
- adj.* tending to evoke or bring something to mind
61. The CEO decided to _____ the new project to ensure its success.
- v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
62. The _____ of the country was played during the ceremony.
- n.* a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause
63. His _____ courage in the face of danger was impressive.
- adj.* not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute

ANSWERS: 55. concerto, 56. symphony, 57. intricate, 58. instinctive, 59. impenetrable, 60. evocative, 61. spearhead, 62. anthem, 63. unflinching

ANSWERS: